



# Wildlife and Botanical Artists (ACT)

## • NEWSLETTER •

March 2006

### • NEXT MEETING •

**Monday 13 March - 7.30pm Hughes Community Centre**

#### Guest speakers

Gwyn and Geoff Clarke (life members of the Australian Native Plant Society) will present a slide show of Australian Native Plants. This will include Geoff's wonderful slides and Gwyn's commentary explaining the key features which distinguish different species to assist in the painting and identification of plants.

**Show and tell:** please bring along any of your work to share and discuss.

**Remember:** \$2 (room hire, supper); donations of prizes for the raffle; \$1 per raffle ticket.

### CONGRATULATIONS!

Arlene Williams sold a painting from our ongoing exhibition at Tidbinbilla last month. Well done!

### ☺ WELCOME TO NEW MEMBER ☺

Nicki Hall

### • UPCOMING FIELD TRIPS •

#### 'Members' own'

**Strathnairn, Holt**

**Date:** Sunday 12 March

**Time:** 10am – 4pm

**PLEASE NOTE Cost:** only \$5!

**PLEASE NOTE Theme:** Do your own thing!

Experienced members of WABA will be available for help and advice.

Bring your own painting gear and lunch. Tea and coffee will be provided.

PLEASE NOTE CHANGE OF DATES

### • ANNUAL EXHIBITION •

**'The Art of Nature'**

**23 April – 28 May 2006**

**Opening: Sunday 23 April**

Our Annual Exhibition will be held at Tidbinbilla again this year, and will be part of the Tidbinbilla Extravaganza celebrations.

Entry forms and Conditions of Entry are enclosed with this newsletter. Please read carefully.

**Entry Forms** are to be in **no later than Friday 31 March**

**Artworks** are to be in **no later than Thursday 13 April**

Don't forget to fill out your **Statement by Supplier form** that was included with the February newsletter.

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### PLEASE NOTE

#### Tidbinbilla ongoing exhibition

In order to hang our Annual Exhibition, any paintings currently hanging will be removed. **Please collect your paintings from Belinda Ingram between Tuesday 18 April and Saturday 22 April.** Phone Belinda (6286 1754) beforehand.

### • UPDATING OUR WEBSITE •

[www.wba.asn.au](http://www.wba.asn.au)

If you would like to have some of your art available for the world to see on our website, or if you want to update your current information, Pamela Finger, our webmaster, will be available at the **April meeting** to scan or upload images of your artworks on to our website. **Please bring either a VERY GOOD photograph, or even better, a CD with your work already scanned.** Also, you should provide an updated CV (curriculum vitae) to accompany your paintings.

## • TIPS FOR GOOD FRAMING •

To ensure your paintings/artworks are presented and preserved in the best possible way here is some advice which you should follow:

- Corners of frames must meet properly – square and tight;
- Make sure frames are complete – no chips, scratches, borers etc;
- Ensure glass is spotless;
- Mounts or mats should be acid-free;
- Mounts or mats should be professionally cut;
- Do not use cardboard or wood as backing – they are NOT acid-free – foam core is best;
- If you do use wood, either paint it with Aquadhere, gesso or estapol, or install a sheet of acid-free material such as glassine paper, to create a barrier between it and your precious artwork;
- Seal the back of your work to the frame with acid-free tape – do NOT use masking tape or packing tape;
- For hanging, D-rings are preferred to eyelet screws, with cord or wire.

If you are unsure about what some of the products mentioned above are, any framing or art supplies store should be able to advise you.

If you require further help, we will be having a guest speaker from the Framing Store at our monthly meeting on 10 April, to demonstrate good framing practices, just in time for the Annual Exhibition!

### **Canberra Institute of Botanical Art Weekend workshop series**

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

**8-9 April:** Leonie Norton – Autumn leaves

**27-28 May:** Susannah Blaxill – Botanical techniques

**tba:** Murray Fagg – Botany for botanical artists

**28-29 Oct & 19-20 Nov:** Helen Fitzgerald – Botanical illustration an introduction

**tba:** CSIRO Herbarium tour

**For more information please contact:**

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## • EXHIBITIONS •

### ‘ON THE WILD SIDE’

WABA members Arlene Williams, Di Mortimer, Belinda Ingram and Lesley Wallington are holding a combined exhibition at the:

**YARRALUMLA GALLERY, WESTON**  
**WABA members are invited to the opening on**  
**SUNDAY 2 APRIL**  
**at**  
**2PM**

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**RED DUST and PADDY MELONS**  
**COMMUNITY GALLERY**  
**Hillston, NSW**

For more information call Jo Coleman 02 6967 2458 or Catherine Byrne 02 6967 2776.

### • Still wanted •

Recent works – preferably digital image or a very good photo – for promotional material and advertisements for the annual exhibition.

**Please send to Belinda Ingram – see address below.**

**\*Erratum - Please note there were some incorrect dates on your calendar that was enclosed with the February Newsletter**

March meeting should be: 13 March;

April meeting should be: 10 April;

Members own is on SUNDAY 12 March;

Our Major exhibition at Tidbinbilla is now opening on 23 April.

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