



Wildlife and Botanical Artists (ACT)

• NEWSLETTER •

September 2004

• LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT •

Dear Members

I will be taking six months leave from the WABA Committee due to work commitments for my employer. I expect to return in March 2005 and during that period will maintain an active interest in WABA affairs.

I would like to advise members that during the past year, and indeed for years before that, the WABA Committee has worked hard and well to create opportunities for WABA members to improve their skills, and organise forums to display your works.

Although the WABA exhibition at Namadgi National Park is soon to close, the exhibition at the Tidbinbilla Visitors' centre is ongoing and there is an exciting possibility for the WABA Annual Exhibition in 2005. In addition, WABA holds monthly meetings and periodic workshops and field trips which provide members with the opportunity to share your work with other artists and obtain their feedback.

I mention all this because WABA is a society of artists who focus on the beautiful and popular genres of botanic and wildlife art. There is no limit to the styles and mediums which can be employed to produce art in these fields.

WABA needs more works from its members to continue functioning as an exhibiting society and provide exhibition space for members as an alternative to the restrictive and expensive gallery option.

So if you are working on something, or you have produced something, don't be shy about the quality. Bring it in to a monthly meeting and obtain some feedback and direction if needed. Remember, training as an artist is not a prerequisite to quality art that will sell.

Gerry Heyen

• NEXT MEETING •

7.30pm - Monday 13 September - Hughes Community Centre.

This month: Eye-hand coordination techniques and "how to see" when you're drawing – led by Corinna Little. Please bring drawing paper, pencils, cardboard eg. cereal box and stanley knife (if you have one) to make a view-finder, masking tape - and \$2 for supper.

Show and tell: everyone is welcome to bring along some artwork to show. As Gerry mentioned in his letter this is a good opportunity for feedback.

Raffle: \$1 per ticket. Donations of raffle prizes gratefully accepted eg. Books, plants, wine, candles, etc.

****NB: There will be no meeting in October** due to the Willandra field trip. **Last chance to book** for this trip – see over.

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

• ANNUAL MEMBERSHIPS •

RED DOT??? If you have a red dot on your address label your fees are outstanding for this year. Annual Membership is \$35 or \$20 for pensioners and students. Please pay Toni at the next meeting, or send a cheque made out to ACTWBAG to: Toni Hogan, 12 Hocking Pl, Bonython ACT 2905. (If you have already paid your fees please disregard this notice.)

• ANNUAL EXHIBITION •

There will be **no annual exhibition this year** due to displacement from Rydges, **BUT** we believe we have found another exhibition space. Unfortunately it won't be available until early next year. Further details will be forthcoming in future newsletters.

• EXHIBITIONS •

INVITATION to 'Visual Diversity'

Janet Twigg-Patterson

Opening: Sat 11 September - 11am - all welcome

Australian Catholic University, Signadou Campus, Cnr Antill St & Phillip Ave Watson

All paintings for sale!

Tidbinbilla – Visitors Centre - ongoing

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

Canberra Botanical 2004

1 -10 October

CSIRO Discovery, Clunies Ross Street

• UPCOMING WORKSHOPS •

EXPLORING PRINT – with John Pratt

18-19 September, 10am – 4pm

Megalo Access Arts, Philip Ave, Watson

Cost: \$150 members; \$170 non-members (includes materials)

The course will explore a range of approaches to etching and drypoint. The exploration will have a particular focus on the relationship between drawing and print. Some investigation of colour printing will occur including simple approaches to hand colouring and monotype. Participants can anticipate generating a small folio of prints over the course of the weekend. Please bring along source material (drawings, photos etc) and apron. All other materials will be supplied(including copper plate, tools and ink).

Ph: Robyn on 6254 4038 for bookings.

ROYAL BOTANIC GARDENS SYDNEY

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

• **LAST CHANCE TO BOOK!** •

Willandra National Park Field Trip

Fri 15 - Sun 17 October 2004

ABOUT Willandra: Willandra NP is located in central west NSW, 64 km NW of Hillston. The NP occupies about one eighth of what was once Big Willandra pastoral station,. Spring is one of the most pleasant times to visit, with October having an average temperature range of 12-24°C and an average monthly rainfall of 35 mm. There should be lots of wildlife and flowers to see at this time of year. The Hillston Art Group is very excited to be a part of this joint trip trip.

Check out the website for more information:

www.nationalparks.nsw.gov.au

At present we only have four interested participants. **18 would be ideal!** We are getting a very special discount off the cost of the accommodation. If there are 18 participants the cost is estimated at \$150-200 (this includes bus travel). This is an extremely reasonable cost for a whole weekend!

If you would like to come along, a **deposit of \$50** should be paid at the time of booking. **Please contact either Belinda on 6286 1754 OR Robyn on 6254 4038 for further details and bookings.**

**** Bookings should be made no later than 13 September**
(at the next meeting)**

• **ART STORE VOUCHER** •

Another Art Store voucher is included with this newsletter. Please show your membership card, or your receipt if you haven't received your card yet.

Valid to 15 October 2004

• **OUR WEBSITE** •

www.wba.asn.au

If you would like to have your work, CV and/or contact details included on our website contact Denise Sutherland on 6288 1418 or email **contact@sutherland-studios.com.au**

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