



# Museums & Properties

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## Wizardry in the Garden

A magical day out for all the family will be held at *Everglades Gardens*, Leura, on Sunday 24 June. *Wizardry in the Garden* will celebrate winter in the



historic 1930s gardens and include an array of exciting entertainment and activities. Children are invited to dress up.

*Captain Finhead will be one of many performers*

## Lens Across the Land

The National Trust Centre Cafe, on Observatory Hill, is about to host the Trust's 4th Annual Photography Competition Exhibition of Finalists. Winning entries from around NSW will be exhibited from July 17 - 19 August.

The State Winner will be announced at an event on Thursday 19 July, at 6pm, and will receive a \$1500 gift voucher from one of Sydney's premier photographic specialists, **Georges Electronics.**



## Telling Tales at the Trust

The M&P Department and the *Australian Storytellers Guild (NSW)* have joined forces to help train current and potential Trust volunteers in the traditional art of storytelling. While this skill may come naturally to some, Guild course coordinator, Jo Henwood, can provide a helping hand.

Currently 10 students are receiving training each Monday at the National Trust Centre, Observatory Hill. Funding is currently being sought to expand the program and enable more people to participate in a formal storytelling program to be launched at individual properties later in the year.

Living History programs targeted at school groups currently operate with great success at *Old Government House* and *Experiment Farm Cottage*. The Trust is keen to expand this experience to general visitors and to assist volunteers to bring alive distant events, personalities and artefacts. Further information on this initiative can be obtained from Vivien Ward on 02 9362 1383.



Australian Storytellers Guild (NSW) Inc

## Bonhams & Goodman Support Trust

**Bonhams & Goodman** <sup>1793</sup> Fine Art auctioneers Bonhams & Goodman recently announced their new sponsorship of the National Trust (NSW), which will directly support the Museums Properties Department in some of its collection management activities.

With offices in Sydney, Melbourne, Adelaide and Perth, Bonhams & Goodman (B&G) is the largest Australian owned, internationally operated general fine art auction house. They employ specialists in fields such as Australian and international art, jewellery, collectors' cars, decorative arts and collectables. Bonhams itself is one of the world's oldest auctioneers of fine art and antiques, founded in 1793. It is indeed a most appropriate new relationship for the National Trust (NSW), bringing exciting new possibilities.

B&G is now calling for entries for their next auctions. Should Trust members decide to sell through the B&G, the seller's commission will be donated to the Trust. All enquiries to 02 9327 9900.

## Workshops in the Woods

This month a team from Conservation Volunteers Australia (CVA) participated in workshops conducted by Norman Lindsay Gallery's head gardener, Will Smith.



The CVA Team

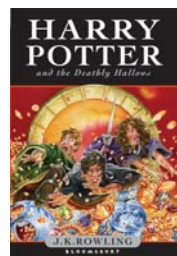
Workshops were carried out in the grounds of the Trust property, and included topics such as bush regeneration, planting, composting, weeding, mulching and Occupational Health & Safety issues.

Will has also recently been busy around the grounds of the National Trust Centre, maintaining the hedges and trees and clearing dead branches and debris that had accumulated in the small patch of trees at the rear of the grounds - our very own oasis of woodland in the CBD.



Will Smith working in the woodland

## Conjuring a Wizard School at Woodford



The Trust's *Woodford Academy*, in the Blue Mountains, and local bookshop, *Megalong Books*, Leura, are hosting a magical day out for school children to celebrate the release of the final book in the

popular Harry Potter series - *Harry Potter and the Deathly Hallows*.

The 19th century boys school will be transformed into a wizarding school on Saturday 21 July, by Trust volunteers and *Megalong Books* staff. "We are delighted to be part of the Harry Potter mania," said John Leary, Chair of the *Friends of Woodford Academy*.

A London double-decker bus will pick up would-be witches and wizards at *Megalong Books* and whisk them to *Woodford Wizard Academy* where they will take a tour of the property with some of the colourful characters from the Harry Potter novels. 'Students' will concoct fun things in Potions Class, make and decorate their own magical supplies, explore the 'magical creatures' room and go on a treasure hunt.

Two sessions will be run on the day - 8.30am to 2.00pm and 2.30 to 8.00pm. Places are limited.

For bookings call *Megalong Books* on 02 4784 1302.



Woodford Academy

## Calendar of Events

### Christmas in July

Christmas in the native bushland setting of Warrimbirra Sanctuary, a fun family day out complete with Santa.

Warrimbirra Sanctuary, Bargo  
Saturday 7 July, 6.00pm  
Enquiries: 02 4684 1112

### Parramatta History Tour

Champagne brunch at Old Government House, Parramatta, followed by a coach tour of historic Parramatta and lunch.

Sunday 22 July  
Enquiries: 02 4739 6769

### Garden Seminar at Lindesay

This popular event will please all those with an interest in the exciting subject of gardens. Lindesay, 1a Carthona Ave, Darling Point

Wednesday 25 July, 9.30am  
Enquiries: 02 9968 1915



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