



Wildlife and Botanical Artists (ACT)

• NEWSLETTER •

November 2004

• NEXT MEETING •

7.30pm - Monday 8 November - Hughes Community Centre.

Topic: Drawing Brazilian-style! led by Liliana Allodi

Please bring your own materials and subjects to draw/paint. See information under Exhibitions for more Brazilian flavour.

Show and tell: everyone is welcome to bring along some artwork to show. Those who went to Willandra will be showing their works as well.

Raffle: \$1 per ticket. Donations of raffle prizes gratefully accepted eg. Books, plants, wine, candles, etc. **and don't forget to bring \$2 to cover your supper.**

****NB: Our Annual General Meeting will be held in early March 2005.**

Report on September Meeting

Thank you to Corinna Little for presenting an enjoyable series of exercises that demonstrated how we can use the right or creative side of our brains. Corinna guided us through techniques to switch on the right hemisphere and utilise it to draw very effectively by not naming what we are drawing. This is one way our left brain thought processes get in the way of our creativity. We produced some marvellous results by following Picasso line drawings upside down, and seeing the main elements of botanical and wildlife subjects by turning them upside down. It was quite a revelation, to me anyway, and also a challenge to get rid of our preconceptions and see things in terms of shapes and spaces.

Diana Jamieson

❄️ WABA CHRISTMAS PARTY ❄️

When? 12 noon - Sunday 5 December
Where? Eucalypt Lawn, ANBG
What? Bring something to share

• EXHIBITIONS •

Tidbinbilla – Visitors Centre – ongoing

Five more artworks have been sold.
CONGRATULATIONS! to Di Mortimer, Lyn Randall, Margaret Carr, Arlene Williams and Lesley Wallington.

PLEASE! more paintings are required to replace sold paintings at this exhibition. Paintings to be delivered to Jann Ollerenshaw 6254 7502 or Belinda Ingram 6286 1754

Don't forget that 10% of the sale of paintings goes towards Tidbinbilla recovery.

Looking at the Cerrado - plants from the heart of Brazil

ANBG – Visitors Centre
21 October - 19 November

An exhibition of botanical illustration in pencil and watercolour by Jeanitto Gentilini. Jeanitto will be in Australia for the opening of this exhibition and is a guest of the Embassy of Brazil.

• UPCOMING WORKSHOPS •

ROYAL BOTANIC GARDENS SYDNEY
Please see the July newsletter, or contact **Robyn** on **6254 4038** for more details on workshops.

• RED DOT ON YOUR ADDRESS LABEL??? •

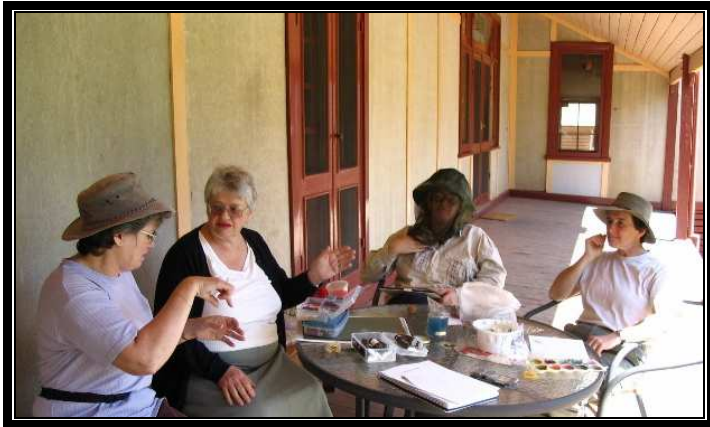
Your annual fees are overdue – this will be your last newsletter.

Please send a cheque for \$35 (\$20 pensioners/students) to:

Toni Hogan
12 Hocking Place
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or pay at the next meeting.

• **Willandra Field Trip** •
Highlights



Lee Daynes, Belinda Ingram, Jo Coleman????? (*%# flies!!!) and Lyn Randall relaxing on the Willandra Homestead verandah.

Day 1: Six of us squeezed into a hired Tarago (*are we there yet?*) – off to Nangus (where’s that? I hear you ask - near Gundagai) - treated to some wonderful country hospitality - delicious lasagna, and most incredible cream any of us (except Belinda) had ever seen or tasted, straight from the Jersey cow out the back! **Day 2:** Crowing roosters and barking farm dogs (ah! the country life!), Tai Chi lesson, country breakfast (bacon & eggs of course!). Stopped at Griffith for supplies – “*will we need Aerogard?*” Met in Hillston by two of our members, Jo Coleman and Catherine Byrne– “*the flies THRIVE on Aerogard!*” - went on a shopping ‘spree’ to buy anti-fly nets. Flat country! Reviving cuppa on the verandah of the Willandra homestead. Two of our members, Lyn Randall and Lee Daynes had already arrived, via Lake Mungo! Tourist drive through the National Park – wetlands, sandy rises and grasslands, many kangaroos and emus! Delicious BBQ sausages thanks to Peter - rest of us relaxed and imbibed in a small glass of wine ... on the verandah. Several more members of the art groups from Hillston and Lake Cargelligo also joined us. **Day 3:** Early risers observed Sacred Kingfishers, Variegated Wrens, Rufous Whistler, and more! Another Tai Chi lesson. All keen to break out the brushes, pencils and pastels to interpret the scenery, wildlife and plants around us. End of the day – an exhibition with inspiring artworks of a diverse range of subjects from landscapes, flowers, birds, fence posts. Peter H., who turned out to be chef a la extraordinaire, and storyteller of historic proportions, cooked a most delicious curry for dinner ... while we relaxed on the verandah ... Campfire was lit, a few (more) stories told, and jokes made about pink fluffy things?! **Day 4:** Another lovely day in Willandra - more fantastic art produced before an early lunch. Six people, their luggage, a few hundred flies, and their memories of four days of conviviality, inspiration,

and two of the most incredible sunsets, squeezed back into the Tarago. “*When are we going again?????*” If you want to see some of the Willandra artworks come to the next meeting! Many thanks to Belinda for organising the trip and accommodation; Willandra National Park for the special group discount; Jo (and her pink fluffy stubby holder), Catherine and others from Hillston and L. Cargelligo for joining us and filling us in on the special wildlife of the area; Susan for her generous hospitality; Peter for spoiling us with his cooking prowess and stories; Robyn for the Tai Chi lessons; Joan for spotting the incredible variety of eucalypt flowers along the roadside and for her encouragement to try something different; and Ina for her good company and infectious laugh. Oh, and to Lyn for dragging us halfway across the to “see an orchid!!!” It was a fringe lily – thanks, it really was lovely! AND we got to see a ‘bog-eye’ (shingle-back lizard) up close! Glenda Shelley ☺

• **WABA Members’ CVs** •

WABA has a CV folder that is put out at our exhibitions for people to look at and allows them to find out more about the members who are exhibiting. We would like to update the folder, so could members please compile an A4 page on themselves – include an example of your work eg. photo, scanned image etc, and a short autobiography (keep it to a few paras!).

Please send your CV to: Belinda Ingram, 19 Besant Street, Pearce ACT 2607

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