



An exhibition invitation to all wildlife and botanical artists: 'Art of Nature 2017', Belconnen Arts Centre 25th August to 17th September

Wildlife and Botanical Artists Incorporated – known as WABA – will open its 15th 'Art of Nature' exhibition at Belconnen Arts Centre, featuring original artworks inspired by nature from Australian member artists.

Wildlife and botanical art plays an important role in engaging the broader community with conservation and science, communicating, educating and advocating for change. Over the years, WABA has partnered with CSIRO (including the Discovery Centre, National Wildlife Collection, National Insect Collection), as well as the National Zoo and Aquarium and the Conservation Council of the ACT region (encompassing a range of conservation groups and interests).

WABA was established over 18 years ago in Canberra, and is unique in its focus on wildlife and botanical subject matter. WABA is a non-profit community arts organisation committed to promoting excellence in wildlife and botanical art and strengthening the links between art, science and the environment.

WABA's Founder, Ms Julia Landford, said "WABA strives to bring together like-minded artists with a passion for nature. Over the years the organisation has curated annual exhibition for members, held national wildlife art exhibitions every two years, and curated the first ever national symposium bringing together artists, scientists and conservationists in partnership with CSIRO. But most importantly, members have the opportunity to learn from each other through informal networks, community-based workshops and field trips – to develop skills and techniques and promote greater awareness of nature through art."

WABA is keen to reach out to new members who have an active interest in nature and art. If you would like to join WABA to exhibit in this exhibition please contact us. As a member of our friendly community of interest group you can join our regular events and painting activities. If you have management experience, there are also opportunities available for leadership roles with the steering committee.

The 'Art of Nature 2017' exhibition will open at the Belconnen Arts Centre on Friday 25th August at 5:30pm and closes on Sunday 17th September. Entries close on Monday 24th July. The Art of Nature exhibition and sale of works continues on the WABA website gallery until 4 November 2017.

For more information on the exhibition and membership of WABA please visit: www.waba.net.au

