



# The Botanical Art Society of New Zealand Inc

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## MARCH 2010 NEWSLETTER

What a busy and exciting start to 2010 for the Botanical Art Society of New Zealand! Even though this is our first newsletter for the year, we can assure you there has been plenty going on behind the scenes and we look forward to updating you on past, present and future events!

### Coming up in this newsletter!

- **Ellerslie International Flower Show 2010 and Members Exhibition at COCA**
- **AGM**
- **Beginner's Workshop**
- **Jenny Phillips Workshop**
- **Botanical Art Workshop in Fiji with Terrie Reddish and Susan Worthington**
- **BASNZ member Jill Roche wins RHS Silver medal**
- **BASNZ Subscription reminder**

### Ellerslie International Flower Show 2010

Without doubt this year's Ellerslie Flower Show seems to have been a resounding success. To quote Christchurch Mayor Bob Parker, "Visitors commented that it was much better than in 2009 and that it was the best show in the 15 year history of Ellerslie." This year the BASNZ exhibited at Ellerslie with the theme of "Renaissance" and although we did not win an award, we received nothing but praise both for the paintings and for the display, with superlatives such as "outstanding, beautiful, stunning, exquisite....." heard time and again over the course of the five days. So we would like to say an enormous thank you to all concerned:

..to our contributing artists **Tina Grey, Janet Marshall, Helen Nutt, Jo Ogier, Terrie Reddish and Susan Worthington** who put in hours of work to complete their paintings, all to such a high standard.

..to our sponsors **Downie's Flowers, Terra Viva, Concrete Castings and Veylands Nursery**. Without their support we simply could not afford to exhibit.

..and last but not least, to all the **volunteers** who so generously gave up their time not only to help man the stand and promote both the work of the artists and the BASNZ but also for ..... making covers for the paintings, collecting hundreds of pine cones, donating leaves, helping with building and dismantling the display and so the list goes on! Once again, the society could not exhibit without your help. Thank you!

### COCA

As part of the Festival of Flowers, the BASNZ this year held its annual members exhibition in the Front Gallery of COCA between Feb 10<sup>th</sup> and March 8<sup>th</sup>. The paintings looked wonderful and the director of COCA, Warren Feeney, was most complimentary in his comments to our president, Helen Nutt.

**"I would like to let you know that I am really pleased to include the Botanical Society of Artists in our programme again. The works are beautiful, with a particular emphasis on quality and the more I see of your organisation's watercolours, the more of a convert I become."**

We are indeed very fortunate to be offered the opportunity to exhibit in a renowned gallery which values its history as Canterbury's most established art institution and each year holds more than 60 exhibitions.

### **Notice of Annual General Meeting**

This will be held at 9.30am on Wednesday 5th May, at the Edna Hanafin Rooms, Cracroft Girl Guide Centre, 151 Cashmere Rd, Cashmere.

#### **Business**

- To confirm the Minutes of the 2009 Annual General Meeting  
To receive the Annual Report  
To receive the Annual Balance Sheet  
To elect Officers and Committee:  
Helen Nutt has completed five years of service as President and has advised she is available for re-election.  
Tina Grey as Secretary has advised she is available for re-election.  
Irene Blair will be resigning as treasurer and will not be available for re-election. Irene was our founding treasurer and over the years, has worked tirelessly for the Botanical Art Society. Irene's hard work and commitment has been greatly appreciated and we wish her well for the future.
- This particular AGM also presents a timely opportunity to reflect on our participation over the past two years, both at Ellerslie and at Coca as part of the Festival of Flowers. If you are keen to give your feedback or if you have any suggestions for exhibiting in 2011 and onwards then we hope you will be able to attend. We would love to hear from you!

#### **Beginner's Workshop**

Our display at Ellerslie generated considerable interest in a beginner's workshop so we are delighted to announce the details of the first of our introductory classes for 2010.

#### **Introduction to Botanical Art Class**

**24th APRIL, 2010 9.30am - 3.30pm**

THE BARN  
Cracroft Girl Guide Centre  
151 Cashmere Road  
Cashmere

Cost \$60

To confirm a place please forward your cheque for \$60 to:

The Treasurer  
The Botanical Art Society of N.Z.  
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We have many keen artists wishing to learn so in order to accommodate we will begin with a 'beginners' approach. Should this date not be suitable please email me at: [BASNZ@ihug.co.nz](mailto:BASNZ@ihug.co.nz) and we will organize another date in May. Also we may have to run 2 classes because we have limited workshop space. Limit 16. We look forward to seeing you on the 24<sup>th</sup> April. Tea and Coffee will be provided but do bring a packed Lunch.

#### **Recommended Materials to bring to class:**

1 Bockingford B.21 Sketch pad - acid and lignin free - A3

Pencils: HB, H - 6H

Dividers, kneadable eraser, magnifying glass and pencil sharpener

### **Jenny Phillips Workshop**

This is a wonderful opportunity to undertake a 3 day workshop, here in Christchurch, with a world renowned botanical art teacher and artist.

**October 30th, 31st and Nov 1<sup>st</sup>, 2010**

**9.30am - 3.30pm**

**Edna Hanafin Rooms, Cracroft Girl Guide Centre, 151 Cashmere Rd, Cashmere.**

**Cost \$360**

**Deposit of \$180** now being received to confirm your place.

**Jenny Phillips** is Australia's most influential botanical art teacher, running not only the Botanical Art School of Melbourne but also her renowned Botanicart Gallery. Her contagious enthusiasm has inspired hundreds of students worldwide. She has conducted classes in Sydney, London (Chelsea Physic Garden), Charleston (USA), Johannesburg, Venice and Capetown. She is part of the botanical education program at the botanic gardens in New York, Denver, San Francisco and Los Angeles.

She is also:

Fellow of the Linnean Society in London for her contribution to botanical art.

Hon Member of The Chelsea Physic Garden Florilegium Society.

One of the initial artists to contribute to the Prince of Wales Trust Florilegium of the Highgrove Garden.

Hon Director of The Brooklyn Gardens Florilegium Society.

Hon Member of The Florilegium Society at the Royal Botanic Gardens Sydney Inc.

Hon Member of The Botanical Art Society of New Zealand Inc.

Quote Jenny:

"I have found that 'Art is a way of life', and if you work hard and embrace it, you will feel very fulfilled".

### **Botanical Art Workshop at Daku Resort, Fiji with Susan Worthington and Terrie Reddish**

Susan Worthington                      April 18 – April 24, 2010

Terrie Reddish                              April 24 – May 1, 2010

Why not treat yourself to two weeks of Botanical Art at Daku Resort, Fiji!

Two of our members who recently exhibited at the Ellerslie Flower Show, Susan Worthington and Terrie Reddish, both award winning and celebrated New Zealand Botanical artists, will be running workshops at the Daku Resort in Fiji. To find out more details about the courses visit:

<http://paradisecourses.com> or

[www.terrie-reddish.co.nz](http://www.terrie-reddish.co.nz) or

[www.botanicart.com.au/members/susanworthington](http://www.botanicart.com.au/members/susanworthington)

### **RHS Silver Medal Winner**

Many congratulations to Jill Roche, an affiliated BASNZ member, who this year entered the RHS exhibition and won a Silver medal! Jill's theme was Maori medicinal plants. Jill lives in Whakatane and when not preparing for the RHS, makes her own paper and beautiful prints. Well done Jill!

**An urgent reminder to all members that subscriptions are now DUE!! Thank you!**

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April 2010 – March 2011 Subscription

Subscriptions for the year ending 31 March 2011 are now due. Payment may be made  
by mail or at any monthly meetings. Your prompt payment would be appreciated.

Full members \$50.00  
Affiliated Members \$20.00

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