



Wildlife and Botanical Artists (ACT)

• NEWSLETTER •

August 2004

Apologies for the late issue of the July newsletter. However, please note that our meetings are held on the second Monday of each month, except public holidays, when they are held the following Monday. So even if you don't receive the newsletter in time, the meetings still go ahead! Check your calendar, which was sent out earlier in the year.

• NEXT MEETING •

7.30pm - Monday 9 August - Hughes Community Centre.

This month: Practical 'flowers' – led by Janet and Belinda (although all members are welcome to share their knowledge, skills, hints and tips at these practical meetings!)

Please bring along your own materials, whatever medium you wish to use, and a subject to draw or paint - and \$2 for supper.

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

• ANNUAL MEMBERSHIPS •

Annual Membership is \$35. If you have not already paid your fees, please pay Toni at the next meeting, or send a cheque to: Toni Hogan, 12 Hocking Pl, Bonython ACT 2906.



HELEN HEWSON

For those members who are unaware, Helen Hewson has been unwell. Get well wishes have been sent to Helen on behalf of all our members wishing her a full and speedy recovery, and we have received a lovely thank-you letter from Helen.

Tidbinbilla Arts & Crafts Centre?

A new Visitors Centre is being planned for Tidbinbilla. What to do with the current one? A suggestion has been made by some of our members to put in a submission to the ACT Government to retain it as an Arts & Crafts Centre. **What do you think?** If you have any thoughts on this, please let one of the committee know.

Cosy July show and tell

Although the night was cold and frosty, the July meeting was very cosy, with six hardy members bringing along some masterpieces to show and tell. Andrew Henley brought in a glorious watercolour of *Eucalyptus caesia* that he has been working on for some time – watch out for it in the Canberra Botanical 2004 exhibition! Belinda Ingram showed us her incredible stippled ink drawings of twelve 'corporate' animals – is there a sugar-daddy out there somewhere to help her publish them as a calendar?? Gerry Heyen has been drawing birds and animals since he was a child growing up in South Africa. He showed us a number of photos of his wonderful drawings and paintings, many of them African animals - most of which he's GIVEN away! Corinna Little showed us some of her beautiful pencil drawings of birds including blue wrens, tawny frogmouth and toucans. Shelley Cannon brought along her 'drawing diary' of her recent trip to England, with pencil drawings of gardens and cottages where she stayed, and her observations of people on buses and trains. It seems she is never without a pencil and drawing pad in her handbag! As for me, I slunk out some watercolour paintings of native plants I had done a number of years ago and was surprised by the critical acclaim they drew! Especially as they were unfinished!! All in all, it was an enjoyable evening, although we didn't have the raffle – the odds were too good and would have been a bit unfair! Ed. ☺

JANET'S BRUSH WITH CHINA

Janet Twigg-Patterson will be off to Beijing, China, via Saigon, at the end of September to further her experiences in Chinese brush painting, scroll mounting, and calligraphy. She will be staying with a local Chinese family, and meeting up with other artists in Beijing. She is looking forward to this exciting trip, but is worried that on her return she may not have enough \$\$\$ left to eat on! Please see the notice below about her upcoming exhibition ...

• EXHIBITIONS •

Namadgi – Visitors Centre

July- August

Tidbinbilla – Visitors Centre

Congratulations to Lyn Randall who sold another of her works – that makes 13 paintings now sold from the Tidbinbilla Exhibition!

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

REMINDER: Insurance of artworks is the responsibility individual artists.

Helen Fitzgerald – Solo Exhibition

From 4 July

Bungendore Woodworks

Woden Up-Close and Personal

Community Art Show - Woden Valley Community Council.

30 July – 13 August

Woden Library

Janet Twigg-Patterson

‘Super Specials’ Exhibition

27 Aug – end of Oct

Signadou College, Cnr Antill St & Phillip Ave Watson

All paintings will be for sale at very reasonable prices!

Canberra Botanical 2004

1 -10 October

CSIRO Discovery, Clunies Ross

Entries close 27 August

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• FIELD TRIP •

Willandra National Park

Fri 15- Sun 17 October 2004

The transport, by (18 passenger) bus, has been booked, and we are getting a special discount on the cost of accommodation. If there are 18 participants the cost is estimated at \$150-200. We will be arranging our own meals, but more details of that later. For a whole weekend this is an extremely good bargain! There should be lots of wildlife and flowers to see at this time of year. 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 ****

• UPCOMING WORKSHOPS •

FUN WITH SILK! – with Janet Twigg-Patterson

14 or 15 August

Cost: \$60 includes dyes + max \$10 for a piece of silk

Create a fashion statement, or a masterpiece, with silk painting! Maximum 8 participants per day.

Ph: Janet on 6287 2086 for bookings.

PRINT WORKSHOP – with John Pratt

18-19 September

Megalo, Philip Ave, Watson

(More details in next month’s newsletter.)

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.

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