



Wildlife and Botanical Artists (ACT)

• NEWSLETTER •

June 2005

• SIXTH ANNUAL EXHIBITION •

'The Art of Nature' CONGRATULATIONS!

People's Choice Award - Lesley Wallington - for her Red-capped Plover. This award was closely contested with many members getting lots of votes!

Five paintings were also sold at the exhibition. **Congratulations** to Jacqui King, who sold two paintings, Janet Twigg-Patterson, Cathy Hutton and Katrine Scott-Findlay.

We had a wonderful response to the exhibition with many complementary comments from visitors.

ANNUAL MEMBERSHIPS ARE NOW DUE!

\$35 or \$20 student/pensioner – please send your cheque to Toni Hogan, 12 Hocking Pl, Bonython ACT 2905.

• NEXT MEETING •

Monday 20 June - 7.30pm
Hughes Community Centre

Workshop: Painting on fabric - with Janet Twigg-Patterson

Please bring the following items:
fabric or t-shirt or similar
OLD paint brush – size 8-10
ice cream container for water
stiff cardboard or similar to place beneath fabric
Paints will be provided.

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

• TIDBINBILLA & NAMADGI • ON-GOING EXHIBITIONS

Well! Now that the excitement of our annual exhibition has died down, our on-going exhibitions at Tidbinbilla and Namadgi are underway. We are very lucky to be able to use these two popular venues to show our work, so take the opportunity and get those paintings to Belinda!

Belinda has been busy hanging artworks at **Tidbinbilla**, with some paintings that were previously on exhibition being re-hung, along with some new ones. Although it is preferable that subjects are of native flora and fauna, it is not necessary, so if you are keen to exhibit that exotic rose, or South American llama, here's your chance.

Another four paintings were sold from the previous on-going exhibition at Tidbinbilla. **Congratulations** to Lyn Randall, who sold two, Cathy Hutton, and Belinda Ingram.

The previous exhibition at **Namadgi** has been dismantled, but Namadgi is keen to have more of our paintings out there, so more paintings are required for this space as well.

Please deliver your paintings to Belinda Ingram, 19 Besant St, Pearce. Ph: 6286 1754.

• UPCOMING WORKSHOPS •

WABA workshops: Expressions of interest are requested for all workshops. Please contact **Robyn Hanigan on 6254 4038** to put your name down.

COLLAGE - with Denise Sutherland

Sat 25 June, 10am-3pm

Cost: \$80; \$90 non-members

Hughes Community Centre

Materials will be provided.

BYO lunch - tea/coffee provided.

PRINTMAKING - with John Pratt

23 & 24 July (Cost TBA)

John will also be our guest speaker on 11 July.

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COLLAGE & GOUACHE – with Leslie

Wallington

20 & 21 August

FLOWER PAINTING – with Jan Vincent

17 & 18 September

Jan will also be our guest speaker on 8 August.

Canberra Institute of Botanical Art

CIBA has a number of interesting workshops coming up; eg. Grapes in Watercolour, Botany for Artists, Botanical illustration introduction.

For more details and bookings contact Doris Nicoll (Secretary) on 6278 5055 or go to the website at www.caninsbotart.com/contact.html

• EXHIBITIONS •

FLORAL ENCHANTMENT

Botanical watercolour paintings by local artists
Cheryl Hodges, Katrine Scott-Findlay and
Halina Steele

Until 3 July 2005

Pepperwood Café-Restaurant and Gallery,
Griffith Shops, ACT

Tues 9am-5pm; Wed to Sat – 9am-11pm;
Sun 9.30am-10pm

IMPRESSIONS

An exhibition of paintings by Beth Monahan,
Diane Alder and Arlene Williams
Yarralumla Gallery, Weston Park Rd, Yarralumla

CANBERRA BOTANICAL 2005

Please see enclosed flyer.

Entry deadline – 1 August 2005

The website has instructions on how to submit
your entry electronically.

Website: www.canberrabotanical.com

RED DUST and PADDY MELONS

COMMUNITY GALLERY

Hillston, NSW

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

• NEW MEMBERS •

☺ **A very warm welcome to new members:**

Frances Knight

Jenny Moraga

MAY MEETING – REPORT

Making pastels – with Belinda Ingram

Ingredients:

5 parts (we used heaped dessertspoonfuls) kaolin (china clay) or ball clay or talc : **1 part** pigment or oxide
(This can be varied to obtain different strengths of colour ie. 5 ½ : ½ spoonfuls – as long as the parts add up to 6.)
Spray bottle of water with a tiny drop of detergent (this improves the blending of some pigments)

Method:

Place clay and pigment on a plastic icecream lid; spray with a **little** water; mix with a plastic knife until of a firm consistency and the pigment is well blended in; roll the mixture into a thin sausage and cut into (approx) 10 cm lengths; allow to dry for about a week (depending on the humidity); start drawing!

Tips: If you wish, you can add gum traganth or gum Arabic to make the pastels harder. You can buy clay and pigments at Walkers Ceramics, Canberra Ave, Fyshwick; The Art Store also has pigments.

Between us we made lots of different colours and swapped our extras (each sausage made about four pastels) so we each ended up with a wide range of colours. We couldn't believe how simple it was! Belinda's adept demonstration seemed to happen in a flash – we just had to wait a whole week for the pastels to dry before we could use them. It was great (messy) fun, and hopefully an interesting introduction to the group for three of our new members who came along.

• OUR WEBSITE •

www.wba.asn.au

Would the very kind person who expressed interest at the last meeting in taking over as webmaster please contact one of the committee members. Many thanks!

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