



Wildlife and Botanical Artists (ACT)

• NEWSLETTER •

June 2006

• WABA ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING • PRESIDENT'S REPORT for 2005-2006

Dear Members

Our President Gerry Heyen has, unfortunately due to unexpected work commitments, not been able to be with us for this year. The very committed and able Committee has been holding the fort and I think that you will agree have done a good job.

The permanent and annual exhibitions held at Tidbinbilla have been very successful, with over 60 paintings sold. We would have liked more paintings for the Annual Exhibition this year, as the total was 40 instead of our usual 60 or so.

We have minimized our workshops this year. In the past we have offered many more, but have not had enough numbers to run all workshops.

The membership remains the same at about 80 but there is still the core of about 20 who continue to support the monthly get-togethers. We are delighted that many members are selling through WABA but we would very much like to see more support at meetings, as we all benefit from sharing our knowledge.

We always seem to gather a very interesting group of speakers throughout the year. All have been very interesting and informative, and we have had the benefit of learning more to help us with our projects. Pepi, from the Art Store, comes each year and gives us the latest art materials news, and offers us extremely good discounts – he has been coming for quite a few years now.

We, the Committee, sincerely thank you all for your support. We really hope that more members will come to the monthly get-togethers.

Written on behalf of the WABA Committee.
Janet Twigg-Patterson.

• NEXT MEETING •

Monday 19 June - 7.30pm
Hughes Community Centre

Note: 3rd Monday in June due to Queen's Birthday holiday.

A decision needs to be made at this meeting to decide on the future of WABA. **See IMPORTANT NOTICE below.**

BUT - WE NEED YOUR FEEDBACK!

Do you want WABA to keep going?

If so, please provide suggestions as to how you would better like to see the group run – what sorts of things would encourage you to come to meetings? Do you think the group should be run differently?

At the last Committee meeting some suggestions included having bi-monthly, instead of monthly, meetings; more practical weekend workshops instead of night meetings – do you have other suggestions?

Please come along to share your ideas and views.

NOTE: If you cannot make it to the next meeting, please contact any one of the Committee members, **before the meeting**, and let them know what you think. The more members' views we have, the easier it will be to make a democratic decision.

This will also be a social evening, and a show and tell for new and old members to update everyone on what you are doing now – so bring along any artwork you have.

Remember: \$2 (room hire, supper); **donations of prizes for the raffle – can be small, recycled, inexpensive – imaginative!** \$1 per raffle ticket.

IMPORTANT NOTICE

There was an extremely disappointing attendance at the AGM that was due to be held on 8 May. Because of the lack of numbers - only the Committee and four other members attended - we could not hold the AGM.

Gerry Heyen, Janet Twigg-Patterson and Belinda Ingram will definitely be resigning from their positions as of the next meeting in June.

The caretaker Committee is very concerned about the future of WABA if we do not have enough people to fill the Committee positions. We do not want WABA to fold – but we may need to run the group in a different way with your support. Please provide your suggestions either before or at the next meeting.

At this stage, our on-going exhibition will still be held at Tidbinbilla. We have been very fortunate to have this opportunity to exhibit there, and it has been an extremely beneficial partnership. It would be a great pity to lose this opportunity if the group folds.

At this stage Janet Twigg-Patterson's weekend workshop will still go ahead – see Workshops for more details.

• PRIZE WINNER •

People's Choice Award: goes to **Lyn Randall**, who won by a short nose, for her **Tawny Frogmouth** photograph. This was a closely contested award, with a high number of votes spread over a wide range of works.
CONGRATULATIONS!

• More CONGRATULATIONS! •

Jacqui King has sold two paintings, Arlene Williams has sold one painting, and Lesley Wallington has sold her other entry from the Annual Exhibition at Tidbinbilla. Well done!

TIDBINBILLA ONGOING EXHIBITION

With the Annual Exhibition formally over, our ongoing exhibition is continuing. Artworks that were entered in the Annual Exhibition, and have not been sold, may be left to hang in the ongoing exhibition. However, due to some paintings being sold, and others being retrieved by their owners, there are a few gaps – so if you would like to exhibit in the ongoing exhibition please contact Belinda Ingram (interim exhibitions co-ordinator) **ASAP** on 6286 1754.

• WORKSHOPS •

Wildlife workshop – Janet Twigg-Patterson
Sat 1 & Sun 2 July
10am-4pm

36 Wittenoom Cres, Stirling

Cost: \$120

Please BYO materials eg. watercolours, reference material, paper (should be cold-pressed watercolour 185 gsm). Janet can provide dishes for ink, and for a small extra cost, Chinese student brushes, paper and ink, if you prefer to try a different medium.

Canberra Institute of Botanical Art

Weekend workshop series

**CSIRO Discovery Centre, Clunies Ross St,
CSIRO Black Mountain Laboratories,
Canberra.**

26 Aug: Murray Fagg – Botany for artists

8-14 Oct: WA wildflowers painting field trip

28-29 Oct: Helen Fitzgerald – Botanical illustration
an introduction

tba: CSIRO Herbarium tour

For more information please phone:

(02) 6278 5055

www.caninsbotart.com

• EXHIBITIONS •

BOTANICA 2006 – THE MASTERS' EXHIBITION

Thursday 6 July – Sunday 16 July

10am - 4pm daily

Maiden Theatre, Royal Botanic Gardens, Sydney

Opening: Wednesday 5 July. Tickets for opening night are on sale now.

For more information phone: (02) 9231 8182

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