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IT'S APRIL & TIME FOR THE ADVENTURES OF LIRPA LOOF

Our next program will **NOT** feature our perennial April demonstrator, Lirpa Loof. Not to worry, Lirpa is fine. Thanks to her time spent as "Artist in Residence" on the International Space Station, Lirpa is now working with the Space Force and at the moment she is somewhere out there! Of course we've known that she has been 'out there' for quite some time now. In one of our conversations, I mentioned that I was thinking about Cymatics (the process of using sound waves to produce modal vibrational phenomena) to shape wet paint into three-dimensional patterns and forms. Lirpa suggested I get in touch with Hatsune Miku. I was totally gobsmacked that Lirpa knew the Queen of the Vocaloids, but then again Lirpa knows everybody. Miku, the Digital Diva, is using her seven octave vocal range to produce the audio for the project. By singing to paint on a resonant surface and allowing it to dry while still in an excited state, we are excited to be one of the first to see the creation of a totally new form of art....a new art form/style for our next EAA Art Scramble, perhaps?

APRIL PROGRAM

On **Monday, April 5**, at 7:00p.m. EAA will feature a Zoom watercolor demonstration by international acclaimed artist, **David Rankin**. The subject of David's demo will be **"Painting Lighthouses"**, which is also the subject of his Zoom workshops offered by EAA (see details below). Rankin is one of the world's top professional watercolor painters working today. His painting style is based on what he calls natural abstraction, in which he develops realistic subjects using abstract design principles that he finds in Nature. David is a graduate of the Cleveland Institute of Art and lives in University Heights with his wife, Deanna. He is the author/illustrator of *Beaks & More, Fast Sketching*, North Light Books, co-author/illustrator of several yoga books published by Simon & Schuster and Harper & Row, and illustrator of *A Guide to the Cranes of India*, published by Bombay Natural History Society. He is a long-time board member of the world's most elite group of wildlife artists, the Society of Animal Artists, and a signature member of the Artists for Conservation and the Ohio Watercolor Society.

The Zoom Meeting is estimated to be 1 1/2 to 2 hours. We will send you the Zoom link information, a few days before and again on the 5th.

EAA'S SPRING FINE ART SHOW @euclidart.com, May 8 - June 7, 2021

IT'S VIRTUAL! Have you decided what to enter yet? Deadline is this month. The art show will be available for viewing at www.euclidart.com. Entry form and images are due by April 24...so get started! It costs \$20 to enter up to five images. The show is judged and awards given. Show instructions and the entry form were sent to you with the March newsletter and are now available on our website, click here. Awards will be announced at the Euclid Art Association ZOOM Meeting on Monday, June 7.

LAST MONTH'S MEETING

Many thanks to award winning Ohio artist, **Christopher Leeper**, for Zoom hosting and demonstrating a "Watercolor Landscape" at our March meeting. We thank Chris for a very informative and entertaining evening. The 25 EAA members that participated really enjoyed his presentation and were amazed at how much of the painting he completed in just two hours. Like with us all, Covid certainly changed the way he operates. He has not held in-studio workshops since March 12th of last year! Instead, he's busy doing 8 to 10 Zoom classes per week, which he hosts from his home studio in Canfield, OH. Go to the <u>Demonstrations page</u> for more info and pictures.

EAA SKETCHERS NEXT EVENT

Our next Sketchers event is planned for **April 11, 1-3p.m. at the Cleveland Museum of Art**. Drawing/sketching only, no paints, photography with no flash. Meet in the lobby between 1 to 1:15p.m., disperse to sketch whatever, and meet back up later. There are restrictions when visiting the museum. Visit https://www.clevelandart.org/visit-plan to plan your visit. A limited number of free, timed tickets are available. Capacity has been limited for safety, and the museum highly recommends reserving tickets in advance. Tickets will be available in 15-minute intervals. For more information, contact Joan Milligan at artsiegirl826@aol.com or 440-527-1917.

ART SCRAMBLE CHALLENGE

EAA Sketchers met for another **Art Scramble** on Zoom, Sunday, March 14, to share unique creations based on randomly selected styles and subjects. <u>Click here to see all of the art</u>. Everyone wanted to do another Art Scramble for May, which will be held on **Zoom on May 16**. Joan Milligan assigned us all the same style, "**Playing Cards**", and we each received a unique subject. Contact Joan Milligan for your randomly selected subject or if you have any questions.

CITY HALL EXCHANGE

City Hall remains CLOSED to walk in visitors. Our artwork will remain on their walls unless you need to have a picture returned to you. If that is the case, please contact Linda Beck, Secretary to the Mayor, at lbecl@cityofeuclid.com or call 216-289-2786 to make an appointment for pickup.

2021 MARGRET E. HAIN MEMORIAL ART SCHOLARSHIP AWARD

EAA is offering the Art Scholarship to a high school senior who will graduate in 2021 and is a resident of Euclid. This \$500 award will be available to a student who is currently receiving art instruction and plans to pursue further education in the study of art. Senior art students should see their art teacher or guidance counselor, Kathleen Gonakis, for forms and details. The application form is also available on this website. The deadline for application is April 16.

SKB MEGAZOOM

We thank the Susan Kathleen Black Foundation for allowing us to view their MEGAZoom 2020 instructional videos, over the last six months, from a variety of award winning American and International artists. The Foundation has planned their WORKSHOPS for 2021, "Celebrating 20 Years of Artistic Excellence", in Dubois, WY for September 12 - 17, 2021. And, to entice artists to participate either in-person or via Zoom, SKB has been offering FREE two hour ZOOM & SHARE sessions with famous artists. We've already seen Suzie Seerey-Lester and David Rankin...next up is artist, Wanda Mumm. We will share this information with our membership as it becomes available. If you missed Suzie or David's zoom sessions and would like to view them, go to https://skbworkshop.com for the links. Also, consider signing up for SKB's 'At Home Zoom' workshops in September, 2021...only \$350 and you get access to all the videos to view over and over again.

WORKSHOPS

Virtual Zoom Watercolor Workshops with David Rankin planned for May, "**Lighthouses & Seascapes**". Go to the Workshops page for dates, times, and sign-up info. We have four openings left in the Saturday, May 15 & 22 sessions and three for Wednesday, May 19 & 26. Sign up NOW!

How will this Zoom Workshop Function:

- Small groups (10 max).
- Interactive, like David is teaching us 'live'; paint along as he teaches; share it; assigned homework; email to David for critique. Supply list and reference provided in advance. The next best thing to being there live!
- Maximum 3-hours per zoom session. Two 3-hour zoom sessions equals one workshop.
- Sessions held one week apart, allows participants to practice and send David their artwork for critique at the next zoom session.
- Zoom sessions are recorded and offered to participants to view, password provided.

MEMBER NEWS

Dennis McDonnell has his photographs on display at Lake Shore Coffee House now through May 30. Stop in, have a cuppa joe and look at the great pictures.

Check out Cindy Beacham's amazing artwork on her new Members' Art Page.

MEMBERS ART PAGE ON EUCLIDART.COM

Have you paid? THIS IS YOUR LAST CHANCE TO KEEP YOUR PAGE ON DISPLAY ON OUR WEBSITE! Contact Mary Alice Valvoda at mvalvoda364@gmail.com or 440-449-5576 to keep your page up...NOW!

FROM THE WEBMASTER

In 2013 our web site attracted 15,486 unique visits, and 92,899 "hits", or pages and pdf files looked at. Contrast those numbers with last year's activity (2020): 41,459 unique visitors, and 263,332 "hits". Nearly a three-fold increase in site activity! Clearly, association members have come to rely on the association's online news and content on a regular basis for art information. It also speaks to the fact that the Euclid Art Association is a dynamic, active organization that people want to be part of. Congratulations, and keep up the good work. — Kirk Ramsey, Webmaster.

CLOSING THOUGHT

"In April, the first soft, tender, delicate green of spring salutes the eye in every direction." — Joseph Grimaldi