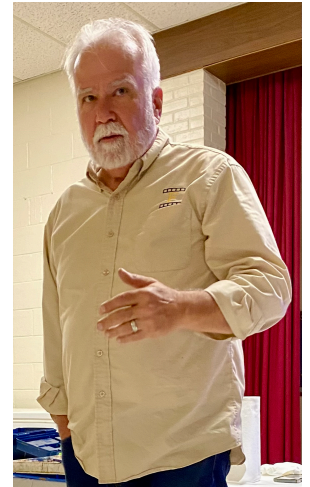


Euclid Art Association October 2, 2023 Meeting Demonstration by Daniel Smith

President Rozenia Cunningham started the evening with a brief business meeting, reminding everyone of the upcoming EAA activities. October is a busy month - Lake Farmpark Fall Fine Art Show ends on the 15th with art pick up the next day, City Hall Exchange is the 20th, followed by the Sketchers "Love is . . ." reveal on the 22nd. She reminded us that tickets for the annual EAA Christmas party at the Lithuanian Club go on sale at the November meeting! And, she said to think about what to enter in the upcoming Virtual Winter Show.

Rozenia introduced the evening's guest artist, **Daniel Smith**. "Daniel is quite unusual," she said. He only started painting in oil 11-months ago at age 66! He is self-taught and has no prior training or schooling in painting of any kind....except "I could always cut a good line in painting a wall." His knowledge expanded by watching lots of YouTube videos and by attending art festivals and exhibitions. He visited and re-visited art museums to observe paintings by the old masters, who all painted in oils...thus his inspiration to learn oil painting versus other mediums. Practice, practice, practice! "I am a firm believer in the 10,000 hour rule – that it takes 10,000 hours of practice or work to master a trade or craft." He paints every evening starting at 8:00p.m. for 2 - 4 hours. In addition, he is the owner of a family business called Familyography in Parma and Columbus that digitizes photos, slides, etc.



The 20 members who attended the October meeting enjoyed an interesting and inspiring evening! Daniel's story was definitely inspirational. He grew up in Cleveland, attended Hiram College and Vanderbilt graduating with a history degree, got a law degree from Ohio State, married, re-married, has two children and practiced law for over 30 years, established a family business and along the way played the trombone and the cello. He considers himself an ADHD personality! Even though his wife never wanted to live where it snowed, they somehow ended up back in Cleveland and have been very impressed with the city. These common quotes are how he approached his retirement years. . . "It's never too late to follow your dream and anything is possible". Here are pictures of some of the art he created over the past 11 months.



This evening Daniel was in 'portrait mode' and suggested Rozenia as his subject. He said, "Rozenia, scoot up here!" She tried to get him to do a cityscape, but it didn't work! He took several photos of her in different head positions and basically worked from the photo on his cell phone. He had put a light colored wash over his canvas before starting. He used black paint to outline the placement of Rozenia's head and eyes. Someone asked, "Why art at this age?" His answers were philosophical. "The act of creation is important to life. Also, man's struggle to be something.... If my work can just stop you to think in a positive way....that's the goal. Also, it's just fun!" His art is somewhere between impressionism and realism....more like expressionism and a little abstract.



This was his first time ever doing a painting demonstration in front of a group! We were amazed as we watched him work. He completed this oil portrait, a very nice likeness of Rozenia, in just 40 minutes! He said, "she has beautiful eyes." We were more than impressed at what he accomplished in this short time! Thank you, Daniel, for a fun and entertaining evening of art.



Having more time before refreshments, we asked Daniel to talk about his family business, Familyography. His company digitizes, organizes and restores your family memories, whether they be in the form of photographs, slides, negatives, film or videotape, and all types, sizes and formats. The preferred method to store your digitized media is in the cloud for a yearly fee. "It's the easiest way to share images with your family." Many of us were very interested in this service. . . who doesn't have a closet full of old slides or boxes of old family photos stored in the basement! Familyography is located at 5551 State Road, Parma, OH 44134, 216-938-6711.



Thank you to Terese, Sandi, Sue and Char for bringing the treats to share. Lillian surprised us with her barbecued turkey meatballs! A delightful table of goodies was enjoyed by all!

