



Wildlife and Botanical Artists (ACT)

• NEWSLETTER •

April 2005

• SIXTH ANNUAL EXHIBITION

The Art of Nature'

Opening

**Tidbinbilla Visitors Centre
2.30pm Saturday 23 April 2005**

The opening of our sixth annual exhibition 'The Art of Nature' will be at 2.30pm on Saturday 23 April.

Invitations to the opening will be sent out prior to the event.

**ALL MEMBERS AND FRIENDS
WELCOME.**

*** Could members please bring a plate of goodies to share. Drinks will be provided.**

Paintings will be hung on Monday 18 April. If you are able to help, please contact Belinda on 6286 1754.

• NEXT MEETING •

**Monday 11 April - 7.30pm
Hughes Community Centre**

Sketching – Autumn theme
Bring along your own materials.

****If you haven't already taken your entries for the annual exhibition to Belinda's, please bring them to the meeting.**

• AGM REPORT •

Vice-president's Report – Belinda Ingram

2004 started with a pleasant evening at the Australian National Botanic Gardens for the AGM and a presentation of a cheque for \$3000 to Tidbinbilla. A new committee was duly elected.

The Group was invited to exhibit at Tidbinbilla. This has been a most successful venture – at last count 25 paintings have been sold since the exhibition began in April 2004.

We also had a smaller exhibition at Namadgi Visitors Centre, however, this exhibition was less successful due to the different visitor demographic (bushwalkers as opposed to busloads of tourists).

Unfortunately, Rydges Capital Hill withdrew their support rather late in the proceedings so we could not hold our annual exhibition in 2004. However, with the great support we have had from staff at Tidbinbilla we will be holding our annual exhibition in April this year.

Last year's workshops were poorly supported – quite a number were cancelled through lack of interest. The only workshop held during 2004 was a 2-day workshop with Helen Hewson at the ANBG in May, which was thoroughly enjoyed by all who attended. This year we have some great workshops coming up, so please help to make them a success as without your support we will not be able to offer them.

• Artist's Resumé •

WABA has a folder in which artists' resumé's or profiles are filed. It is made available at exhibitions for visitors to view.

If you are exhibiting it is important to provide a resumé or profile about yourself and/or your art with your entry.

Visitors to exhibitions are not only interested in your artworks, but also in YOU, the artist – including how you became interested in art or your particular speciality, previous works, techniques used etc. It need only be a few short paragraphs, and need not be any longer than one A4 page in length. It can include photographs of previous work.

Monthly meetings and raffles continue to be interesting and fun. Our field trip to Willandra in October was a great success and we hope to organize a similar field trip later this year.

A new Committee for 2005 was elected at the AGM on 14 March. There were not too many changes! Welcome back to the Committee Di Mortimer, who has kindly taken on the position of Treasurer.

Many thanks and appreciation to Toni Hogan for her contribution and hard work as Treasurer over the last few years.

Thanks also to Jann Ollerenshaw for her assistance with the exhibitions at Tidbinbilla and Namadgi. Unfortunately due to work commitments Jann can no longer be on the Committee. I will continue with exhibition coordination, but any offers of help from members would be most welcome!

Unfortunately, due to ill health, Denise Sutherland can no longer maintain our website. Denise has done a wonderful job keeping the website alive – many thanks, and best wishes for the future. We now need a new web master, so if any members, or even family of members, have html and/or web design experience, Denise is happy to hand over the required information.

If any other members are interested in joining the Committee, even as an occasional support person, please contact any of the Committee members.

And lastly, many thanks to Pepi, from the Art Store, for his continued support of WABA. Many bargains were to be had at the AGM, some 50% and more off the usual prices of papers, brushes, paints, etc.

We look forward to an exciting 2005.

Belinda.

Treasurer's Report attached – Toni Hogan

• **OUR WEBSITE** •
www.wba.asn.au

**** Please see AGM report ****

• **UPCOMING WORKSHOPS** •

Birds with Helen Fitzgerald

Hughes Community Centre

****PLEASE NOTE: CHANGE OF DATE****

Saturday *28 May – 9.30am-4pm

Cost: \$112

BYO lunch + \$2 for tea/coffee

Please bring your own drawing and/or painting materials.

For further information and/or bookings please contact Robyn Hanigan 6254 4038.

• **MORE EXHIBITIONS** •

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Entries close 1 May 2005

**Grace Cossington Smith - A retrospective
exhibition - National Gallery of Australia until 13
June 2005**

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