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MESSAGE FROM LEE - HAPPY NEW YEAR EVERYONE!

With winter officially here, we have been very lucky until now as far as sn*wfall . . . sooner or later we will get dumped on like we always do. EAA has decided to hold its meetings for January, February and March via Zoom. With Zoom, we are able to bring our members together even in the worst of weather and in the comfort of their own homes. No need to drive out at night and possibly in a blizzard to come to a meeting, when we can just meet through the Inter-web! This also makes things easier for our demonstrators, some of whom have to travel for many miles to be with us. For Feb and March, we have plans for artist demonstrations. We plan on resuming in-person meetings at East Shore Church in April.

JANUARY MEETING

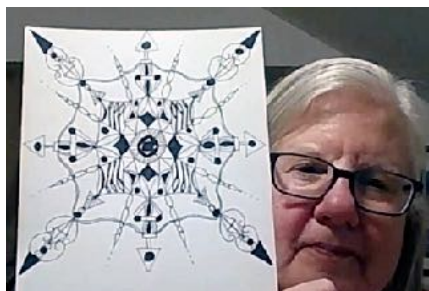
It's **MONDAY, JANUARY 3 on ZOOM at 7:00p.m.** Every year we like to feature a few of our members, asking them to Show & Tell us about their art. However, instead of our regular format, this January's meeting will be a "Show Us". We are asking all those who come to the ZOOM meeting to participate by showing us one or two pieces of your artwork that represents your creative style, medium and interest or maybe even share "something new" that you have been doing creatively over your journey in the past year. And, we can all share our thoughts about it with you! We have very talented people in our organization and by sharing we also learn new things! Please come and enjoy a fun evening of art . . . *Zoom link will be sent a few days before and a reminder on the day of the meeting.*

OUR LAST MEETING

Our Christmas party, scheduled for December 6, was canceled at the last minute due to covid concerns brought to our attention by the caterer. Out of concern for our members, the Board unanimously agreed that the old adage "*it's better to be safe than sorry*" still holds true. Thanks to those who generously donated their \$25 to the Scholarship Fund. We raised a total of \$375. For those who donated, we held a drawing for a Thank You prize at our Zoom Christmas gathering. We randomly selected a winner for \$75 in Heinen's gift cards. Congratulations to our winner, **Denise Neil!**

So, it was on to "**Plan C - C for Christmas**". The Board thought it important to have a December meeting. On Friday, evening, December 17, we held a virtual Christmas party . . . a small gathering of members participated. Lee presented the Night Before Christmas, as a video this time versus his normal interactive version. We also viewed a very nice video of past EAA Christmas gatherings created by Sue Herrle, as well as a few other holiday videos. The 'Salute to Christmas Cookies' video was dedicated to our Webmaster, Kirk Ramsey, who is on the mend from recent surgery. *Kirk, we send our prayers to you for your quick and speedy recovery . . . from all of us at EAA!*

To set the stage for our Snowflake "Show & Tell", we first watched a short video, excerpts taken from [The Snowflake Mystery](#), about Dr. Ken Libbrecht, the world's expert on snowflakes, a designer of custom snowflakes and the snowflake consultant for the movie Frozen. We also shared a few ice crystal/snowflake images from the work of Dr. Masaru Emoto, a Japanese researcher, whose images of water crystals can be found in his book "[Messages from Water](#)", first published in 1999. Picture of our Snowflake creations are scattered throughout the newsletter...enjoy!



EAA SKETCHERS ART SCRAMBLE

Our World Premiere UpsideDown Art Scramble creations were revealed on Sunday, December 12. Joan Milligan had previously assigned participants an animal and a given subject to then be created/painted 'upside-down'. There were some amazing creations and all came with a story! Can you tell what the animals and subjects chosen were? From left to right... wildebeest -utensils; panda - night; sloth - still life; narwal - holiday; reindeer - luggage/bags.



The next **Art Scramble** challenge is scheduled for **Sunday, January 9**, starting at **1:00p.m.** It will be a short meeting, as some of us already have our zoo selected at the Christmas gathering. Joan will randomly select a zoo from somewhere on this planet (only Earth for now), just for you. You get to pick the animal. **No duplicate animals! First come, first choice.** Research pictures from that zoo's website as the inspiration for your art , which can be done in any style or medium. Paintings/sketches will be revealed at our Art Scramble Zoom on February 13. If you want your zoo selection now, contact Joan on (440) 527-1917 or email her at artsiegirl826@aol.com to have your selections drawn.

WORKSHOPS

"Sketching and Painting Animals", a winter Zoom watercolor workshop with **David Rankin**, is scheduled for two consecutive **Saturdays, January 15 and January 22, 2022.** It's the *"Beyond"* in Zoo, Zoom and Beyond. Grab your sketchbook & learn to quickly sketch a variety of zoo animals. Learn the secret to improving animal sketches, how to get more detail in sketches of live animals and to capture their quick movements, plus the fine points such as lighting and colors. Learn techniques for creating quick little Gray Studies, using only Payne's Gray. David has created many posters for the the Cleveland Metroparks Zoo, including the African Elephant Crossing, the Orangutan, Warthog & Koala Bear exhibits. Your artwork may even be featured in our Virtual Zoo, Zoom & Beyond Art Show. **Sign up now, three openings left!** Cost is \$135 for members. Contact Sue Herrle suetom.herrle@sbcglobal.net or 216-481-5105 to sign up.

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 info@EuclidArt.com. Include EAA in the "Subject" line of the message header.

CLOSING THOUGHT



"To appreciate the beauty of a snowflake, it is necessary to stand out in the cold."
 – Aristotle

