



Wildlife and Botanical Artists (ACT)

• NEWSLETTER •

July 2004

• NEXT MEETING •

7.30pm - Monday 12 July - Hughes Community Centre.

This month: Practical 'animals' – Don't know where or how to begin when you try to draw an animal? Belinda and Gerry will help you on your way with your first masterpiece!

Show & tell: Do you have any paintings, sketches, drawings, photos of Australian flora or fauna lurking under the bed, behind the door, in the cupboard? Bring them along (framed or unframed) and show everyone what you've been up to!

Raffle: Don't forget \$1 per ticket. Donations of raffle prizes gratefully accepted eg. Books, plants, wine, candles, etc.

• ANNUAL MEMBERSHIPS NOW DUE •

Annual Membership is \$35. Please pay Toni at the next meeting, or send a cheque to Toni Hogan, 12 Hocking Pl, Bonython ACT 2906.

• EXHIBITIONS •

Update on Rydges

Unfortunately, due to high risk exposure, Rydges have declined from holding our annual exhibition this year. Apparently the problem was that money paid to Rydges staff for paintings was stolen - they still have a security problem with staff. But any such complaints should have gone through WABA, not from artists to Rydges. The WABA Committee will be endeavouring to locate another suitable site.

REMINDER: Insurance of artworks is the responsibility individual artists.

Namadgi – Visitors Centre

July- August

Paintings are being hung at Namadgi on Sat 3 July and will be on exhibition for two months.

Helen Fitzgerald – Solo Exhibition

From 4 July

Bungendore Woodworks

More discount vouchers included with this newsletter compliments of the Art Store – **valid til 31 July 2004! Did you know?** the Art Store has opened a shop on Level 3, Belconnen Mall.

Tidbinbilla – Visitors Centre

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

Woden Up-Close and Personal Community Art Show - Woden Valley Community Council.

30 July – 13 August

Woden Library

Entries close 18 July

See June newsletter for more details or contact Denise Sutherland on 6288 1418 or on the website: www.sutherland-studios.com.au/artshow/

Canberra Botanical 2004

1 -10 October

CSIRO Discovery, Clunies Ross

Entries close 27 August

Further enquiries: Halina Steele on (02) 6294 3222

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Website: www.canberrabotanical.com

• FIELD TRIP •

Willandra National Park

Fri 15- Sun 17 October 2004

Cost is still estimated at \$150-200 depending on numbers.

Our friends from the Hillston art group will also be joining us, so it should be a productive, and sociable, weekend! If you get tired of painting there are opportunities for bushwalking, fishing and canoeing!

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.**

WABA workshop by CSIRO illustrator

Anne Hastings

Report by Gerry Heyen

On 21 June 2004, WABA member Julia Langford kindly arranged that Anne Hastings, an illustrator with the CSIRO, attend the WABA monthly workshop for a talk and instruction on the illustration of insects.

Anne's talk was very interesting. She took members through her personal history as an illustrator, trained at university, then finding employment with CSIRO. It was fascinating to learn of the degrees of difficulty in creating exact insect illustration, and the professional integrity that illustrators and editors adopted while finalising works for CSIRO publications.

Anne described how in the early days of her illustrating career she would draft works in pencil using magnifying glasses. These draft works would be referred to scientists for their perusal and comment on the accuracy of the drawings. Once approved by CSIRO scientists and editors, the drafts could be transferred to pen, using either the line of stipple method.

Anne explained that the most important feature of the draft drawings was the level of accuracy and understanding. Even the most minute limb, hair or appendage had to be included, as scientists knew of their importance and noticed if they were missing. These aspects of the anatomy could only be seen through powerful microscopes or magnifying glasses, which could be connected to a projector to allow the illustrator to work from a larger image.

According to Anne the work of insect illustrators has changed dramatically since the invention of the digital camera. This technology allows intense pixel photos to be taken and enlarged, then adjusted through computer technology to create accurate and colourful images. Anne now works with digital technology but does not miss the detailed illustration work. She prefers now to apply her drawing skills to other artistic endeavours.

• OUR WEBSITE •

www.wba.asn.au

Registration for the website has been renewed for this year, so please contact Denise Sutherland on 6288 1418 or email contact@sutherland-studios.com.au if you would like to have your work, CV and/or contact details included on our website.

• UPCOMING WORKSHOPS •

A number of courses, workshops and classes are being offered by the Royal Botanic Gardens, led by well-known experts - Marion Westmacott, Barbara Duckworth, Catherine Wardrop and Lesley Elkan. There are quite a few from July through to Nov, too many to include here, so please **contact Robyn Hanigan on 6254 4038 for further details or phone contact numbers below**. Robyn will also have some information sheets at the next meeting.

Some information for the July/Aug courses and workshops -

Sydney

Ph: 9231 8134 or 9231 8128

Fri 13, 20, 27 Aug and 3 Sept – More than just feathers.

14-15 Aug – Botanical drawing.

28-29 Aug – Orchids exposed.

Mount Annan (near Cambelltown)

Ph: 4648 2477

Sat 21 & 28 Aug – Acacia – the colour of spring.

Course and workshop fees:

8 day course - \$640

4 day course - \$320

2 day workshops - \$160

Botanical Illustration Master Classes

Ph: 9231 8182

12-14 Oct - Susannah Blaxill – Finer Drawing Techniques

27-29 July - Helen Fitzgerald - Exhibitions

9-12 Aug - Barbara Duckworth & Marion Westmacott – Drawing & painting pressed herbarium specimens

15-17 Nov - Elaine Musgrave – Pencil, brush, watercolour & graphite.

5 day classes - \$600; 3 day classes \$360.

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