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Sarah Kidner, SFCA Dodging Traffic oil 18 x 24 \$2,400 Spilsbury Silver Medal

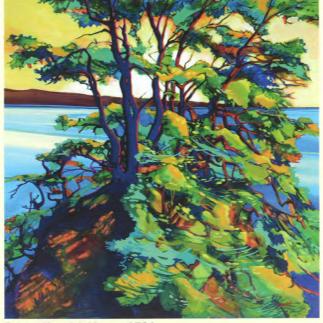
# SpilsburyMedalShow December 8 - 24, 2009



Janice Robertson, SFCA Green Lake, Whistler acrylic 11 x 14 \$925 Spilsbury Bronze Medal



Alessandra Bitelli, SFCA Stone Stories #13 watercolour 25 x 13 \$2,650 Award of Excellence



Dorset Norwich-Young, AFCA Afternoon Shade acrylic 48 x 48 \$7,400







Martine Gourbault, SFCA Jour de Fête wax pastels 36 x 40 \$2,300



## exhibitions

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Law Wai Hin, SFCA Snow 22 x 30 watercolour \$5000 Spilsbury Gold Medal

Law Wai Hin is a full-time professional artist who mainly works in watercolors and acrylics. His style explores and depicts a subtle East-West balance that is apparent in his delicate, yet confident, brushwork and in his beautifully transparent, yet intense color. Since his immigration to Canada in 1990, Law Wai Hin had numerous one-man and group art exhibitions both in Canada and the United States. As well, he has been awarded numerous prizes, including 3 Spilsbury Bronze Medal awards.



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April 16 - 25

Reception and Awards Ceremony Thursday April 15, 7pm - 9pm

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Appies and Dance Friday April 16

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Includes silent auction of various items and live auction of a few member paintings.

To purchase tickets for the Appies and Dance, please call/email Cathie Peters at 250-828-0190 or jb.peters@shaw.ca

Sponsored by the City of Kamloops and the Kamloops Arts Council.

I'd like to take this opportunity to thank everyone who emails me such wonderful stuff. Fran and Ann (not their real names) tried working together in the same studio. The honeymoon lasted a week. Fran thought Ann was cloning her work, and Ann thought Fran was poaching her paint (and her customers). They parted after three months and, believe it or not, the dispute has fallen to the Cookie Monster of litigation.

More recently, Deborah Mends (her real name) of Paris, France wrote, "For financial reasons I'm going to share my beloved retreat, my secret space, my crucible of creation where I have been working without anyone's judgment but my own. My new roommate will be using it during the day and I'll now use it at night. I'm worried that my meager and amateurish production will be there in daily view of a full-time artist living successfully from her work. What are your thoughts?"

Thanks, Deborah. Your system can be a morceau de gateau if there are a few ground rules. You can achieve privacy by establishing times of use and reasonable tidying up. If you're concerned about influence, embarrassment, or merely the care and tending of fragile growth, work can be stored or faced to the wall. I know this might seem totally goofy, but if clientele are to be entertained, there shouldn't be any evidence of another artist.

Sharing a space this way can have real benefits. One night-and-day couple (Federico and Daryl, their real names) leave each other gentle notes of encouragement and praise. Without daily face-to-face contact, the bond is kept, and the well-considered missives are a source of study and profit. Former lovers, they meet occasionally for Italian food.

The production of superior art requires a personal sense of uniqueness and an inclination toward rugged individualism. A persistent ogre in shared spaces is the coffee klatch where people come and go, clutter personal directions and generally waste each other's time. I'm sorry, but creative production soars and careers are built in solitude. The lamentable in-your-face hook-up of Fran and Ann, both reasonably successful painters, has turned them both into Oscar the Grouch and poisoned their art for the near term.

On the other hand, some artists seem to work perfectly well in a community. Some would never work at all if it were not for "Free Thursdays at Thelma's" (her real name). Thelma sets out coffee and cookies in her large home-annex studio in Ottawa. Folks let themselves in as early as seven and don't leave until as late as four. They bring their own lunch. Sometimes they pay for a guest demonstrator. A talkative member was once voted out. "We learn by quietly looking over at each other. We go for hours where all you can hear is the swizzling of brushes," says Thelma.

Robert Genn writes a free, twice-weekly letter that goes out to creative people all over the world. You can find out about it at www.painterskeys.com

# **FCANews**

### Early Bird Renewal Prize

We are pleased to announce that Lance Weisser is the winner of the Early Bird Renewal Prize pastel by Andrew McDermott, SFCA.

### AGM

The Annual General Meeting and election of officers of the Federation of Canadian Artists for the 2010/2011 year will be held at Federation Gallery on Sunday, April 18, 2010 at 1pm. Please see the insert for ballot details.

### **NEW Juried Show Entry Fees**

Just a reminder that all regular juried show entry fees are now \$15.

### Gabriola Workshop 2010

There are just a few spots left in this year's Gabriola Workshop. Don't miss the chance to work with some of North America's most recognized artists on the picturesque island of Gabriola. Visit our website, www.artists.ca or email gabriola@artists.ca for more info.

### Festivities at Federation Gallery

The Spilsbury Medal Show Awards Presentation and the FCA's annual Christmas party took place on December 11, 2009 at Federation Gallery. There was lots of fun to be had, and Drew Gillies, AFCA was kind enough to share a few photos from the evening. The Gold Medal was awarded to Law Wai Hin, SFCA for his painting, Snow. Sarah Kidner, SFCA received the Silver Medal for her painting, Dodging Traffic, and Janice Robertson, SFCA was awarded the Bronze Medal for her painting, Green Lake, Whistler. Alessandra Bitelli, SFCA, Sherry Mitchell, SFCA and Dianna Ponting, SFCA received Awards of Excellence.



Executive Director, Bev Rushworth, joins several of the FCA member collaborators in front of the Kunamokst Mural Mosaic.

### Kunamokst Mural Mosaic

On February 13th, the Kunamokst Mural Mosaic was unveiled, featuring over 200 of Canada's finest artists. A collaboration that started over a year and a half ago, the mural consists of 231 12" x 12" original paintings. Many FCA members are a part of this amazing collaboration that boasts world-renowned artists like Robert Bateman and Roy Henry Vickers. The mural mosaic is located at the West Vancouver Spirit Square, an official 2010 Winter Olympic Games celebration site, 2121 Marine Drive in West Vancouver, BC. Read the feature article in the May-June issue of Art Avenue.



Law Wai Hin, SFCA accepts his Gold Medal from President Tatjana Mirkov-Popovicki, SFCA



Bronze Medal winner, Janice Robertson, SFCA with Andrew McDermott, SFCA and Alfonso Tejada.



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# new members

December 1, 2009 January 31, 2010

### **British Columbia**

### Lower Mainland

Andrea Argyros, West Vancouver Susy Baranszky-Job, White Rock Vicki Dalziel, Vancouver Anna Goloubava, Burnaby Lynne Kaempffer, Port Moody Bruno Maganic, Coquitlam Mena Martini, West Vancouver Susie Morris, West Vancouver Birgitte Nordin, North Vancouver Elahe Nour Bakshs, Vancouver Charlotte Phillips, Surrey Vicky Rizzardo, Vancouver Shelley Rothenburger, New Westminster Myda Schmidt, Port Moody Atalanta Shi, Burnaby Margaret Reece, Vancouver Cassandra Topuzoglu, Vancouver Naomi Topuzoglu, Vancouver

### Vancouver Island

Taryn Brown, Victoria Klaus Joehle, Nanaimo Jeanette Mitchell, Victoria Jan Pelton, Victoria Terri Reid, Victoria Varinder Singh, Victoria Cecile van Woensel, Nanaimo Anita Wood, Sooke

# inthenews

## currentexhibitions

- March 2 -11 Ursula Salemink-Roos, Daphne McLean and Sharon Perkins join Margaret Dennis, Gail MacKenzie and Lanett Barker in a show, Considerations, at the Leighdon Studio Gallery, 190 W. 3rd Avenue in Vancouver, BC. Opening reception: March 3, 6pm - 8pm.
- March 9 14 The Victoria Sketch Club will show the work of its members at the Glen Lyon Norfolk School, 1701 Beach Drive, Oak Bay. Free admission. Opening: March 9, 7pm. For more info, visit www. victoriasketchclub.ca or Vic Lotto 250-592-3585. Fourteen of the 35 artists represented at this show are active members of the Federation of Canadian Artists.
- March 14 27 Renato Muccillo has work in the Floral Group Show at the Avenue Gallery, 2184 Oak Bay Avenue, in Victoria, BC.
- March 15 26 Tessie Dichupa's acrylic painting, Mysterious, is featured in the joint exhibition of the SPAA (Society of Philippine American Artists) and the ASCA (American Society of Contemporary Artists) in celebration of International Women's History Month. The show, Woman / 16" X 16", will be held at the Philippine Center, 556 Fifth Avenue in New York City.

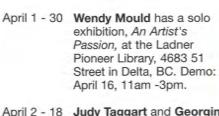


Eileen Fong

March 16 - April 18 Ingrid de Jong Baker has a solo exhibition at the Kay Meek Centre, 1700 Mathers Avenue in West Vancouver, BC. Opening reception: Wednesday, March 17, 7pm - 9pm.



thru March Howard Ku, David McHolm and Adrienne Moore have work at the Vancouver Lookout Armstrong Gallery in the observation deck of the Harbour Centre, 555 West Hastings.



April 2 - 18 Judy Taggart and Georgina Farah have a joint show, Solitary Moments, at the Gallery @ Artisan Square on Bowen Island. Reception: Saturday, April 3, 2pm - 4 pm. Gallery open from Friday to Sunday 12pm - 4pm.



Georgina Farah

April 8 - May 8 Ian Semple's paintings from his series, Building A Nation: Canada's Working Wilderness Heritage, are on exhibit at the Place Des Arts Lenore Peyton Salon, 1120 Brunette Avenue in Coquitlam, BC. Opening reception, Thursday, April

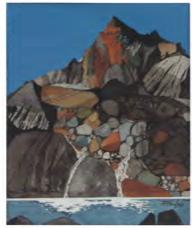
8, 7pm - 9pm.

through April The Artists of Kerrisdale, which include many FCA members, have their 55th Anniversary Show at the Kerrisdale Community Centre, 5851 West Boulevard in Vancouver.

through May 30 Rick F. Foulger's unique, award-winning mountain watercolour paintings are on exhibit at Your Arts Desire Gallery in Kaslo, BC and Gallery 358 in Nelson. BC. As well, his artwork is showcased in the art book. Art of the Kootenays, by Karla Pearce and published by Creative Edge Publications.



lan Semple



Rick F. Foulger

## recentexhibitions

February Enda Bardell had work in a group show, Super Natural BC, at the Silk Purse Arts Centre, 1570 Arayle Avenue in West Vancouver, BC. Opening reception, Tuesday, February 2, 6pm -8pm.

November Jan Crawford had an exhibition. Autumn, at Linda Lando Fine Art.

## inothernews

Renato Muccillo's painting, Autumn Stillness, was awarded First Prize in the 2009 Gamblin "Torrit Grey" Competition. The competition, open to all artists, requires entrants to produce a painting using only Gamblin's Torrit Grey, and black & white artists' oil paint. The Award included \$500 USD credit for Gamblin merchandise.

Jerry Markham's painting, Moraine Lake, was featured in the February/March International Artist Magazine's Landscape Competition. His painting, Winter Orchard, was featured in the 2009 Artist's Magazine Annual Competition in the Landscape category. For more details visit www. jerrymarkham.com.

Sher Nasser was awarded the People's Choice Runner-Up Award for her painting, Innocence, at the Demand Dignity Art Exhibition in November in conjunction with the Amnesty International Art Festival.



Renato Muccillo



Jerry Markham



Sher Nasser

# new members

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### Gulf Islands/Sunshine Coast

Tina Flux, Gibsons Vicki Halford, Sechelt lan Henley, Bowen Island

### Fraser Valley

Suzanne Amendolagine, Pitt Meadows Marilyn Hunt, Langley

### Thompson-Okanagan

Angela Broad, Vernon Dolores Caswell, Kelowna Frank Churchley, Kamloops

### Alberta

Lucie Bause, Canmore Linda Henderson, Grande Prairie

### Ontario

Raymond Ferris, Toronto Pat Florio, Markham

### Art Avenue 2010 Submission Deadline

May/June	March 26
July/August	May 24
September/October	July 26
November/DecemberS	September 24



Rene Thibault, AFCA Above Castle Mountain #4 watercolour 20 x 12 \$1,245

# SpilsburyMedalShow December 8 - 24, 2009



Roberta Combs, SFCA Intimidation pastel 12 x 18 \$1,800



Grant McLean, SFCA A Window into Dublin acrylic 14 x 11 \$1,400



Jutta Kaiser, SFCA Sail Away mixed media 44 x 34 \$3,300



Gerry Thompson, AFCA Green Guardian water media 30 x 22 \$1,490



Sherry Mitchell, SFCA Coral Beach in Paradise...Lost - Mayan Riviera watercolour 17 x 21 \$3,500 Award of Excellence



Lalita Hamill, AFCA Touched by Gold acrylic 24 x 18 \$1,420



Elizabeth Wiltzen, SFCA La Paz, Bolivia oil 24 x 36 \$4,000



Christine Mitchell, AFCA The Cellist acrylic 30 x 24 \$860



Harold Allanson, AFCA Lifting for Port Alberni watercolour 27 x 35 \$5,500



Andrew McDermott, SFCA Raining in Vancouver pastel 16 x 26 \$2,150



Gaye Adams, SFCA November Herd pastel 18 x 24 \$2,500

## Student Show

January 12 - 24, 2010



Roxsane Tiernan Interior acrylic 16 x 16 \$275



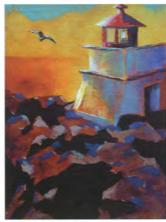
Veronika Pallai Still Life acrylic 36 x 30 \$700



Joan Holmes Night in Vancouver pastel \$100



Wayne Williams Time Out acrylic 20 x 30 \$950



Marney Rose Edge West Coast Lighthouse acrylic 16 x 12 \$300



Enda Bardell A Quiet Place - Prague acrylic 16 x 12 \$375



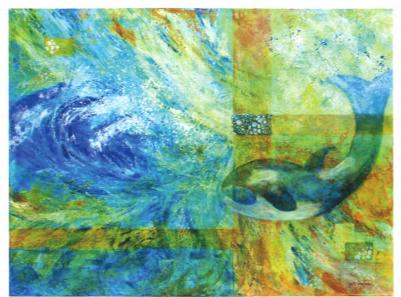
**Juhli Calddwell** Untitled acrylic 16 x 20 \$650



Susie Cipolla West Coast Sky acrylic 18 x 36 \$600



Lorraine Khachatourian To Walk in the Hills oil 20 x 16 \$475



Barb Pearson Boxed In acrylic 30 x 40 \$950



Ann Willsie Terracotta Pot oil 24 x 18 \$575



Tracey Costescu Wicked Winds watercolour 11 x 14 \$460



Zsuzsa Vitalis False Creek acrylic 12 x 16 \$350



Naim Dilli Aspen 1 acrylic 12 x 12 \$275



Bea Gonzalez Madeley Creek in Winter acrylic 30 x 40 \$1,500



Janice Bridgman
Dawn of Another Cold Day
acrylic 12 x 16 \$900



Vicki Halford View from the Harmonies acrylic 11 x 14 \$395



Daniel Messam La Lumiere gouache 30 x 22 SOLD

# So Much to Paint, So Little Time

Peter Kiidumae

Il painters face the challenges of achieving excellence, but those of us that are not full-time, professional artists face the additional challenge of finding time to practice our passion.

I reason that if U.S Presidents, probably the most tightly scheduled people in the world, could find the time to go jogging, surely I could find the time to indulge my creative urges. After all, my day job is merely 9 to 5, five days a week.

When I discovered painting almost five years ago it was all I could do to finish one painting that first year. By my fifth year, I had found the time to complete seven paintings, market most of them successfully, and sell, assemble, and ship canvas prints while still working full-time. While I am not even remotely a Type "A" person, I have learned a thing or two about allocation and use of my time.

There are basically three strategies I have employed in order to fit painting into my life schedule:

- Use available time as efficiently as possible.
- · Reduce or eliminate waste time.
- · Create new time.

Efficiency. When I have time available for painting. I can start painting immediately because I do not have to spend any time hauling my stuff out, clearing a space and setting up my equipment. In my small Vancouver apartment where I live during the work week, I have my easel and supply cabinet permanently set up. I use a wet palette so my mixed acrylic paints are available to use for up to two weeks after I first mixed them. Without a permanent workspace in which your materials and equipment are readily accessible, taking maximum advantage of time available for painting is difficult if not impossible. Accordingly, I consider this the single most important factor for getting the most out of every second.

Waste Time is time spent doing something that accomplishes nothing useful. Commuting to and from work every day is the best example of time utterly wasted. I deliberately live a 4-minute walk from my office. This means I can paint in the morning after breakfast



without concern about being late for work. It means I can catch a half hour or more of painting time during my lunch breaks, and I am able to avoid the rush hour traffic on my way home.

At our weekend home on Vancouver Island, where I have a boat house studio I could happily die in, I can't get any studio time while cutting the grass every weekend so I pay someone to cut that grass. For \$80 each month I eliminate waste time and extend my painting time.

As part of the painting process, many of us like to sit with a coffee and stare at our work. Instead, I force myself to work to a deadline by promising completion or aiming for a show submission date. A little pressure can eliminate a lot of that time in the studio spent doing anything but painting.

Creating Time. Albert Einstein may tell you creating more time defies the laws of physics, and certainly it is not an option open to everyone, but I find the longer I get in the tooth, the more time becomes a valued asset. Three years ago I suggested to my employer that instead of giving me a salary increase I would take additional vacation time. Bingo! I just created two extra weeks that could not have been gained through improved efficiency nor in the elimination of any waste time. This was brand new time devoted entirely to painting pursuits.

I still don't have nearly as much time to paint as I would like, but I think I am doing as well as I can with the time available. Now, can someone tell me how to find time to exercise?

Peter Kiidumae was born in Europe, grew up in the Australian outback, and moved to Ontario in his teens. Now living in Vancouver during the week and on Vancouver Island on weekends where he paints as much as possible in his boat house studio, he is constantly looking out for inspiring subject matter close to home or on his travels elsewhere. www. peterkiidumae.com

## Calendar Chapter events

### Calgary Chapter

March 16:

Chapter meeting, 7pm at the Haysboro Community Centre, 1204 89 Avenue SW, Calgary. All Welcome.

April 20:

Chapter meeting, 7pm at the Haysboro Community Centre, 1204 89 Avenue SW, Calgary. All Welcome.

### South Okanagan Similkameen Chapter

March 18 - May 1:

Spring Renewal at the Summerland Art Gallery in Summerland B.C.

### Thompson Nicola Shuswap Chapter

April 1:

Chapter meeting, group critique, break for lunch then presentation and playing with Golden Open Acrylics with our own Golden Girl, Teyjah McAren at Chase Community Hall, 547 Shuswap Street in Chase, BC.

April 16 - 25:

The 3rd Annual Open Federation Juried Show, Artist's Choice at the historic Kamloops Courthouse Center for the Arts. Open daily, 10am to 5pm. Reception and Awards Ceremony: Thursday, April 15, 7pm - 9pm. Daily member demos starting Sunday, April 18.

April 16 -17:

Passion for Painting Demonstrations and Discussion at St Andrews on The Square. Tickets for FCA members \$15/day or \$25 both days. Friday morning: demo by FCA President, Tatjana Mirkov-Popovicki, SFCA.

Friday afternoon:

Discussion with panel of Senior FCA members, moderated by Janice Robertson, SFCA.

Saturday morning:

Demo by Teressa Bernard, SFCA.

Saturday afternoon: group critique of Chapter members' work by panel of Senior FCA members led by Janice Robertson, SFCA.

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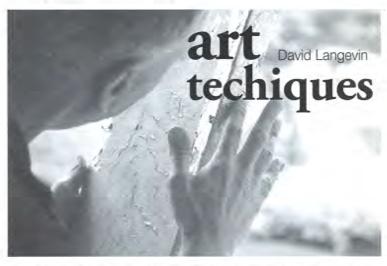
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### Victoria Chapter

April 5 - 14:

Annual Spring Exhibition at the Community Arts Council of Greater Victoria, Sussex Place, 6 - 1001 Douglas Street in Victoria, BC. Open Daily 10am - 5pm, Mon-Sat. Reception & Awards, Monday, April 5th, 2pm - 4pm.





After hundreds of years oil paint remains the most luscious and versatile medium for artists, yet it does require some care to ensure your expressions last. These guidelines will help you create vibrant oil paintings that will endure for generations to come - make a copy and post it on your studio wall, in your paint box, and on your easel!

### Guidelines for Permanent Painting in Oils

- Paint on a good quality ground (gesso) that is thick enough to prevent oil seeping through to the support.
- Paint on a rigid rather than a flexible support whenever possible (see #19).
- Paint fast dryers under slow dryers.
- Paint "lean" (low oil content) pigments under "fat" (high oil content) ones.
- 5. When painting in layers keep the under layers thinner and leaner.
- 6. Paint oils over acrylics if you must but not the other way around.
- Do not paint over a layer that has a dry skin but is soft and wet underneath.
- 8. Oil paint can be thinned with only small very amounts of solvent.
- 9. Do not add extra oil to your paint.
- Use a good painting medium to thin paint and make glazes and veils.
- 11. Use Retouch varnish sparingly.
- 12. Keep the underpainting light and bright (see #17&18).
- 13. Do not apply the paint too thick.
- Heavy texture and collage effects are best done with acrylic paints and mediums.
- Do not use old paint that has begun to dry and is stiff and rubbery, it will not adhere well.
- Paint around things rather than over top unless you want the underpainting to show (see #17&18).
- Remember that oil paint darkens and becomes more yellow/brown with age.
- 18. Remember that oil paint becomes more transparent with age.
- Remember that oil paint becomes more hard and brittle with age.
- 20. Use soap to clean hands and brushes, not solvents.
- Wait between 3-12 months before applying picture varnish, depending on the thickness of the paint.
- Do not hang or store oil paintings where they will be exposed to humidity or large temperature fluctuations.
- 23. Never use water to clean an oil painting.
- 24. Use the best quality paints you can afford.
- Do not mix low grade and professional grade paints in the same painting.

Questions of a painterly nature can be asked via e-mail david@davidlangevin.com For an archive of past technical Q&A's go to davidlangevin.com

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### WEEKLY CLASS

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### **Developing Composition and Design Ideas**

April 13 - June 8 (9 Tuesdays), 9:30am - 4:30pm

Level: Intermediate - Advanced Center for Peace in Vancouver Cost: \$550 (\$495 for members)

Andrew McDermott, SFCA May 4, 11, 18 (3 Tuesdays)

Richard McDiarmid, SFCA April 13, 20, 27 (3 Tuesdays)

Alan Wylie, SFCA May 25, June 1, 8 (3 Tuesdays)



### **MARCH 2010**

### WEEKLY CLASS BASIC ACRYLICS

Janice Robertson, SFCA March 24 – May 5 (7 Wednesdays) 5:30pm – 8:30pm

Level: Beginner

Center for Peace in Vancouver

Cost: \$360

### ONLY A FEW SPOTS LEFT!

### **APRIL 2010**

### 3-DAY WORKSHOP

### Saturday Samplers

with Don Farrell, SFCA, Angela Au Hemphill, SFCA and

Justin Ogilvy

April 10, 17 & 24 (3 Saturdays), 9:30am – 4:30pm

Cost: \$275 (\$247.50 for members)

### 2-DAY WORKSHOP

### Abstract Your World

Nicoletta Baumeister

April 30, May 1 (Friday & Saturday)

9:30am - 4:30pm

Level: all levels

Centre for Peace in Vancouver Cost: \$250 (\$225 for members) AMAZING LINE UP!

### **JUNE 2010**

### 3 DAY WORKSHOP

### En Plein Air Painting: Architecture & Cityscapes

Alfonso Tejada, BArc

June 4, 5 & 6 (Friday, Saturday & Sunday)

9:30am - 2:30pm

Level: all levels

Granville Island, False Creek & Kitsilano

Cost: \$150

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### **MAY 2010**

### WEEKLY CLASS

### Master's Oil Class

Paul Chizik

May 12, 19, 26 & June 2 (4 Wednesdays)

9:30am - 4:30pm

Level: Beginner - Intermediate Centre for Peace in Vancouver

Cost: \$325

### 2 DAY WORKSHOP

### **Beginner Watercolour**

Harold Allanson, AFCA

May 14 & 15 (Friday & Saturday)

9:30am – 4:30pm Level: Beginner

Centre for Peace in Vancouver

Cost: \$250

### 3 DAY WORKSHOP

### Plein Air Journey

Richard McDiarmid, SFCA & Bob McMurray, AFCA

May 21, 22, 23 (Friday – Sunday)

Time: 9:30am - 4:30pm

Level: All levels

Granville Island/greater Vancouver area

Cost: \$150

### 2 DAY WORKSHOP

### A Painting a Day

Liz Wiltzen, SFCA

May 28 & 29 (Friday & Saturday)

Time: 9:30am - 4:30pm

Level: Intermediate/Advanced

Centre for Peace in Vancouver

Cost: \$250

### 2 DAY WORKSHOP

### Mastering Acrylics

David Langevin

May 29 & 30 (Saturday & Sunday)

9:30am - 4:30pm

Level: Intermediate

Evergreen Cultural Centre in Coquitlam

Cost: \$275

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## **EXHIBITIONCALLS**

### Blossoms

April 6 - 18, Entry Deadline: March 11

### Abstract Show

May 4 - 16, Entry Deadline: March 25

### Canvas Unbound

May 18 - 30, Entry Deadline: April 1 - 5

Images: Images to be entered in juried shows may be sent either as jpg files or slides. Digital images may only be sent via e-mail as a ipg attachment to fcagallery@artists.ca, do not send CDs. Please name your jpeg in the following way: Last name, First name, Title, Size, Medium, Price. jpg i.e. Smith, Joe, After the Rain, 12 x 18, acrylic, \$400.jpg. Slides must be 35 mm in a 2" x 2" mount, without adhesive labels. Glass slides are not accepted. Slides should be marked with the artist's name, title of work, image size, medium, and framed price, and have an arrow to indicate the top of the image.

Entry forms and fees: Members may submit up to three images per show for a non-refundable fee of \$15 per entry. Whether you use jpgs or slides, mail your entry form and fees with a stamped, self-addressed envelope (SASE) for the return of your receipt and results. Entries made without the SASE will not be returned. NEW ENTRY FEE: \$15 per entry.

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Blossoms April 6 - 18

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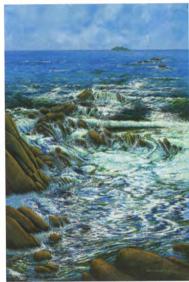
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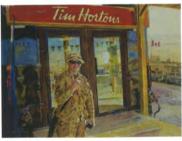
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