



# Wildlife and Botanical Artists (ACT)

## • NEWSLETTER •

September 2006

**PLEASE NOTE** – in lieu of a Sept monthly meeting there is instead a members' workshop:

### 'Spring Seachange at Strathnairn'

**Strathnairn Homestead, Holt**

**Sunday 17 September – 10am-4pm**

**Cost: \$5**

Bring your own art materials. There will be items of nature from the sea available as subjects, such as shells, seaweed etc, or bring your own subject/s.

**BYO lunch and mug;**tea/coffee will be provided.

For further details contact Robyn Hanigan on 6254 4038

### • NEXT MEETING •

**Monday 9 October - 7.30pm**

**Hughes Community Centre**

### Topics for discussion:

Questionnaire results – see over page  
Incorporation of WABA

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

### • CONGRATULATIONS! •

To Lyn Randall, who sold her wonderful 'Sheep' photograph at the Tidbinbilla exhibition to ... a New Zealander! ☺

### • WELCOME TO NEW MEMBERS •

Barbara Gaynor  
Olga Walker

### • OUR WEBSITE •

Can't find our website? That's because it isn't there! We are currently negotiating for a new web provider. Our new web address will be available when this is finalised. Watch this space!

**\$\$\$\$ ANNUAL MEMBERSHIPS ARE NOW OVERDUE! \$\$\$\$**

**A RED SPOT** on your address label indicates your membership fee is overdue, and this will be your last newsletter.

**\*\*\* Please remember that you must be a current financial member to exhibit at our ongoing and annual exhibitions. \*\*\***

**\$35 or \$20 student/pensioner – please send your cheque, made out to ACTBWAG to:**

**Di Mortimer  
50 Harbison Crescent  
WANNIASSA ACT 2903**

**or pay Di at the next meeting.**

### • EXHIBITIONS •

#### **GOULBURN WORKERS CLUB ANNUAL TRADITIONAL ART PRIZE**

**Sat 14 Oct – Sun 15 Oct 2006**

**Opening 6.30pm Fri 13 Oct**

**Goulburn Workers Club Auditorium, Auburn St, Goulburn**

**Entries close 29 Sept 2006**

Enquiries to: Lesley (02) 4844 2332 or Maxeene (02) 4821 5875

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#### **ARTVIEWS IN THE HILLS 2006**

**An exhibition of fine art and craft at Wanniasa Hills Primary School**

**Sat 28 Oct - Sun 29 Oct 2006**

**Opening 7.30pm Friday 27 Oct**

**Wanniasa Hills Primary School, Langdon Ave, Wanniasa ACT**

**Entries close 19 Oct 2006**

Contact Di Mortimer on 62313040 for entry forms – also available on the school's website at:

[www.whps.act.edu.au](http://www.whps.act.edu.au)

## ? QUESTIONNAIRE ?

THANK YOU to all those members who returned their questionnaires. There was a very high response rate with over 50% returned. Thank you to Di Mortimer for collating the results, which are as follows:

Meetings Monthly: Yes – 7;  
Meetings bi-monthly: Yes- 16;  
Ticked both: yes - 3.

Meetings at Hughes on Monday evenings:  
Yes – 14; No – 5; No response or maybe - 10.

Several additional comments seem to say only hold workshops at Strathnairn not monthly meetings.

Workshops on Saturday/Sunday: Yes – 16; No - 10.

For weekend:

All day: Yes – 12; No – 5; No response – 6.  
Half day: Yes – 8; No – 3; No response – 17.  
Morning: Yes – 1; No – 2; No response – 25.  
Afternoon: Yes – 5; No – 4; No response - 19.

12-month trial for change of venue: Yes – 21; No - 1

Join ASOC: Yes – 5; No – 16; Maybe – 7.  
This maybe seemed to be dependent on the conditions of joining ASOC.

### General Comments:

The main concern expressed by several of the respondents was loss of identity and loss of independence as a botanical and wildlife artists group.

Smaller group preferred.

If we joined ASOC wish to still hold bi-monthly meetings at Strathnairn.

Concern about keeping our finances separate.

Concern about keeping our position at Tidbinbilla.

In support of joining ASOC one member highlighted the problem of filling committee positions on an ongoing basis and possibility of us becoming isolationist and exclusive.

**The above results will be discussed at the October meeting.**

### • MORE EXHIBITIONS •

**CANBERRA BOTANICAL 2006  
'Discovering Plants through Art'**

**Friday 22 Sept – Sunday 2 Oct 2006  
CSIRO Discovery, Clunies Ross St, Canberra,  
ACT**

## WILDLIFE ART SOCIETY OF AUSTRALASIA 'Wild Awards'

**Wed 4 Oct – Sunday 7 Nov  
The Barn Gallery, Montsalvat, Eltham, VIC**

### TIDBINBILLA ONGOING EXHIBITION

We are planning a major change-over of artworks in the Tidbinbilla exhibition in early November. If you have artworks to be exhibited please contact Belinda Ingram (**interim** exhibitions co-ordinator) on 6286 1754 **BUT PLEASE, NOT BEFORE 1 NOVEMBER.**

Preferably the subjects should be native flora and fauna – they are very popular subjects with visitors (and potential buyers) and fit in with the theme of Tidbinbilla as a nature reserve for native plants and animals. For ideas on flora and fauna species that occur in the area, see the Namadgi list that was sent out last year. Please contact Glenda Shelley on 6259 0982 if you need another copy.

### • WORKSHOPS •

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

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

**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**

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### • INTERIM COMMITTEE CONTACTS •

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