



Friends of Williamstown Botanic Gardens Inc.

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Paint the Gardens 2012

This brief newsletter is to remind members that the 2012 Paint the Gardens competition will be held in the **Williamstown Botanic Gardens** on **Sunday April 1 2012**.

Many entries have been received for this Sunday's art exhibition – 40 in the Open section and 103 in the Young Person's Section and Kim Sawyer is currently preparing the catalogue. The exhibition will run from 11.00am to 5.00pm - the prizes being presented at 4.30pm. Our Friends group has one marquee. It should be a great day with Botanic Art workshops from 11.00am to 4.00pm, a string quartet playing from 3.00pm to 4.30, a coffee van on site, tea and muffins to purchase and a reading corner for younger people.

Marquees will be up by 7.30am. Entrants will register between 8.00am and 10.00am. We need assistance from members who can help between 8.00am and 11.00am to assist with registration, setting up the exhibition, a reading corner and the Friends marquee. Then from 11.00am we need help to man the People's Choice ballot boxes, especially at the table in the main path from which people can be directed to the Young Persons section and told about the Friends marquee, the coffee van and the reading corner.

If you are able to help at any time during the day would you please ring Sue Murray on 9397 5698 so we can set up a roster.

We invite as many Friends as possible to come along and enjoy this event. You may like to bring a picnic and friends. The foyer of the Williamstown Town Hall has been booked as a backup venue should the weather prove totally unsuitable.

Any members who can lend us an easel (labelled with their name) for use on the day please email kim.sawyer@unimelb.edu.au or phone Sue Murray 9397 5698 by Friday 31st March 2012

Remember to put your clocks back on Saturday night as daylight saving ends this weekend.

Story Time in the Gardens – Teddy Bears Picnic - 27 April 2012

This is scheduled to be run in the gardens from 10.30am to 11.30am. Please come and bring a teddy bear and a rug.

This Story Time is brought to you by the Friends of Williamstown and Hobsons Bay Libraries as part of the Williamstown Festival.

Next Committee Meeting

The committee next meet on Monday April 2 at 7.30pm – venue Ladies Bowling Club.