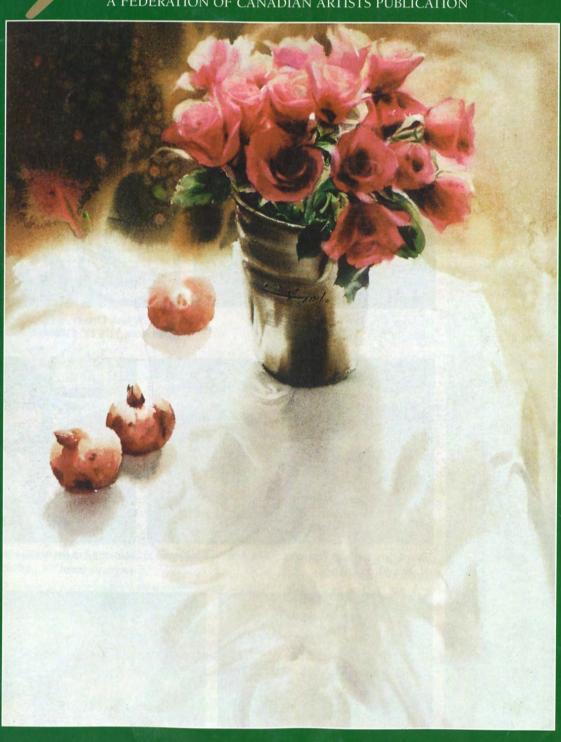
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The Provisos of Happiness Youmee Park Watercolour, SOLD

Featuring: Summer Gallery 2001 & Signatures 2001



COVER IMAGE By Youmee Park

I used my private studio to teach when I was in university (1977 to 1980). I usually had about 30 students, most of them from secondary school. Last year I had a guest to the studio who brought me a beautiful bundle of roses. This guest was a former student who had seen my name in an exhibition brochure and came hoping to find her former teacher. I was very happy to meet my student again and drew a picture called The Provisos of Happiness so I would not forget.

I still have a private studio in Seoul, Korea. Since 1994 I have visited Korea twice a year for two-month trips. The main purpose of my visit this year is to open an exhibit and teach once again. I will have about 40 primary and secondary school students. Time goes by and my students change but not the pleasure of teaching.

I hope my paintings give peace and love to those people who stop and see them.



Summer Gallery 2001



Sherry Time, Darlene Botkin oil, 12"x 12" SOLD



Upwardly Mobile, Jo-Scott-B AFCA The Red Road, Donna Zhang watercolour and acrylic, 12"x 18" \$450



oil, 36"x 36" \$4,930



Qualicum View, D.F. Gray pastel, 18"x 24" \$1,200



Tamarack, Jack Livesey AFCA watercolour, 11"x 15" \$500



His and Hers, Barbara Pratezina oil, 20"x 30" \$1,250



Native Girl, Barry Walker acrylic on board, 14"x 18" \$500



Summer Fun, Larry Tillyer AFCA acrylic, 20"x 24" \$1,450



Five Pears and a Few Grapes, Karen Marcus AFCA acrylic, watercolour and crayon, 6"x 10" SOLD



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LETTERS

Dear Salt Spring Seminar Artists:

Several people reported having received questions on the last day of the Salt Spring event about whether or not they could/should enter paintings done at the workshop in juried art exhibits, particularly those hosted by the Federation of Canadian Artists. For the benefit of those artists, I will attempt to clarify the rules and policies in these circumstances.

The FCA policy is quite clear on the matter and the entry form for our juried exhibits requires that "painting done under instruction cannot be submitted to FCA juries". Most other major juried exhibits have similar restrictions.

The reason for this policy is that if an instructor in a workshop has had input into the finished painting then it is not entirely the work of the artist. In such situations it is often the case that the artist has executed the major part of the painting but it just does not have that 'something' that successfully completes it until the instructor comes along and identifies what it needs. In other cases, the instructor may have had significant input throughout the development of the painting. In either case the work is "tainted" when it comes to entering juried exhibits and such work would be disqualified if the jurors were to become aware of its origin.

A grey area arises when the artist does the painting in the workshop but does not receive advice from the instructor. If that is the case the artist takes a chance when entering such a painting in a juried show. If other artists think they can identify that work as having been done under instruction or in the presence of the instructor, your reputation may suffer. In these circumstances the artist may be technically and morally correct but still be perceived to be offside. It is up to the artist whether or not to enter such work in a juried exhibit but my policy is "when in doubt, don't do it" because a good reputation is not easy to reacquire after it is damaged.

It is also worth noting that these same works are eligible for showing in the Summer Gallery and in Member Rental Shows at the Federation Gallery as well as any FCA Chapter non-qualifying show or commercial gallery.

I hope this answers the questions, Bob McMurray, AFCA, FCA President

To FCA Members - Hanger Beware! I am writing to relate my story so that other artists can benefit from my experience hanging art in a non-gallery venue.

Two of my friends and an acquaintance that was represented by a high-end gallery had all shown work on the walls of a popular coffee shop located within the confines of a chain bookstore. After getting details from my friends, I wrote the manager of the store proposing a body of work for a solo show and enclosing photographs of the work. Upon receipt of the package, the manager phoned me and invited my to hang my images from the beginning of July to the end of August 2000.

My friend, the previous artist, helped as we took her work down and hung mine (21 framed pieces). There was no manager on duty but a staff member noted our arrival, actions, and departure, as did the coffee shop staff.

I had no real contact with the staff after that and all seemed well. I visited the store every two weeks over the course of the summer to align and clean and make sure nothing was amiss. One morning, near the end of August, I was shocked to find gaping spaces where my work had been. 11 of the 21 pieces were missing. I had a business card on the glass of each piece to direct customer inquiries and since I hadn't heard anything I rationalized that perhaps the work had been moved to storage. With no manager on staff, again, I left a message to have the manager call me at home immediately after his arrival. I made note of the missing work and left. Finally I got a hold of a manager in the afternoon. She knew nothing and would check with the manager on the next shift. At six I phoned again. This time another manager agreed that the work had probably been stolen and guessed that it had happened within the last three days.

I phoned the RCMP, filed a theft report, and was told that without videotaped surveillance or the name of a suspect there wasn't much they could do. The next morning I returned to the bookstore, husband in tow, to give my detailed list of missing items to the manager and remove the remaining work. The manager had questioned his staff and indicated that he believed the night cleaners had stolen the artwork. He also informed me that the thief had probably stolen the work for the frames and would throw out the art. I reported the manager's suspicions to the RCMP who said it was too vague to do anything

The next day the bookstore manager that I had spoken with, phoned to inform me that I was to speak only to his boss, the district manager, and was not to contact any other staff member. The district manager neither answered his phone nor returned calls. The RCMP said they had made note of the store's lack of cooperation and suggested I go to the Legal Aid Society of BC.

After a Legal Aid referral and a 20-minute consultation with a contract lawyer, my consultant agreed to take the case pro bono because he felt strongly about it. Focusing on contracts, it became apparent that because I was not given a disclaimer to sign, which would absolve the bookstore of responsibility, and so the bookstore had essentially held the work on a trust basis. Even though a judge could put some responsibility on me for not asking for a contract, my lawyer felt I had a good chance in small claims court.

We filed suit, which cost about \$325, in September 2000 and were scheduled for a settlement conference (with a judge and both parties) in March 2001. In the suit I asked for the value of the missing work but because the bookstore was experiencing difficulty my lawyer advised me to set a bottom line; realistically I could hope for half the value of the work. The worst-case scenario was that I would win and the bookstore would manoeuvre out of paying - something they could easily do since the onus, in a small claims case, is on the winner to collect, not the court. While all this was going on, my lawyer also warned me to be careful about saying anything before we settled as I could be hit with a counter suit or slander.

Three days before the settlement conference, the district manager phoned me at home it was the first time he had contacted me. He asked if we could meet to negotiate. After a call to my lawyer and, with my husband for support, we met and came to an agreement that was two hours in the making. Two days later I attended the settlement conference alone to ask for a six week adjournment. If the bookstore didn't pay within that time period the suit would resume. In April 2001 I finally received payment, eight months after the theft of my still-missing artwork.



What can be learned from my experience get it in writing! Never do as I naively did and assume that if nothing is said everything is okay. Ask about insurance and the concept of 'mall insurance' against damage. Get signatures and keep copies. Don't be afraid, just be aware!

From Brittani Faulkes

Snakehead Lanterns (above) is just one of Brittani's missing images

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TECHNIQUES WITH DAVID LANGEVIN

Michele Becker, Editor of the FCA magazine, asked me to take a stab at answering this question from the FCA website's discussion forum. I thought it would be of interest for some other artists considering alternative watermedia paints.

Does anyone know if Casein paint is considered archival, and how its light-fastness compares with watercolour? Jennifer Annesley

Hi Jennifer, Casein is a milk protein that was commonly used by painters of the past to make paints and its use dates back to ancient Egyptian times. Casein can be diluted with water and has very good adhesive properties, and has often been used as a glue. I know of at least one company that makes it in tubes.

The problem with casien paint is that it is water-resistant when dry but not really water-proof. Also, it becomes quite brittle with age and will crack easily if it is applied too thick or on a flexible support like paper or canvas.

Light-fastness is a property of the pigment, not the type of paint. The same pigments are used to make all the different types of paints. So, a good quality cadmium yellow pigment will have comparable light-fastness in watercolours, casein paints, oils, or acrylics.

Casein paints are very similar to egg tempera paints in the way that they handle and look when dry. Egg tempera has been the preferred choice of most artists over casein for hundreds of years, you might want to consider looking up a little book called *The Practice of Tempera Painting* by Daniel Thompson. Hope that helps to answer you question.

Hi David, Thanks for the information about casein. Question: You had mentioned that a good cadmium yellow, for instance, had the same light-fastness in whichever medium. However, I was surfing around in the Alberta Foundation for the Arts website (www.affta.ab.ca) and found an article on conservation that mentions how watercolours are highly light-sensitive because the pigment particles are spread out in a thin gum binder, exposing more surface area to light. So would caseins be similar? How long can we expect good quality watercolour paintings on cotton paper under conservation glass to last? (I realize this is almost impossible to answer, but I thought I'd throw it out there.)

This issue is starting to bother me. I have painted professionally for 12 years with watercolour and have had great reception, except when it comes to some galleries, who won't consider carrying watercolours because people don't want glass. Someone suggested I switch to acrylic, but

after refining one's skill at a media such as watercolour, a radical change seems alarming.

I was hoping caseins may be an answer - although they have to be varnished for protection. Are there any water-based archival quality varnishes on the market?

My website is www.annesleystudio.com. It might help for you to see the kind of work I do to understand my concerns.

I would appreciate any more information you have. Thank you! Jennifer

Hi Jennifer, I did see one of your paintings at the AIM show in Vancouver I think, was it an interior of a hotel lobby or something like that? I checked out your web site too. Your work is awesome!

Watercolour paintings are generally not as durable as oil or acrylic paintings for obvious reasons but when properly framed under glass with acid free mats, a watercolour is considered to be a "permanent" media from a museum's viewpoint. That is, it is expected to last at least 100 years in its original condition under museum conditions (this is a generally accepted definition of 'permanence'). It is true that because the paint is applied in thin layers the colours are not as lightfast but that is also true of any medium when the paint is applied thinly (low concentration of pigment).

I agree that to switch for those reasons seems 'alarming.' My advice is to ignore all the issues about permanence and what the galleries are saying about people not wanting glass. I have been told by several galleries that watercolours are generally not in vogue with most buyers right now but good artwork is good artwork and it will find its place in people's hearts and collections no matter what the medium.

Most people who have considered casein paints in the last 30 years as a viable medium have gone to acrylics instead. They are more permanent and more versatile. Egg tempera, as I mentioned, is another option that I think you would do very well with. There are no water-based varnishes. Any painting on canvas or board that is not framed behind glass needs to be varnished for protection. That includes tempera paintings like casein and egg tempera. The same type of varnish is used for all of them. The best ones are the relatively new acrylic solution varnishes that can be thinned and removed with mineral spirits. Golden MSA and Liquitex Soluvar are excellent. Good luck lennifer, David.

Questions of any painterly nature can be asked via E-Mail: davidlangevin@hotmail.com Phone: 250-828-8634 or snailmail at 818 Hector Drive Kamloops, B.C. V1S 1B7



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Dear Michele

I wanted to write to let you know what a fantastically fun and exciting time I had at Salt Spring. I've never done anything like it before and I wasn't too sure what to expect. I was even a little nervous at first. I had the desire and willingness to step out of my comfort zone and so, with Bob Rennie's help, I booked a cabin on St. Mary's Lake and shared it with two gifted and wonderful women that I had never met before. My friend Kathi also came along and the four of us ended up as one group - new friends and old friends. The crew of volunteers was delightfully helpful, informative, well organized and friendly so we were able to settle in quickly and comfortably.

All of the instructors were great. Each shared their experiences and knowledge generously. The demos were very informative in that the process was deliberately opened up to the students, from conception to the finished piece. Top this off with an atmosphere that encouraged the open exchange of ideas, discoveries, experiments, and experience. Conversations enthusiastically undertaken by both students and instructors developed into inspiration and stimuli for all participating. It was such a creative atmosphere that you would have expected it to dissipate after returning home to the real world. But what happens is that you soak everything up, engrossing yourself so that you are more comfortable on the path of self-discovery and begin to take more artistic risks. I know that, somehow, after Salt Spring, I will never be the same.

Would I go again? Yes! Most definitely, because of the instructors, the organizers, and because it is a beautiful, peaceful place to paint with a never ending source of



subjects to discover, old friends to greet, and new friends to make. And finally, to all those involved in putting the event on, thanks so much for such a wonderful job! Sincerely, Kim Pollard, Surrey, BC

ARTIST TO ARTIST, A VISIT WITH CASIMIR LINDSEY BY SUE MCIVOR

For years many of us have known of a prominent ichthyologist who also happens to be a superb artist. Casimir Lindsey, Ph.D., FRSC. This extraordinary man has combined a career as an eminent biologist with that of an artist. Lindsey's deep love of nature has guided both his careers allowing them to overlap and create a unique artistic vision. This was most apparent to me when I asked Cas about his choice of subject matter. "I love the juxtaposition of a totally empty landscape and a derelict piece of machinery - WHAM - now that's the best stuff to paint!" Lindsey's paintings often feature a massive piece of abandoned machinery, in some stage of rust and ruin, situated within a serene but triumphant landscape.



Cottongrass & DEW Line Domes, acrylic/c 11"x 18

Casimir Lindsey was born in Toronto in 1923. His mother was a potter who also enjoyed painting in watercolour. Cas, the painter, knew A.Y. Jackson and once met Carmichael who advised Cas that the best thing any artist could do was to "really get to know the technical side of painting." Cas

was influenced by these men in a profound way and even today uses a pochade box similar to the one designed and shown to him by A.Y. Jackson.

In 1943 Lindsey joined the Canadian Armored Corps, then the Canadian Intelligence Corps. While serving, one of L. Corporal Lindsey's paintings was displayed in a Canadian Army Art Exhibit along with the work of Molly Lamb and Jack Shadbolt. This show toured from the National Gallery in Ottawa, to the Art Gallery of Toronto, and then on to New York.

Following WWII Cas went to Cambridge University in England. His thesis,

on the Stickleback, took him into the East Anglian countryside where he also found inspiration to continue his artistic endeavors. Back in Canada, Lindsey taught at the University of Manitoba and at U.B.C. His ichthyology and research expeditions have taken him to a myriad of exotic locations such as



Drums & Peaks, acrylic/c 12"x 24"

the Galapagos Islands, S.E. Asia, Malaysia, Cocos Island, Costa Rica, and the Amazon Basin to name just a few. Lindsey has participated in thirteen northern research trips and is known as a visitor to Bathhurst Inlet and Treeline Lodges, north of Yellowknife. It is here you may come across our eminent biologist captivating a group of children by playing his harmonica by the firelight. Lindsey has developed a deep love of the North, a place he describes not as an empty, pristine wilderness but as a land inhabited, sometimes shockingly, by man's detritus.

When Lindsey retired from teaching in 1988 he made a conscious decision to devote more time to his art. In order to do so he sold the Frank Carmichael



Nechako Bumboat Acrylic/c 9.5" x 12"

watercolour that he had received as a wedding gift from his bride's parents. The sale paid for the design and construction of a studio in the artist's Dunbar home. It is wonderfully lit with a skylight and large windows, and looks out onto a garden. In the studio I found art books and supplies, finished and unfinished paintings, and, not surprisingly, books on northern wildflowers and fishes, along with a kettle, teacups and an ample supply of Lapsang Souchong.



Cas Lindsey in his studio, July 2001

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Accepted entries due Fri. Oct 19, 4pm

Scheduled Jurors: Rick McDiarmid SFCA, Wai-Hin Law SFCA, Bob McMurray AFCA Details: Associate and Senior members only. All media

BLACK AND WHITE JURIED SHOW (Nov. 13 - 25)

Slide entries due, Thurs. Oct 11

Accepted paintings due: Fri. Nov 9, 4pm

Scheduled Jurors; Robert Genn SFCA, Don Farrell SFCA, Teressa Bernard AFCA Details; All Active & Signature members. All media. Black and white ONLY

CHRISTMAS SMALL PICTURE & MINIATURE JURIED SHOW (Dec 11 to 23

Slide entries and/or original miniatures (matted, framed, ready to hang)

due: Thurs. Nov 22

Accepted small paintings due: Fri. Dec 7, 4pm

Scheduled Jurors: Britton Francis SFCA, George McLachlan SFCA and

Josanne van Hees AFCA.

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WHAT'S NEW by Peter Ohler

I have written poetry of sorts all my adult life, I have no illusions as to my standing in the literary world, so I have always referred to my efforts as "chicken verse." "Poultry."

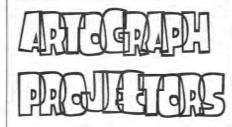
My vocabulary is extensive. I majored in English at the University of Washington in Seattle. I own a thesaurus. I studied the techniques and tools of the poetry trade. Simile. Metaphor. Onomatopoeia. Couplets. Haiku. Shakespearian sonnets. Elegy etc. I think about life, death, beauty, infinity and all the wonders and questions of the world. I have pondered human frailties and all the uncertainties of "why are we here" and "where are we going." And I've practiced. And practiced. In fact, I am sure I know all the words and all the fundamentals about composing poetry that say Robert Frost ever knew. Or Dylan Thomas. Why then, can't I write with the impact and greatness that they did? The harder I tried the worse it seemed to get.

Artists are faced with this dilemma as well. Oil paints. Brushes, turps, canvas, board or watercolour papers are all easy to come by. Pencils and sketchbooks. Pastel, acrylic or conté, all readily available. How-to-paint books are in abundance. How to draw. How to do this, that, and everything. We all get art lessons in one form or another beginning in kindergarten. There are art schools and night classes and even a guy on TV who, in 15 minutes, instructs viewers on how "you too can create masterpieces in minutes."

So what's to paint? Landscapes. Trees. Mountains. Rivers. Oceans. Ducks. Sheep. Horses. Fruit. Men. Women. And so on. The cave people started this. Painting on rock walls the life they encountered as they tried to eke out an existence. Our recorded artistic heritage begins in these caves and extends through time to us.

So, we encounter a dilemma much like my aspiring poet problem: how can artists go forward and aspire to great heights when the ground is covered in the footsteps of giants who have preceded us? It's a long way from Vermeer to Warhol. Where do we all fit in? This is one of a great many imponderables and questions I have asked of myself. And, as I have written in a previous piece, I always come back to the mantra, "be yourself, that's good enough." However, on the outer edge of that statement, I am still asking, "How can I write great poetry?" After forty years of trying, I have not found a sure answer, but I do have a suggestion...

Like the man lost in New York who stopped an obvious local to ask, "how do I get to Carnegie Hall?" The New Yorker smiled while replying, "Practice man, practice."





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BEHIND THE EASEL With Robert Genn, SFCA

Painters at Painters at Painter's

First of all, let's get this straight: Painters at Painter's is the best thing of its kind we've yet seen. Bob Wright and his staff are to be congratulated for the concept and its execution. The generosity, openness, freedom of itinerary, and communication

opportunities are second to none. The setting, Painter's Lodge, is as close to ideal as you can get. As many FCA members will remember, I'm for maximum intercourse between everybody concerned. In this place you really bump into people. Doing some Monday morning quarterbacking, I had generally similar reactions from many of my fellow wizards.

Most important is the respect for both the 'show artists' and the guests. The easy-going venue promotes this as does the general non-commercial nature of the event. There was a bit of criticism of the art display area-it seemed difficult to find out how to buy stuff – I think it's fine the way it is; toning down the compulsions of the cash-register heads among us. If people must buy things they can go to the trouble of tracking down the painter, or go and visit their deserving dealers. Imagine if the event became more commercial – the educational and goodwill thrust would soon disappear and the place would become a lineup of kiosks and people flogging prints out of the back of vans.

Some criticism was leveled at the size of the rooms and the general overcrowding. This is difficult to anticipate because it's impossible to determine how many are going to show up for a demo, a slide show, or a panel discussion. I think a closed circuit TV system centered on the Granny Painter Room – with monitors around the whole lodge would lessen the jam and create microcosms of enlightenment

The real value to most are the small centres of creativity set up here and there where people can be close to artists as they work. Artists of all stripes tell me they pick up more from these informal and relaxed demos in which the artist does not have to feel he or she is front and centre. Just doing what comes naturally. It's the best kind. Less performance, more quality.

Perhaps the weakest part of the event is the panel discussions. These frequently degenerate to re-inventing the wheel, cult of personality, and questions of the "Do you sleep in the nude?" variety bringing out only a low level of response that may appeal to neophytes and sycophants, but does little to advance the understanding of art. Borderline fringe concerns reappear every year and, while democratic, the idiots are inclined to take charge of the asylum. I think the panels would be more edifying if the moderator was changed every year. This might be at times an artist-either an outsider or from among us. Having said this, it is perhaps a good idea that these popular panels are governed by the curiosity of the audience.

The invitational and elective system of choosing new artists is as good as you're going to get. Election by peers will in the end be democratic. Several mature artists suggested to me that they might step down so that younger stars may come more readily into the firmament. This effectively takes place when some stay on the roster but simply don't show up from time to time. A list should be sent to paying guests letting them know who will be attending each year. That way they can cancel if their favorite artist is on sabbatical. A major concern in all of these sorts of things is the graying of everybody concerned.

For sure there will always be a hundred spectators for every tennis player. I believe in progress away from general entertainment. The better customers come to Painter's to try to learn and grow. We artists owe it to them. Young people particularly, need this connection. We who are on the inside might consider building a fund to subsidize a few art-students each year. With a little fine-tuning it can only get better.

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FCA NANAIMO CHAPTER CELEBRATION!

Members in our Nanaimo Chapter have celebrated the FCA's 60th Anniversary with an impressive summer show. Mayor Gary Korpan helped present awards at the Nanaimo Art Gallery (Malaspina College) opening. The exhibit, was professionally hung, included some sculpture, and was so well received that the chapter was invited to hang a six-week show in the downtown gallery for January 2002. Well done Nanaimo Members!





Denise McNeill, the Mayor and FCA Members at Nanaimo's Summer Show Opening

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Kora, oil/canvas, 12" x 24"

Art Spotlight By Darlene Botkin

Present parents with a drawing or painting of their child and their pleasure can be overwhelming. I know this because of the fact that I have a number of great nieces. My response to this realization was to sketch them for practice when I was learning to draw. A tiny baby is a wonderful model when asleep! As they grow into active toddlers the parents take scads of photos. If I comment that a particular photo has a perfect combination of gesture and light or that it would make a good painting or drawing they would press the photo into my hand saying, "please paint it."

After a few of these images, I found it best to conduct my own photo shoots from which I would paint the child in oil. It was great preparation for doing commission portraits.

The best situation is to know the child well and be able to orchestrate both the setting and lighting. I try to sketch the child as well as take photos. When the painting is underway, I again spend time with my subject. Always, when I give the portrait to the parents, I allow that perhaps I haven't captured the child's spirit, as they know it, and suggest that if this is so, the portrait should find its home at the bottom of the linen closet. So far they have all seemed pleased (or at least they have all been very polite and I always phone before I come over!). The best part of it for me is that once I have drawn or painted a child, the spirit of that child seems to stay with me. I feel connected even if the family lives far away.



Anthony & Storm, oil/canvas, 12" x 18"

Darlene Botkin, a member the FCA Executive Board of Directors, was recently recognized for her talents with Associate Status in the Canadian Institute of Portrait Artists.

WATERCOLOUR AND COLLAGE by Alice Ruskin AFCA, for Painters-In-Action

Collage can be used with watercolour in a number of ways including:

As an undertexture: For example rice papers of different weights and textures can be collaged to watercolour paper and then watercolour or acrylic paint can be added over the textures, to inspire organic forms such as trees, grass, rocks, etc. This is demonstrated in detail in The Art of Collage by Gerald Brommer.

In a pure collage: When watercolours mixed with acrylic medium are used to dye acid-free papers, such as rice, tissue and textured decorative papers, allowed to dry, and then used to create a painting from the torn and cut papers.

To develop a painting from an intuitive start: An example of this would be using various texturing methods with paint first (such as techniques illustrated by Maxine Masterfield in Painting the Spirit of Nature) and then using collage papers and paint to develop a composition from the chaos. The collage papers can be used to develop a subject and/or negative spaces and to create passages between

To accent a planned watercolour paper: This would entail developing a painting in which the use of collage is planned from the start to emphasize the focal point, create texture and add to the impression of depth.

To fix an unsuccessful watercolour painting: Often, covering problem areas with collage papers (and perhaps covering an area first with gesso) allows a painting to be improved by providing texture, lost edges, mid-tones and emphasis on focal



Orange Pyramid, mixed media, 14"x 21"

At a recent demonstration I explained these various approaches to the use of collage with watercolour. I used a number of completed paintings to illustrate the various looks that can be achieved with these methods, discussing how to prepare collage papers by dying acid free tissue paper with acrylic inks or watercolour along with the variety of results that can be achieved by using both opaque and transparent paper; mixing colours; creasing and crushing the papers; and varying the amount of water and paint sprayed or brushed on the tissue paper. I then demonstrated an attempt to "fix" an unsuccessful watercolour by gluing (using acrylic medium) dyed papers over problem areas of the painting.

Alice Ruskin, the June demo artist for Painters-in-Action, is also a Member of the FCA Board of Directors. Her demonstration was informative and insightful. Thank you



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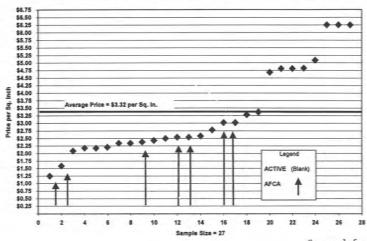
Is the Price Right?

As a relative new-comer to painting (and exhibiting) I have struggled with what to charge for my work. When the last issue of Art Avenues arrived I was delighted to see the prices listed for each of the unsold works. Now, I thought, I would find the 'secret' to pricing artwork. So I set about to analyse the structure behind the pricing. I also started with some assumptions: 1) a Signature member charges more than a non-Signature artist; 2) oil paintings were what commercial galleries expected and therefore would be more expensive than any other medium; and 3) everyone else has a pricing system but me

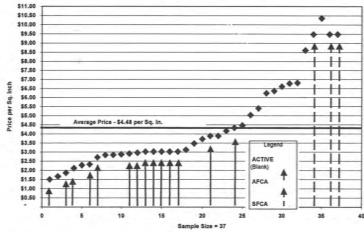
This analysis is quantitative, which means that I didn't consider the 'goodness', 'skill', 'talent', 'creativity' or 'complexity' of the artworks (or the artists for that matter). These are really valid and important considerations when judging art, however, they can't easily be analysed objectively. I should also point out that this analysis isn't statistically valid for a number of reasons (which I won't bore you with) so it is a snapshot on pricing rather than a definitive study.

For the benchmark, I used the retail price divided by the square inches to arrive at a 'Price per Square Inch' (I thank Alan Wylie for this concept). I took samples from three recent shows with primarily AFCA and Active members exhibiting. The sample consisted of 93 works from 34 artists (1 SFCA, 9 AFCA's, 24 ACTIVE members). I used the pricing from the lone SFCA as a comparison in the watermedia analysis. The analysis focused on three popular mediums - watermedia (includes any water based medium), acrylic and oil. I had insufficient numbers for other mediums to provide any conclusions, meaningful or otherwise!

Price Continum (Acrylic Medium) - AFCA & ACTIVE Members



Price Continum (Watermedia) - SFCA, AFCA, ACTIVE Members



So much for my assumptions!

Medium	AFCA Average Price (per Sq. in.	Active Average Price (per Sq. in.
ACRYLIC	\$2.33	\$3.66
OIL	\$2.18	\$3.46
WATERMEDIA	\$3.07	\$4.81

Assumption 1: a Signature member charges more than a
non-Signature artist. The table above shows the calculated
average price per square inch for AFCA and Active members by mediums.

Medium	Average Price (per Sq. in.	
ACRYLIC	\$3.32	
OIL	\$3.18	
WATERMEDIA	\$4.48	

Assumption 2: Oil paintings would be more expensive than any other medium.

	SFCA	AFCA	Active
Members which appear to use a Sq. In. Pricing System	1	3	3
Members which appear to use OTHER than a Sq. In. Pricing System		4	8
Insufficient Data (Only one painting in sample)		2	13

Assumption 3: Everyone else has a pricing system but me

So I'm not alone in this, I guess. I think I will try the Square Inch method and see. Now, I only have to get my submission accepted into the juried shows to try out the pricing system.

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Light and Shadow HI Youmee Park watercolour, 36"x 29" \$5000



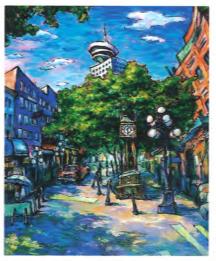
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Waiting for Spring, T.K. Daniel Chuang acrylic, 8"x 10" \$350



Self-Glorification, Renli Chen watercolour on Rice paper, 15"x 20" \$2000



Gastown in June, Johnson Wu oil on canvas, 24"x 20" SOLD



Letter Away, Nancy Thackray Clayton AFCA watercolour and gouache, 13"x 20" \$600



Once Upon a Lake, Lissi Legge AFCA oil, 18"x 24" \$750



Tulip Kelp Beds, Sherry Mitchell watercolour, 20.5"x 15" \$1,595



Begonia Patterns, Susan Flaig mixed media, 12"x 12" SOLD



The Cavell Glacier, René Thibault acrylic, 20"x 36" \$1,675



River Fever, Lynn Erin watercolour, 10"x 20" \$550



The Silas Crosby, Marilyn Timms SFCA watercolour 24"x 18" \$1,200



Persimmons, Joyce Kamikura SFCA oil on canvas, 30"x 40" \$2,250



Flaming Poppies, **Joyce Kamikura** SFCA oil on canvas, 30°x 40° SOLD



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Sand, Stone & Sky, Marilyn Timms SFCA watercolour 24"x 30" \$1,950



Post Office at Port Neville, Marilyn Timms SFCA watercolour 15"x 22" \$850



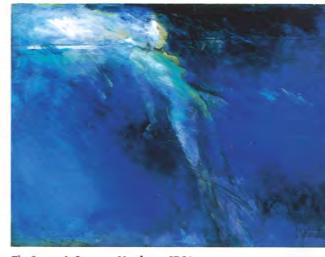
Rock Slabs, Marilyn Timms SFCA watercolour 24"x 18" SOLD



Marine Building, Joyce Kamikura SFCA oil on canvas, 20"x 16" \$1,120



Magic Echo, **Joyce Kamikura** SFCA mixed media, 30"x 22" \$2,100



The Stream 1, Suzanne Northcott SFCA mixed media, 22"x 30" SOLD



After Glow, Pat Peacock SFCA acrylic, 17.5"x 18.5" \$495

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Once Upon a Time, Pat Peacock SFCA mixed media collage, 22"x 30" \$1,200







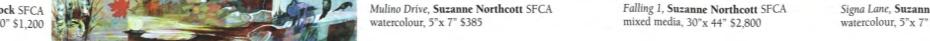
Falling 1, Suzanne Northcott SFCA



Signa Lane, Suzanne Northcott SFCA watercolour, 5"x 7" \$385



Spirit Quest, Pat Peacock SFCA mixed media, 22"x 30" \$1,200





Petals and Old Lace, Ruth Sawatzky SFCA watercolour, 22"x 15" SOLD

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Three Dimension (triptych), Ruth Sawatzky SFCA watercolour, 13"x 5.5" SOLD



Taste of Time, Ruth Sawatzky SFCA watercolour, 9"x 8" SOLD



Vessels Series "Amber", Ruth Sawatzky SFCA watercolour, 22"x 15" SOLD



Montreal Scene 5, Wai-Hin Law SFCA watercolour, 11"x 11" \$480



Yellow Flower, Wai-Hin Law SFCA watercolour, 22"x 30" \$2,000



Montreal Scene 3, Wai-Hin Law SFCA watercolour, 11.25"x 15" SOLD



Montreal 2, Wai-Hin Law SFCA watercolour, 14.75"x 22" \$1,000





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GALLERY MANAGER'S REPORT By Nancy Clayton

There'll be a change in the weather And a change in the scene From now on we'll change some fees Our walk will be different Our talk and our aim From now on a few things will never be the same.

There will, indeed, be a few changes in the FCA scene - some of them I know you will like, others I know we can win you over to...So get your highlighter pen, your reading glasses and a cup of tea and dig into this ...

GROUP SHOW CHANGES for 2002

- There is now an entry fee.

- The rent is no longer refundable (\$400.00 plus GST for two weeks).
- The entry deadline for next year (2002) has been changed (extended) to 4 pm Wednesday, October 31, 2001.
- Eight slides must be submitted. These do not necessarily need to show what you would exhibit if accepted.

- There are now 4 types of submission:

- 1. Individual members, as usual, with a \$10.00 entry fee.
- 2. Member groups (each artist will be juried individually) with a \$25.00
- 3. SFCA Expressions of Interest (Senior Member Group Shows).
- 4. Open Proposal from groups or curators, members or non-members with a \$25.00 entry fee.

Members applying in a group will be juried individually with only the accepted members of a group being able to participate. A group will not be declined because of one weak member and a weak painter will not get in on the coat tails of a great group.

The number of artists in a group can be no less than two and no more than ten. In other words, those accepted members who applied individually will be grouped at the discretion of the Standards Committee and Gallery staff, as usual. There will be no solo or one-person shows, as usual.

The new entry forms for the four categories of entry including proposal criteria will be available September 1, 2001 for those applying for Group Shows on the 2002 calendar.

CHRISTMAS JURIED SHOW CHANGES for 2001

There will be a Small Picture Category, after all, in the Christmas Show this

The Small Picture image size is 11 x 15 inches (about the size of 1/4 sheet of watercolour paper), as in the past.

Small Picture entries must be by slide.

The Miniature Painting image size is 4 x 4 inches (or 10 x 10 centimetres). Miniature Painting entries may be by original painting, submitted by the same due date as slides, matted and framed and ready to hang.

Three is the maximum number of entries per artist.

SUMMER GALLERY CHANGES for 2002

There will be an entry fee of \$25 (except for SFCA's), which will be applied to the rent for accepted artists.

Summer Gallery will consist of two four-week parts. The change is that the twenty artists in the second part will be different from the twenty in the first part. In other words, a total of forty artists will be represented in Summer

Three of the twenty slots in each part of Summer gallery will be set aside for Senior members (SFCA) who express an interest, on a first-come-basis, by the same deadline. If any or all of these three slots are not filled by Senior Members they will be assigned to accepted Active or Associate Members at the discretion of the Standards Committee and Gallery Staff.

Eight slides must be submitted. These slides do not necessarily need to show what you would exhibit if accepted by the Standards Committee.

Each accepted artist (Active, Associate or Senior) will pay \$150 plus GST, for rent (less the \$25. entry fee). This rent is not refundable.



ARROWSMITH CHAPTER

by Helene MacIntosh

The past few months have been busy for our group beginning with the show Small in Nature at the Oceanside Community Arts Council in Parksville. The event, coordinated by and successful due to the efforts of Lynn Orriss, had a huge impact on our community with entries from all over the world. A huge round of applause for Lynn's dedication and hard work.

Our summer meetings, beginning in June, consisted of some serious en plein air work. One of our favourite spots is Englishman River Falls where we can welcome new members like Marlene Cook and Jean Grant Horner, our most recent additions.

CALGARY CHAPTER

by Marian Bax-Slavter

At our June windup and social meeting, we were educated and enlightened in a thoroughly entertaining way about the jury process. We would like to thank five of our Calgary Chapter Signature members – Lorna Dockstader, Rose Zivot, Alice Saltiel-Marchall, Jean Pederson and Marilyn Kinsella for bravely facing us and conducting a mock jury. Seventeen paintings were courageously donated to help shed some light on the mysterious jury process.

Our President, Marg Stevens, is doing a great job of keeping us current with regards to the national activities and plans are being discussed for our own 60th Anniversary Celebration. Jim Graham is doing amazing things with our website which can be viewed at www.fcacalgary.ca. Also, please note the 'dot' in Jim's email address as it was left out last issue: jim.graham@home.com

Congratulations to Jean Stangeland who was a winner in the Environmental T-shirt Contest put on by the Friends of Fish Creek Park and sponsored by Patagonia. Also, congratulations to Jean Fosbrooke, Lissi Legge AFCA, and Pam Weber for contributing artwork to a charity auction that helped to raise \$25,000 for Rotary Challenger Park Society.

Our next show is scheduled for December 7 and 8 at the Strathcona Christie Community Centre. Regular meetings resume in September. Hope everyone had a great and inspiring summer!

CAMPBELL RIVER CHAPTER

by Sandra Ohlinger

Our 19th Annual Members Exhibition opened this summer. Sponsored by the Campbell River and District Art Gallery and the Community Arts Council, and with the gallery right beside the Tourist Information Office, the event attracts a great deal of attention.

Our summer show, held for the month of July at Sybil Andrews Cottage, was a great success. Wilma Richardson sold six paintings in one week and even had buyers contact her on Quadra Island! I found myself using a little more green in my palate. (Just kidding Wilma!).

Hope everyone takes some time to enjoy the Fall colours.

FRASER VALLEY CHAPTER

by Annette Waterbeek

With a busy summer just about behind us, it is now September and election time. So, on September the 8th at 10 am, at the Kariton house, our members should bring their visions and enthusiasm, along with their nominations, to vote in the new executive which will carry us through the next two years.

We will also be making final arrangements for the Fall Show (Sept 19 to 29 at Aldergrove Mall). Members can submit up to four entries, to be dropped off at the Aldergrove Mall on Sept 17 between 2 and 4 pm (#27-3100 272nd).

There are hints of fall in the air - time to charge up those oranges and get some more outdoor works done. Here's to good work, good fun, and good people.

NANAIMO CHAPTER

by Gerda Hofman

Our Summer Exhibition at the Nanaimo Art Gallery was very well attended and a lot of fun. The show looked great and we thank our jurors Donna Baspaly SFCA, Bruce Cryer SFCA, and Disa Hale AFCA. For Awards of Excellence the jury selected Harold Allanson, Marg Bonneau, and Therese Johnston, along with four Honourable Mentions which went to Harold Allanson, Marg Bonneau, Denise McNeill, and Mike Szucs. Congratulations to all.

The city of Nanaimo has purchased the CBIC building and will be using it as an art center. This is a very exciting time for artists in Nanaimo as the downtown area is being planned as an arts and culture center and wonderful things are in the works.

SOUTH OKANAGAN-SIMILKAMEEN

by Linda Anderson

We have had a very successful juried show in Summerland this year and are now gearing up for a non-juried show to be held in conjunction with the Jazz Festival. Held the 2nd weekend in September, at the Convention Center in Pentiction, with a history of success, the show gives us the opportunity to explore our creative energies.

Our General Meeting in October will feature a Chinese Brush Stroke demo by the Esterbrooks with a hands-on workshop after lunch. Also, don't forget about the inhouse course in Oils by Sandy Albo on November 3 & 4.

A tip from the Similkameen - try writing a short poem about the subject you have decided to paint. It just might inject a new and personal feeling into your artwork. Explore your own personal vision.

VICTORIA CHAPTER

by Alan Mark Cross

Our fourteenth annual Moss Street Paint-In was a success this July. The event is a perennial favourite among Victorians and visitors who come out in droves to show their appreciation for local artists. This year the crowd was estimated at over 25,000-keep in mind that it is only a three-hour event! For the first time the police closed off the road to all but pedestrian traffic. The FCA was well represented by artists who either had exhibits for sale or who were demonstrating, and sometimes both. The paint-in is followed by a street party at the Victoria Art Gallery, complete with beer garden and live music.

The bi-annual Nature of Island Artists Show will be held September 15 to October 8 at the Goldstream Provincial Park Visitors Centre with a concurrent showing at the Fresh Water Eco Centre in Duncan. The intent of these exhibits is to show case a variety of artists who gain their inspiration from the natural environment and who work in a variety of mediums.

WEST KOOTENAY CHAPTER

by Faith Welsh

It is exciting to report that Joyce Kamikura, SFCA has consented to jury our inaugural show, scheduled to open at the Langham Gallery in Kaslo on October 20, 2001 (closing reception November 17). Kamikura will attend our first general meeting on Sept 22nd. Each member is invited to bring three pieces, at least one of which must be new work (completed since achieving Active Status) for an open critique session during which Kamikura will choose the most successful work from each person to represent them in the show. This is a great opportunity for feedback from a Senior Signature Member and to view each other's work.

We have also arranged for a group photo shoot with Larry Dole the following week. It will be possible to bring other work to be photographed to the meeting, Sept. 22. WKC/FCA will be responsible for setting this up for out of town people. We will all save substantially on the cost of having slides professionally done.

Chapters not reporting this issue:

NORTH OKANAGAN CHAPTER - COMOX VALLEY CHAPTER



MEMBERS IN THE NEWS



From Oct. 16 to Nov. 4 Sharon Perkins will be participating in a two-artist Painting and Sculpture Show at the Ferry Building Gallery (1414 Argyle, West Vancouver, at Ambleside Landing). Gallery hours are from 11 am to 5 pm daily, except Mondays, admission is free.

Marija Petricevic, AFCA has merited Signature Status (CIPA) in the Canadian Institute of Portrait Artists, in recognition of her achievement in the fine art of portraiture. Her work will hang in the CIPA's First National Show at Cityscape Community Art Space Gallery, North Vancouver from September 13 to October 21. Marija will also have images in the Master Seed Exhibition that begins September 15 in Calgary, Alberta.

Mike Radford is having a solo show of his work at Phoenix Coastal Art (3891 Moncton St. Richmond, BC 604-448-1867). The show opens with an artist's reception, 6 to 9 pm, September 14 and will feature



watercolours that explore the light and shadow of coastal images. Mike's ability to develop rich darks and dramatic compositions breathes unique character into his paintings, as you can see from this image.

Rivers Edge, w/c, 13 x 20"

Maggie White, AFCA is having a solo show called Places I Remember (inspired by the Beatles song, My Life) at the Port Moody Art Centre. The



exhibit will open November 1 and hang for three weeks. While you are there check out the 3D gallery where Sarah White, Maggie's daughter is also having a solo show, entitled Elementals.

Green & Pleasant Land, w/c, 13 x 20"

Chan, Chung-Shu, AFCA will be showing new work in oil and watercolour at the Evergreen Cultural Centre Art Gallery (1205 Pinetree



Way, Coquitlam, BC 604-927-6555) from September 6 to October 13. The show, entitled *Two Ways To See*, explores themes such as the cycles in nature, urban existence, and the discovery of new cultures, as sampled here.

On The Street No. 7, o/c, 36 x 48"

Alan Wylie, SFCA, was recently awarded a Dolphin Fellowship in the American Watercolor Society. He is the first Canadian artist to achieve this distinction. The Fellowship coincides with Alan winning the High Winds Medal, for the second time, and was followed by a Gold Medal Award from the California Watercolor Association in San Francisco. Both Wylie and his wife, Janice Robertson, SFCA, had their entries accepted into the Adirondacks Exhibition of American Watercolors in New York again this year and, with the results just in, we are happy to report that the Gold Medal was awarded to Alan and Janice received the Margaret B & William J. Foley Memorial Award. As a consequence of his high distinction, Wylie has been asked to serve as a Juror-of-Selection for the 2002 Adirondacks Show - a well-earned honour. Congratulations to both fine artists.

Jean Pederson, SFCA, will be included in a feature article in a Watercolor Magic special Fall edition. Also, one of Jean's paintings, That Look, is a finalist in the 2001 Artists Magazine Portrait Competition. Jean's work can be seen during September in the CIPA National Exhibit in North Vancouver.

Eveline Gallant Fournier, an Active member from New Brunswick, recently received 1st prize for her work in an International Exhibition held in Savignac Ledrier, France. Well done Eveline!

Charlene Woodbury, a member of the North Okanagan Chapter, is having a show of recent works at the University Women's Club of Vancouver,



Hycroft (1489 McRae Ave., just east of Granville & 16th). The exhibit, entitled Table Graces, opens with a reception on September 5, from 7 to 8:30 pm, and will run to Sept 30th. More info can be had at 250-546-3261 or clouston@sunwave.net

Coffee Break, mm

Fraser Valley Members, Roberta Combs, Kathy Nay, and Annette Waterbeek will be having a *Three-Woman Show* at the Maple Ridge Art Gallery from October 14 to November 8. Admission is free, all welcome:

The Art Centre on Salt Spring Island will be host for an Allan W. Edwards Retrospective from September 7 to 17 (Opening reception Sept 7, 6 to 8 pm). When Allan lived on the island, it was in a home owned by Ross and Joan Angus. Joan is the hard worker who has organized the exhibition into a show celebrating Allan's contributions as an artist, an instructor and a Past-President of the FCA.



Members in Vancouver should make a point of watching the Fifth Avenue Cinema artist promo slides that are featured before the movie. The FCA is now represented by member images such as the Paul Van Ginkel work pictured here.

Rehearsal, o/c, 40 x 60"

George C. Hogg of Kimberley, BC, had his work chosen to represent the Kittitas County Fall Fair in advertisements and promotions. This honour represents a new award introduced this year at the National Art Show in Ellensburg, WA. Last year, at the same art show, George won the John Clymer Award for best representing the commitment and achievement of



the award namesake, Clymer. Ironically, both Hogg and Clymer attended the Vancouver School of Art (now Emily Carr Institute of Art and Design), although ten years apart. Congratulations George!

The Old Fashioned Way

FEDERATION OF CANADIAN ARTISTS MEMBERSHIP RATES

(All memberships, regardless of their date of issue, expire December 31)

New Supporting Memberships	Membership Renewal	
Tst Quarter \$30.00	Supporting	\$40.00
2nd Quarter \$20.00	Active	\$60.00
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Supporting Membership includes 6 issues of Art Avenues per year, free admission to Painters-in-Action workshops, reduced rates for Art Vision courses, access to member-only workshops and reduced entry fees for all open exhibitions. Active Membership includes all of the above plus the right to enter FCA Juried shows, group rental shows and exhibit on the FCA website

ACRYLIC WET IN WET By Par Lowes, Painters-in-Action

Larry Tillyer, AFCA, is an artist and musician who enjoys experimenting. The April demonstration was no exception with Tillyer demonstrating an acrylic wet-in-wet technique that would be a beautiful image of a young girl at the seashore.

Starting with a pre-gessoed 1/8th" mahogany board, Larry explained that he usually covered it with a layer of burnt umber, yellow, or orange, then drew his figure using a value sketch and reference photograph.

Starting at the top of the board, white, mauve, purple, dark reds and orange hues were applied, wet-in-wet, to define the child's hat. Bold overlapping strokes of purple, orange, and red to fill in the shape of the girl's dark hair, followed by orange tones for the face and red with gray shadows to compliment the neck. Larry continued to paint in his figure with bold and seemingly random strokes. As the figure emerged the artist defined his composition thickening the paint in the background with Krona zinc oxide and adding alternate bands of Krona black and

Holding a small, round, #6 brush as if it were a pencil, Larry added touches of thick white to the top of the waves and opaque highlights to the face and arm. Sharpening the dark and light edges, Tillyer intensified the hues and interlocking his shapes before adding the final details such as dress trim. Once the artist added his signature dots of surprise colours the image was obviously and quite charmingly complete.

While he worked Tillyer discussed some of the painterly tips he utilizes in his work:

- Varnish several thin layers to seal a painting,
- Add gesso to the canvas first, medium second, in order to seal the canvas,
- Shine a light directly on a photograph to intensify colours,
- Use a magnifying glass to clarify and single out shapes in a
- Do a compositional value sketch before you paint.



Thanks Larry, for the wonderful demo and for giving your time so generously (especially on Easter Monday!)

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- 5. Betty Coy, Maple Ridge, BC 6. Tessie Dichupa, Vancouver, BC
 - 8. Sally Franks, Oliver, BC



Who's New at the FCA

New Office Assistant-DEANNA PARTRIDGE

Welcome to Deanna Partridge, our new Office Assistant, who comes to us from the North Shore Community Arts Council where she volunteered hosting the annual West Vancouver garden and art tours. On earning her BFA (Animation) from the Emily Carr Institute of Art and Design, Deanna was looking for an art-related job and saw our ad on the Alliance for Arts & Culture page. Lucky for us!

In addition to being an artist, this motivated and enthusiastic young woman has editorial, news media and sales experience. She knows how to bank, handle a computer and work to a deadline. Deanna won awards at Starbucks for her excellent customer service.

She's positive and, one of the things we like best about Deanna, she's always cheerful! Please join us in welcoming her to the FCA family.

New Volunteer Coordinator -KATHY YOUNG

We're thrilled to report that Kathy Young, a regular gallery volunteer - very organized, observant and a great listener - has agreed to act as Coordinator between the FCA and the rest of its Volunteers. Her job will be to coordinate FCA needs with volunteer skills.

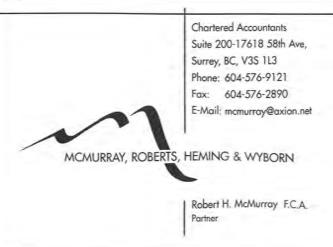
Kathy has already been busy interviewing applicants for volunteer positions, scheduling them for the gallery and organizing teams to stuff and mail the bi-monthly magazines. She will be developing communication trees to enable volunteers to find their own temporary replacements, should the need arise.

Everyone identifies Kathy through her laugh - we don't call her 'happy' Kathy for nothing!

Members can contact Kathy by calling her residence phone (604) 437-4863; message phone: (604) 435-5600; or fax: (604) 435-5608 Call her: you'll be glad you did.

The function of the artist is to express reality as felt. In saying this, we must remember that ideas modify feelings.

Robert Motherwell (1915-91) 'The Modern Painter's World' 1944 Lecture.



VOLUNTEER BOARD POSITION AVAILABLE Director of Communications

The Federation of Canadian Artists is seeking a Director of Communications. This important Committee Chair should bring to the Board of Directors a working knowledge of Advertising, Marketing, Publicity and Public Relations in the cultural sector. One of the main goals of the Federation is to increase its profile with artists, the public, the media and politicians across Canada. If you think you can contribute and can commit to attending monthly Board meetings at the FCA office, please forward your written expression of interest to the FCA at 1241 Cartwright Street, Vancouver, BC V6H 4B7.



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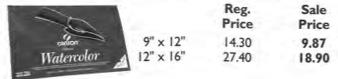
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WHAT'S NEW AT THE FCA

ACTIVE STATUS APPLICATION

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* A new application is now required when members apply for Active Status in

order to become eligible to enter juried shows.

* The majority of the paintings (2 of 3), photos or slides (6 of 10) submitted with the application must be of a caliber that they would be accepted into a juried show for active members.

MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

The form has been amended to include:

* A question asking the applicant to name their Chapter affiliation, if applicable.

* A warning that infringement of copyright will not be tolerated.

* A new section stressing the importance of member Volunteers, on whom the FCA largely depends for our existence. It asks what the member's special talents and skills are (e.g., so that when a piano player is needed, or a sign painter, or a really good cook, etc. - we will know where to turn). Some volunteer positions are briefly described and it is hoped that more members will agree to become involved in one activity or another in the future.

MEMBERSHIP BROCHURE

A new folder has been designed to briefly describe the benefits and privileges of belonging to the FCA.

NO MULTI-YEAR MEMBERSHIPS

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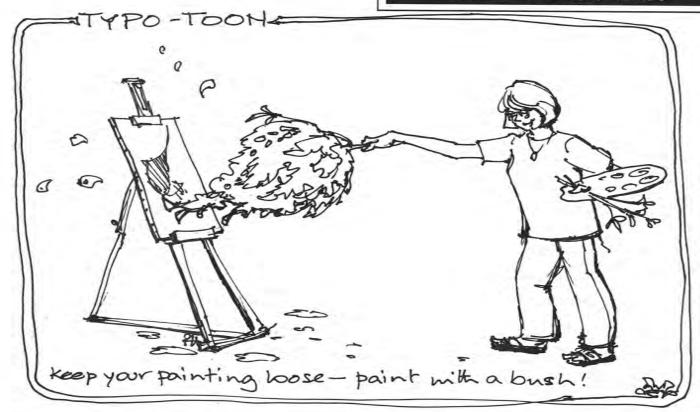
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ART AVENUES NEXT ISSUE:

Submission deadline: October 1, 2001

(submit or inquire to artavenues@artists.ca)

Content will include The FCA Calendar for 2002!

(with new show themes and deadlines, the first in December 2001)

Feature shows:

Voyage of Inspiration & Fall Juried Show

NEW MEMBERS to July 29, 2001:

Claire Aston, Moneca Atley, Jenny Baillie, Caroline Baker, Carol Boothroyd, Maureen Brown, Louise Cecil, Thelma Champion, Cecilia Cheung, D. May Chow, Grace Cowling, Dave Davies, Annilie Doerksen, Mary Douthwaite Muirhead, Deborah Flitton, Rosemarie Foster, Georgette Ganne, Lesley Gregorash, Judy Harper, Heather Helland, James Ho, Vanessa Holmes, Elizabeth Honey, John Patrick Howe, Douglas Jackson, Sharon E. Jensen, Christel Kleinewillinghoefer, Marilyn Kolstad, L. Lynne Lalonde, Beth Lloyd, Kerk Hwang Lok, Marian Lundrigan, Rod McAuley, David McHolm, Kory McKim, Joan McLardy, Elizabeth Michaux, Molly Miles, Shirley Miller, Bernard Mok, Larry Myrick, Helen O'Neill, Patricia Ormiston, Diane Oser, Patricia Page, Don Plant, Bernard Poulin, Joanne Richardson, Leona Riley, Celeste Roberts, Breen Robison, Caroline Scagel, Caroline Seagel, Lis Semenoff, Ian Semple, Duke Shoebotham, Margaret Anne Simpson, Shirley Sretavan, Judy Stanley, Simon Sutcliffe, Carol Terepocki, Alyson Thorpe, Jana Vizdal, Judith Warren, Mary Wesik, Ann White, Eileen Williamson, Heinz Wohler, Shu Xing Yue.

Important Deadline

Members note that Wednesday, October 31 at 4 pm is the deadline for Group Show applications. Proposals and/or slides and/or Senior expressions of interest, relating to Group Shows will not be accepted past October 31, 2001. More details appear in the Gallery Manager's Report, this issue. Forms and specifics are available now at the Federation Gallery and online at www.artists.ca

PAINTERS IN ACTION 2001 - MONDAYS

Demonstrations At Federation Gallery

1241 Cartwright Street, Vancouver 1 to 4 pm Free to FCA Members \$10.00 to NonMembers

DATE ARTIST/SUBJECT

September 10 Adrienne Moore AFCA,

Painting in Oil

October 1 Nancy Clayton AFCA,

Opaque watercolour

November 5 Pat Peacock SFCA,

Mixed media collage

SEPTEMBER TO OCTOBER AT THE FEDERATION GALLERY

To Sept. 9 - Voyage of Inspiration, nine artists venture into the heart of Haidi Gwaii September 11 to 23 - Fall Juried Show (anything but watermedia)

September 25 to October 7 · PG 13, Life drawings and Paintings by 16 FCA

and Crescent Beach Life Study Group artists. Opening 6-8 pm, Tues., Sept. 25

October 9 to 21 - Island Chapter Juried Show, featuring work by members

belonging to the Victoria, Campbell River, Comox, Arrowsmith, and Nanaimo Chapters of the FCA.

October 23 to November 11 - FCA Medal Show, Medal presentation and Opening Thursday, October 25 from 6 to 8 pm.



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We are all guilty of holding onto summer as long as possible. It is always a good season, rain or shine, to reconnect with extended family and even find some time to be on your own with your paintings. Also, perhaps a good time to pick up on the old postcard exchange. Have you seen our postcard image for 2001- a lovely moonrise over Ganges Harbour. Our exclusive Federation of Canadian Artists postcards now number five and can safely be called a collection.

It started five years ago with a Postcard Juried Show in the Spring of 1997. Out of that show the jury chose Strolling Gastown, Julieann McGuinness, watercolour, featuring the steam clock.



J. McGuinness

The jury for the second Postcard Juried Show in Spring



A. McDermott AFCA

The third postcard, (1999), chosen by the Standards Committee from a selection of FCA archival slides, was a work by Alan Wylie, SFCA, that had sold long ago. The watercolour, entitled *Juicy Secrets*, shows a very busy, colourful and familiar scene in

1998 chose a pastel by Andrew McDermott, AFCA, entitled Out Boating, depicting the Burrard Street Bridge as seen across the water from Granville Island. Both Andrew and Julieann's images were sold to local collectors, during exhibit at the Federation Gallery.



A. Wylie SFCA

the Granville Island Farmers Market.



E. Loenen AFCA

For 2000's postcard, Ed Loenen, AFCA was invited to paint a view of Federation Gallery in its Granville Island surroundings. Ed included some of the Maple trees in full Fall colours and even a couple of empty

parking spaces. The original acrylic hung in Summer Gallery that year and sold to a couple from Atlanta, Georgia.

That brings us to this year's postcard of the Moon Rising Over Ganges Harbour, Salt Spring Island, an oil by George Bates, SFCA. It was on the front cover of the FCA News'

December/January 2001 issue and won the Spilsbury Gold Medal which was tagged with the McMurray, Roberts, Hemming and Wyborn Award, in the FCA's 2000 Medal Show. The original sold to a



G Bates SFCA

collector from California.



You Cross My Mind When It Rains, Youmee Park watercolour 24"x 28" \$4000





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