Friends PAGE

MARCH IS PROVING to be a busy month for Friends of the National Library. Wordfest, the Australian National Word Festival, runs from 8 to 11 March with many Friends attending the wide-ranging program of activities. March is also Canberra Festival month, and Friends' activities for the Festival include a stall in the grounds of old Parliament House on Sunday 10 March for the popular ACT ALIVE, and a *Behind the Scenes* visit to the Library's Publishing Program (see below for booking details).

Behind the Scenes tours are proving to be very popular and book out early. They are open to Friends only, and numbers are limited, so if you want to find out more about various sections of the Library do book as soon as the event is advertised to make sure of a place. Future sections visited will include Asian Collections, Pictorial, Preservation and Oral History, and it may be possible to repeat some of these activities at weekends if there is sufficient interest. Keep reading the Friends' Page for further information.

Another Canberra Festival event is an exhibition opening in the Rex Nan Kivell Room on 11 March 1991 and titled An Ideal Capital City. This is an exhibition of paintings from the Pictorial Collection which covers the period from 1909 to around 1924 and documents the site chosen for the future federal capital. The exhibition includes works by Coulter, Rolland, Boyd and Lister. It is well worth seeing on your next visit to the Library.

GIFT MEMBERSHIP

Don't forget that a subscription to the Friends of the National Library makes a wonderful present that remains current all year.

All gift memberships are sent with an attractive card featuring an item from the National Library Pictorial collections. Please contact me for further details or fill in the attached membership application and mark it GIFT, with the name of the sender.

National Library stand at 'Sunday in the Park', in the Australian National Gallery Sculpture Gardens. Photograph by Graham Tidy, courtesy the *Canberra Times*

Note: The musician featured on the Friends' Page in February was Colin Offord

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

March

Behind the Scenes—National Library Publishing Program

What do we publish, and why? Margaret Chalker, Publications Manager will discuss the publishing program of the National Library, looking at limited editions, service and trade publications and microfiche. The talk will also cover funding of projects, and how the publications are presented for sale.
Date: Tuesday 12 March, 1991
Time: 10.00 am–11.30 am
Venue: TBA
Cost: Friends only—no charge
Bookings: Essential—tel. 06 262 1698

April

Caring For Your Collections

Staff from the National Library Preservation Services present an introduction to how to look after your own collections including care, handling, storage and display of such items as family documents and records, photographs and works of art.
Date: Tuesday 23 April, 1991
Time: 12.30pm–2.00pm
Venue: Conference Room
Cost: $6.00 Friends; $10.00 Others
Bookings: Essential—tel. 06 262 1698

This lecture is the Friends of the National Library's contribution to Heritage Week 1991 (20–27 April).

Please note that payments for FNLA membership and activities can be made at the Library Shop.

BEATRICE BRICKHILL, Executive Officer

Membership

If you would like to join the Friends of the NLA, please fill in this coupon, or a photocopy, circling the relevant options for payment and membership category, and send to:

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