

***Banksia Lady***  
***Celia Rosser, botanical artist***

Carolyn Landon  
Publisher, Monash University Publishing (2015)

- Celia Rosser (b. 1930) is known to us as The Banksia Lady, but who else is Celia Rosser?
  - Carolyn Landon was given complete access to Rosser's archive and offers of assistance from vast numbers of family, friends, and colleagues followed.
  - The book explores the history of botanical illustration, botany, academia, gardens and herbaria.
  - Alex George was seconded to Monash as part of the project and worked very closely with Rosser.
  - The minutiae of people's lives usually don't interest me but I became fascinated by Rosser and the story of the Banksia project.
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***The Southwest***  
***Australia's Biodiversity Hotspot***

Victoria Laurie  
UWA Publishing (2015)

- As the title suggests, the Southwest is one of the world's top 30 biodiversity hotspots and is the only one in Australia.
  - The Foreword suggests "Her research takes her into the laboratories and storeroom of museums, herbaria and universities: this is no superficial coffee-table volume but a serious review written with care – and concern."
  - Covers the seas, skies and the earth in the area between Kalbari and east of Esperance.
  - Wonderful photography.
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***Character of the Blossom***  
***Wildflowers of Tasmania by Margaret Hope (1848-1934)***

Allport Library and Museum of Fine Arts (2015)

- Interesting to read the account of Margaret Hope's life – just a few pages.
- It seems obvious that she intended to publish the folio of 37 paintings in this book.
- The plate notes include the botanical name at the time (then and now), the common name and a brief description. Interesting to see how many changes of name.
- Allport Library and Museum of Fine Arts should be an interesting place to visit – in Tasmanian State Library, 91 Murray Street, Hobart.