



# Wildlife and Botanical Artists (ACT)

## • NEWSLETTER •

May 2006

### • ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING •

**Monday 8 May - 7.30pm Hughes  
Community Centre**

**\*\* ALL Committee positions  
will be declared vacant \*\***

The outgoing Committee would be delighted if new people would stand, so please consider nominating for a position on the Committee – get involved, learn new skills.

Some members have been on the Committee for some time, up to nine years in some cases (since the beginning of WABA!) It's time to give them a rest!! And introduce fresh ideas and inspiration!!

Past Committee members will be only too happy to help out if required.

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 (unless it's at Tidbinbilla!)

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

### Report on March meeting

Jay Gillies from The Framing Store demonstrated some very useful framing techniques, by framing two prints using a double mount, and pointed out why the width of the mount should be wider at the bottom than at the top – it draws the eye into the painting. She emphasised the importance of using acid-free backing, or acid-free paper between your work and the backing; and to seal the back with tape to keep out the bugs and insects that may be partial to eating your art!

Pamela Finger brought along her lap-top and scanner to download members' images and CVs to our website. She is happy to accept these via email [emu@atrx.net.au](mailto:emu@atrx.net.au), or post a CD or photo of your artwork to PO Box 185, Jamison Centre, ACT 2614.

### • ANNUAL EXHIBITION • *'The Art of Nature'*

Our Seventh Annual Exhibition and Art Prize was opened on Sunday 23 April at the Tidbinbilla Visitor Centre, by Dr Maxine Cooper, Executive Director of Arts, Heritage and the Environment ACT.

Dr Cooper commented on how important and powerful artists can be in raising attention, and making a difference to how people see the natural environment. She expressed her gratitude for how much the Wildlife and Botanical Artists had helped Tidbinbilla. It has certainly been a beneficial partnership for both organizations. Although her comments about 'poor' artists certainly rang true!

Thanks to John Pratt and Julie Bradley, our judges. It is never an easy job, and both were impressed with the quality of the work, making it a difficult task to decide on the prizewinners.

Thanks also to Di Mortimer and Arlene Williams who helped me hang the exhibition, and to the Committee for their help in the organisation.

Thanks to those members who contributed to the delightful afternoon tea, which was appreciated by all.

Thanks to our sponsors who provided some wonderful prizes this year:

- **National Zoo and Aquarium, Yarralumla**
- **Australian Reptile Centre, Nicholls**
- **The Framing Store, Phillip**
- **Australian National Botanic Gardens, Acton**
- **Questacon, Parkes**
- **Australian Native Plant Society (Canberra Region)**

Unfortunately there were only 41 entries this year, instead of our usual 60+. However, the judges' comments on the high quality of the exhibition was very positive. Hopefully many more members will enter next year's exhibition, making it a bigger and better show.

**Belinda Ingram – Vice-President**

• **PRIZE WINNERS** •

**Wildlife Award:** Nicki Hall – ‘Camp Visitor’  
**Artistic Wildlife Award:** Lesley Wallington - ‘Wrens’  
**Encouragement Wildlife Award:** Jennifer Moraga – ‘Gang-gang’  
**Botanical Award:** Halina Steele – ‘Acacia pycnantha’  
**Artistic Botanical Award:** Dorothea Kossman – ‘Sticks and Stones’  
**Encouragement Botanical Award:** Di Stockbridge – ‘Zucchini Passion’  
**Photography Award:** Enn Allas – ‘Grevillea’  
**Australian Native Plant Society Award:** Pamela Finger – ‘Derwentia perfoliata’  
**Overall WABA Award:** Jacqui King – ‘The Tomato Pickers’

**CONGRATULATIONS TO ALL!**

**People’s Choice Award:** To be announced 28 May.

**CONGRATULATIONS!**

Nicki Hall, Lesley Wallington and Jennifer Moraga have all sold their prizewinning paintings from the Annual Exhibition at Tidbinbilla. Lesley has also sold her other entry, whilst Glenda Shelley has sold both her entries. Well done!

**! PLEASE NOTE !**

**Tidbinbilla ongoing exhibition – plea from Belinda!**

Belinda is seriously running out of space at her house! And is seriously considering charging storage fees! ☺

**PLEASE**, if you have paintings that were previously hanging at Tidbinbilla in the ongoing exhibition, pick them up from Belinda’s as soon as possible - **19 Besant St, Pearce**. Phone Belinda on 6286 1754 beforehand.

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

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

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

**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](http://www.caninsbotart.com)

• **EXHIBITIONS** •

**‘ON THE WILD SIDE’**

Exhibition by WABA members Arlene Williams, Di Mortimer, Belinda Ingram and Lesley Wallington at the:

**YARRALUMLA GALLERY, WESTON**  
**The exhibition will be showing until 5 May 2006.**

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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.

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**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 will be on sale from May.

**For more information phone: (02) 9231 8182**

**\* BELINDA’S BRUSH WITH THE BEARS \***

Last week, Belinda Ingram was lucky enough to enjoy an afternoon getting up close and personal to some of the animals at the National Zoo and Aquarium. Not only did she feed the bears (they licked her hand to get rid of the weetbix and honey mixture she had all over them!), but also the otters, elands, giraffes, and ferocious beasts such as tigers, ligons?! (or is that tignons? or ligers?), cougars, and the lioness, with cubs, who was particularly interested in the accompanying (human) kids in the group! Belinda recommends it as a worthwhile activity if you ever get the chance.

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