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FEBRUARY . . . The start of the Chinese New Year. This year is the Year of the Tiger. The month also features Groundhog Day, Valentine's day, President's day, the birthdays of both George Washington and Abraham Lincoln and Black History Month. February is also the month stuck smack-dab in the middle of winter. We are ZOOMing again so that our members can stay safe and warm in their homes and still enjoy a night of artistic inspiration thanks to another fine artist who will be demonstrating her skills and techniques to us.

FEBRUARY MEETING

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 7 on ZOOM at 7:00p.m. In recognition of Black History Month, our featured artist will be Cleveland's own **Gwendolyn Garth**. A multi-media artist, she will **"let the art create itself"** during her demonstration. Gwendolyn grew up in four Cleveland neighborhoods: Hough, Central, Fairfax and Glenville and currently resides in the Central Neighborhood. She has taken art classes at Cooper School of Art and has taken a multitude of art classes at Cuyahoga Community College, ranging from drawing by hand and computer to Art Therapy. A friend and a trusted critic pointed out that the word "art" was in the middle of her last name. *"That's what informed my spirit that I was born to be an artist."* That was the moment that she gave herself permission to be an artist. Her motto is *"Art is in the middle of my last name and me, and I have no plan B!"*

As she says in her bio, "Art has been a very integral part of my life and has been and still is a hiding place, a resting place, a relaxing place and a healing space for me. I have been dabbling at arts and crafts for all of my life. My favorite medium is the pencil/graphite. I love to watch my hands as I am sketching, but I also love working with and exploring all mediums of art. I write, quilt, work with wood and clay and love painting pictures with words. Art has been such a healer and comforter to me and for me that I create and teach with the therapeutic value of art in all that I do." Here's a link to more information and pics of her artworks: <https://www.kqoa.org> Please come and enjoy an evening of art!

The Zoom link will be sent a few days before and a reminder on the day of the meeting.

OUR LAST MEETING

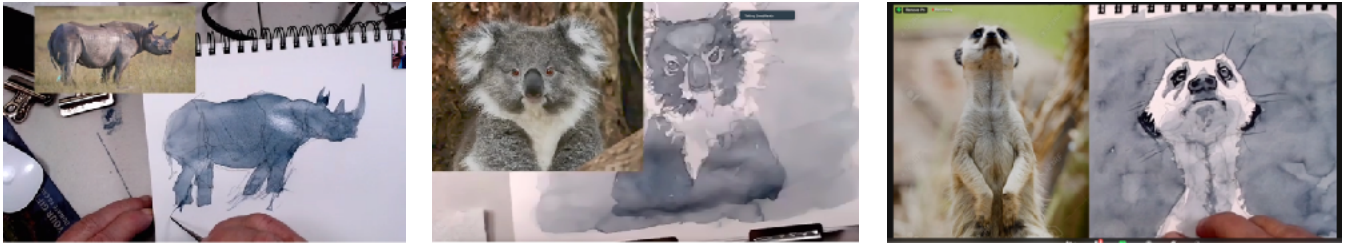
Many thanks to the 20+ members who participated in our January 3rd Zoom "Show Us" meeting. Members were asked to show us one or two pieces of their artwork that represented their creative style, medium and interest or to even share something new. It was nice to see what everyone was doing. A lot of variety was shared from Jeri's 3000 piece quilt cover, Karen's batik watercolors, Vicki's ornament collage to the collection of Eddie's amazing oil paintings. A fun time of sharing was had by all!



THANK YOU DAVID RANKIN . . .

. . . for an amazing, "Sketching & Painting Animals" Zoomshop. What better way to offer a workshop in mid-January in NE Ohio! No traveling, no snow worries and in the comfort of our own homes. Karyn from Idaho and Maria from Georgia joined us, too. There were 10 zoom participants, which allowed David time to give us each his personal attention. We learned a different way of drawing and approaching a subject . . . a different way of approaching watercolor. "It's dynamically effective and will change the way you paint in watercolor. It will make you better," said David. Our

little Paynes Gray studies were really 'light' studies....and that's when the lightbulb went off! We are offering this same Zoomshop again in March with different zoo animals. See Workshops below.



Also, David graciously invited EAA to his free "Dazzle" demonstration on Zoom, January 29. There were 74 people on Zoom from 20 states and three countries.... counted 16 EAA members! Thanks, David!

PLANNING FOR A SPRING FINE ART SHOW, MAY 14 - 21, 2022

THERE WILL BE ONE! Now is the time to think about what to enter! At this point we have two options:

#1. **ACTUAL SHOW AT THE EUCLID LIBRARY.** We are already on the Library's calendar for May. However, this option will depend on the Library's covid policy in effect at the time we need to make the final decision. We will only have a live show, if we can have people actually view the show during normal library hours, if we can have a reception without restrictions and if we can get members to volunteer as sitters for the show. #2. **VIRTUAL SHOW.** If the library is not a viable option, we plan to have another virtual show like we did last year. In either event, let's be prepared. **Take a digital image of your art show entries** before you get your artwork framed.

ZOO, ZOOM AND BEYOND

Calling all **EAA Art Scramblers!** Have you gotten your randomly selected Zoo from around the world and selected your animal yet? There is still time. Contact Joan Milligan on (440) 527-1917 or email her at artsiegirl826@aol.com. Mark your calendars! The reveal of your zoo animal creation is **Sunday, February 13 at 1:00p.m.** on Zoom. Zoom link will be emailed the Friday before.

Coming in the near future will be the **EAA Virtual Zoo** featuring your animal creations from: Sketchers at the Cleveland Zoo on September 26; the upside down art scramble **Zoom** on December 12 and the 'around the world' zoo **Zoom** on February 13, and the 'Beyond' images from David Rankin's Zoomshop on Sketching & Painting Animals held in January.

WORKSHOPS

By popular demand - **"Sketching & Painting Animals II"** another **David Rankin Virtual Zoomshop**, two consecutive Saturdays, March 12 and March 19, 2022. Bring your sketchbook! Learn a different way of drawing animals and of approaching a subject. Learn to see shapes, see the light and create quick little Gray Studies, using only Payne's Gray. Space is limited to 10. Sign up now as it is already half full! Cost is \$135 for members & \$165 for nonmembers. Contact Sue Herrle at suatom.herrle@sbcglobal.net or call 216-481-5105.

MEMBER NEWS

Terese Berzinskis and Bernie Russ are in The Winter Spring 2022 Gallery Artists Group Show at Fairmount Center for the Arts. Their artwork will be on display from January 8th – May 21st, 2022. Check out Fairmount's website: Fairmountcenter.org for details.

LOOKING FOR SOMEONE WITH TECHNICAL SKILLS

Technology keeps us connected and attracts younger members. Assistance is needed with the use of technology in Euclid Art Association's activities. With our increasing use of virtual content, more time and technical expertise is needed for virtual shows, social media, and the occasional website update. Kirk Ramsey has been phenomenal and continues to serve the club as Webmaster. We couldn't function without him, but we don't want to pile *everything* on his plate. So, the EAA Board is asking members with the technology skills to help. Please identify yourself, or a qualified and interested person, to assist with our social media presence and website updates.

CLOSING THOUGHT

*Here delicate snow-stars, out of the cloud,
Come floating downward in airy play,
Like spangles dropped from the glistening crowd
That whiten by night, the milky way.*

– "The Snow-Shower," by William Cullen Bryant (1794–1878)