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## **JULY NEWSLETTER**

# MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT:

Hi Everybody,

We normally don't send out newsletters in July and August, but these are not normal times. I feel it is important to keep our members updated on the current situation. What is our current situation, you ask? We've been OFF since April and I want to get back ON again. I'm sure you want to as well! At this point in time we are presented with a number of quandaries. Please allow me to put them before you, along with potential options. The Board and I have been discussing matters by email and plan to resume meeting in person next week. At that time we will continue to evaluate our stratagems for the upcoming year. PLEASE give us your feedback on the matter by emailing your thoughts to info@EuclidArt.com or calling yours truly at 216-531-6349.

- Ideally, the Church will be open again by September and our meetings will continue as in the past. In a recent conversation with the Church secretary, she said "nobody there knows anything concerning when or how they will be re-opening and the decision to do so will come from the Bishop, not from the Pastor." It is entirely possible that the Church will re-open in stages such that services will resume but other events (like us) may be phased in later. How much later is anybody's guess. At this point it is only prudent to look at other options in case we lose our meeting space for the foreseeable future.
- Plan B may be a viable option. I'm sure most of you have heard of people using virtual meeting software such as Zoom. I find the software to be somewhat wonky and think it would cause a good percentage of our members more frustration than it would be worth to implement. On the other hand, I'd be willing to guess that just about everybody spends time on YouTube. EAA has a YouTube channel and I think we could have demonstrators up to our gallery for me to video, with it up on YouTube for everybody to view within a day or two. Members would be invited to send in questions for the presenter to answer during the presentation. You will have to provide your own goodies though.
- We considered several other potential meeting places, i.e., Shore Center, Euclid Library, etc. However, nobody in authority can tell us what restrictions will be in place concerning their use. We can, for instance, use the public meeting rooms at Euclid Public Library but they have no idea if or when they will be open to the public again. Having our meetings there would also necessitate starting at 5:30 or 6:00p.m. as everybody has to be out of the building by 9:00p.m. What are your thoughts about starting at a different time or even a different day of the month if we had to? Or, do you know of any location where we could meet? Let me know.
- What about a group outing instead of a meeting? I have been told that it's almost impossible right now to get tickets to such places as the Zoo, Art Museum or Goodtime II, but NE Ohio is the home of the "Emerald Necklace" and an afternoon of plein-air painting and photography might provide us a chance to meet in a socially distant manner, at least in September and October when the weather is nice. Your thoughts?

# MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL FOR THE 2020-2021 SEASON

Our membership renewal drive is underway. Since we were unable to hold the April, May & June meetings, EAA has decided to give our <u>renewing members only</u>, a \$5.00 discount for 2020-2021. (Single \$20, Joint \$25, Associate \$25, Student \$6). We are asking members to please mail in their renewals to our Membership Chairperson, Mary Ann Gambitta, 1232 Quartz Court, Willoughby, OH 44094. Make your check payable to Euclid Art Association.

# WORKSHOPS PLANNED FOR THE FALL

**Saturday, September 26, 2020, Suzette Cohen, "Natural Expressions with Acrylic Paint Pouring Techniques"**. Location is the Euclid Art Gallery, limit is 10. It was so much fun last year. Why wait....**SIGN UP NOW!** 

October 23, 24, 25, 2020, David Rankin, 3-day workshop, "God Made Winter for Watercolor". Cost \$150 for members, \$195 for non-members. Members only discount - sign up & pay in full on or before September 14...only \$135.

May 21, 22, 23, 2021, David Rankin, 3-day workshop - RESCHEDULED - "Lighthouses, Seascapes & Skies I". This workshop filled fast. However, if you are interested, please put your name on the waitlist. If we get eight names on the list, we'll work with David to schedule Lighthouses II.

**Sign Up Now!** Details on the <u>Workshops page</u> at EuclidArt.com. **Contact:** Susan Herrle to register, call 216-481-5105 or email: <u>suetom.herrle@sbcglobal.net</u>, include EAA in subject line.

## EAA'S BIO BOOK

We received NO new BIO's in the month of June....why not? It's our objective to double the number of entries in the 'Bio Book'. Help us reach that goal! The "bio book" is available to guests at our Library Shows and provides an excellent opportunity for visitors to learn more about you. Use a standard sheet, one or two sides, and email your bio (as Word or PDF document) to <a href="mailto:info@euclidart.com">info@euclidart.com</a>. We will add your profile to the binder in a plastic sleeve. IDEAS to include: name, resume, contact information, photos of you or your work, educational background, professional experience, subject matter/medium, memberships, exhibits and/or prizes, artist's statement.

# **MEMBERS ART PAGE ON EUCLIDART.COM**

Newest member, **Nicki Adler** took out a Members Art Page. Her 'new' page and artwork will be posted soon. Share your creativity with your fellow members and artists by taking out a **Members Art** page on EuclidArt.com. To sign up, go to Members Art page on EuclidArt.com. Only \$15 per year for 10 images and you can change your images up to three times per year without additional cost. Mary Alice Valvoda is waiting to hear from you! Contact her at 440-449-5576. Proceeds help pay for hosting our EuclidArt.com website.

### **MEMBER NEWS**

We are so sad to learn that **Walt Neil** passed away on June 20. Our deepest sympathies go out to his wife Denise. She said there will be a memorial for him in the near future. The first time I met Wali he was painting murals on the side of Shore Cultural Center. I introduced myself, told Walt about EAA and said "he'd fit right in." He did! "Walt was a real nice guy", amazing artist and a friend to us all. R.I.P. Walt, you will be missed. . .

In Memory of Walt:









### **NEWS WANTED**

We are always happy to publicize your event in our newsletter. Please tell us what's going on! Call 216-531-6349 or email <a href="mailto:info@EuclidArt.com">info@EuclidArt.com</a>. Include EAA in the "Subject" line of the message header.

# **CLOSING THOUGHT**

"The Second Day of July 1776, will be the most memorable Epocha, in the History of America."

— I am apt to believe that it will be celebrated, by succeeding Generations, as the great anniversary Festival. It ought to be commemorated, as the Day of Deliverance by solemn Acts of Devotion to God Almighty. It ought to be solemnized with Pomp and Parade, with Shews, Games, Sports, Guns, Bells, Bonfires and Illuminations from one End of this Continent to the other from this Time forward forever more." ~ John Adams to Abigail Adams, 3 July 1776