

Botanical Book Newsletter Extract

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PROMOTING & LAUNCHING

An exciting community project, Botanical Books will run in Redcliffe City and the Caboolture and Noosa Shires spanning a period of two years and undertaken in two stages.

The first stage of the project, commencing early in 2000, will develop the skills and knowledge of participants with regard to using natural fibres in papermaking. The natural fibres will be collected/harvested in the local region and processed into paper by participants.

In the second stage of the project the papers will be made into books representing the fibres used.

Furthermore, the 'Botanical Books' will reflect the character of the communities and document the use of natural fibres of the regions in which they have been made. Upon completion of the project the books will be toured for exhibition in each of the regions libraries.

'Botanical Books' aims to encourage and develop links and support networks between individuals, organisations and communities within the three regions.

Promotion of the project has occurred at a number of community events.

In August an information stall was set up at the Humpybong Park Green Fair in Redcliffe. Where Lesa Hepburn made paper with Dianella (Flax Lilly) donated by the Redcliffe Botanical Gardens.

Gavin McCullagh of Red Hot Fibre along with Luke Burless from the American Book Store attended the Maleny Poets & Writers Festival. Response at both these events was promising with a pleasing number of people putting their names down on the mailing list.

A successful (and windy) Information stall regarding the project was also held at the Cooroy Butter Factory Bizarre Bazaar Market Day.

A promotional stall will also be at the Caboolture Garden Expo staged by the Caboolture Historical Society.

Botanic Book Goes to Woodford

Woodford is excitedly fast approaching. This year the organizers have delegated paper as the theme for the [creative workshop space](#).

A very big thank you to the Queensland Folk Federation, especially Penny Smith, for all the assistance in ensuring that Botanical Books is part of this wonderful event.

Workshops will be held on the Tuesday 28 and Wednesday 29 of December. Preparation of the fibres will take place in the evenings prior to the workshops.

HARVESTING

Permission has been granted by the Redcliffe City Council to harvest plants on the Peninsula. A request has also been sent to the Department of Natural Resources for harvesting of plants in the Caboolture Shire.

Milk Weed Harvest

Lesla Hepburn and Annette Almond went out on a field trip to the Woodford Folk Festival site to gather Milk Weed and other plants for use at the festival.

INTRODUCING

Ian Smith - Botanist

Ian has expressed his desire to be part of the project. It is great to get a Botanist on board and to have as a handy resource .

Annette Almond

Annette has undertaken a number of Red Hot Fibre papermaking workshops. She is now switched on to papermaking and has volunteered as an assistant.

Ahmarnya Price

Ahmarnya has studied illustration at the Queensland College of Art and thinks fibre is a yummy medium to work with. She will be working closely with Lesa and has made herself available to Botanical Books.

PLANT OF THE MONTH

is the Yellow Native Hibiscus. One of a number of types found throughout the coastal scrub and wallum areas. This spring and summer these hibiscus have bloomed for longer than in previous seasons. We would like to speak to any body with access to these plants in their garden or their property and who is willing to allow them to be pruned for art.

Yellow Native Hibiscus Location: Noosa Golf Club Gardens (Photo: Lesa Hepburn)

