

Nature has been mastering itself for some time now, and it is an honour to be able to capture its beauty.

*Justin Beckett*



After a long and bitter winter and a spring that doesn't quite know whether to come and stay, I am truly looking forward to some summer weather.

In this month's newsletter we mention the Grampians Brushes inaugural event at Halls Gap in Victoria. Halls Gap is a gateway to the Grampians and like all wilderness areas they provide luscious inspiration for art.

Visiting wilderness areas not only provides visual inspiration but can also "fill the empty tank" if you need a refresh. The silence and the wind in trees or the waves on beaches, provide a wonderful space within which interaction with a living environment can occur. This is one way to enhance creativity and replenish your energies.

Be sure to visit our [Events Calendar](#) to start to think about what you might like to do in the Summer break!

**Teresa**

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## A Brush with Art



### **Grampians workshop an interstate success**

An inaugural Grampians Brushes workshop series was so popular that artists have booked their accommodation for next year.

Founder and co-ordinator Marion Matthews, a Wimmera artist said Grampians Brushes would be at Halls Gap again in 2012. Matthews said the scheduled dates for next year were September 8 – 13.

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## Ten Ceramic Tips



**Tips and Tricks - brought to you courtesy of Coastal Claymakers.**

Potters and clay artists from the Mid North Coast of NSW dedicated to the study of, promotion and presentation of ceramics.

1. **Hand build delicate pieces** on newspaper on a bat. This helps prevent distortion as the piece shrinks. The work can then slide easily without additional handling onto the kiln shelf: the newspaper burns away.

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## Finding beautiful art in Toulouse



The beautiful arts are very present in Toulouse with all its modernity and bustle but here are some pretty special places we saw.

The [Fondation Bemberg](#) is located in Toulouse's hotel d'Assezat, a 16th century palace. Georges Bemberg came from a family who appreciated and supported the arts, and his personal art collection is housed here. He studied at Harvard and Yale and made his career in comparative French and English literature.

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## blueBanksia Poll

blueBanksia wants to respond to the needs of our subscribers and visitors. In order to do this we need to know a bit more about you. Over the coming months we will have a number of different polls which will assist us to provide you with exactly what you want.

You can help us by taking the poll located on the home page of [blueBanksia](#) - in the right hand column.

Many thanks  
Teresa and Stephanie

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## Events Summary 16 October to 14 November 2011

Be sure to visit the [Events Calendar](#) and browse through what's on offer.

Some Summer Schools have already been listed so make sure you look right through to April next year for some fabulous art events coming up.

[Events Calendar](#)

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