



The First all Media Art Organization in Minnesota

Permission to Play

By Terrie Christian

Several years ago I was taking an Arne Westerman workshop and an artist that I admire very much said she could not paint people. I told her "yes, you can!" Right after that she began populating her paintings with wonderful, wacky, colorful people and winning several awards for them!

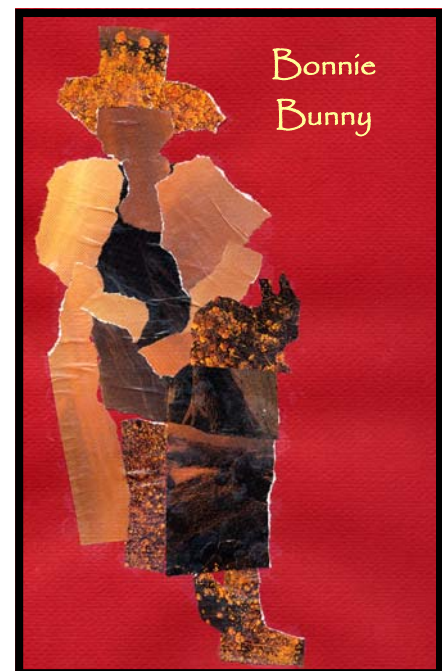
Many artists shy away from figure or portrait drawing because they think it must be done in a classical way. I was once one of these, and started with Life Drawing at the Atelier. Last month, Konstantin's demonstration took a more realistic former drawing and used it as a model to make him look very different. He teased that now he would have to give this new person a name. Some of us in his audience thought the new guy looked like the other guy on steroids.



Dragonfly Bonnie

A few years ago, I took another workshop from Polly Hammett, and one lesson was to tear small pieces of paper, then working from a live model, collage them to capture the gesture. That was very freeing. The figure Bonnie Bunny is one of the paintings from that day. The bunny was my imagination giving her a friend. Dragonfly Bonnie is from the same class.

January will be an opportunity at our program to make a piece of art with a live model. Give yourself permission to play and come join the group to create your own styles of portrait or figure drawing. The model will wear a hat and some form of costume to stimulate your imagination.



Bonnie
Bunny

Art
Is A State of Mind!

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President's Corner *by Ron Wilson*

November Demo by Konstantin Berkovski

The November event, a demonstration by Konstantin Berkovski at the Bloomington Art Center was interesting to all who attended. Those of us who struggle with expressing exactly what we have in mind in a drawing or painting realized we are not alone. We watched as Konstantin strove to capture the exact turn of the pose which was suited to his finely tuned Russian artistic sensibility, as well as not being afraid to keep re-evaluating and wiping out the drawing as he kept striving to get it right.

Art is struggle sometimes, but you will see at the December 11th opening of the Fall/Winter MAA show at the Eden Prairie Center what great paintings result by MAA members hanging in there and keeping on painting See you at the opening.

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New Take On An Old Drawing

Brag Box
"If Ya Done it, it
Ain't Braggin"

*Member
accomplishments
Exhibits,
winning awards . . .*

Opportunities

COME ENJOY THE SUN & THE SEA
NEW WATERCOLORS FROM MEXICO
BY
MARJORIE MOODY & LAURIE SALMELA

Artist's reception with refreshments:

Sunday, December 9, 1-3pm

First Unitarian Society of Minneapolis
900 Mount Curve Avenue
Minneapolis MN 55403
(612)377-6608

Exhibition dates: November 29, 2007 - January 7, 2008
Gallery hours: Monday-Friday 9am-3pm, Sundays after
their service

SECOND ANNUAL SMALL & MINI PAINTINGS

Featuring five local artists:

RICHARD ABRAHAM
SID BERQUAM
MARJORIE MOODY
DOUG NIELSEN
PATTY PAULUS

**OPENING RECEPTION: THURSDAY, DECEMBER
6TH, FROM 6-9PM**

GRAND HILL GALLERY
333 Grand Avenue
St. Paul, MN
(Grand, Ramsey & 35E)
(651) 227-4783

Gallery hours: Tuesday-Friday 10am-6pm
Saturday 10am-3pm

SHOW CONTINUES UNTIL DECEMBER 24TH

***Hope to see you at one of the receptions! Happy Holi-
days, Marjorie Moody



Pastel Still Life by Judy Lieber

Judy Lieber will be offering a pastel class:
8 Thursday evenings, beginning Jan. 24 &
running through March. (No class Feb. 7th)
6-9 PM

Lenox Community Center, St. Louis Park.
952-928-6423

For further information, please call Judy at
952-884-1815

email: judy@liebergroup.com

*January 15 2008
Our Program will be
A live model
At Bloomington Art Center
6:30 to 9:30 p.m.*



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Our Website.
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Deadline For January 2008 News
Friday December 28, 2007
10:00 A.M.
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More Brag Box!!

Kathy Braud has some artwork on display at Luna Blu Coffee in the neighborhood of Rodgers, for this month of December.

www.lunablucoffee.com Nice place. Have you been there?

17 colorful original watercolors, prints and giclee's are displayed at Luna Blu Coffee on a variety of subjects.

Luna Blu is easy to find..... it's in the Marketplace Shopping Center at the corner of Hwy #101
101 Marketplace, 14165 James Road, Rodgers, MN

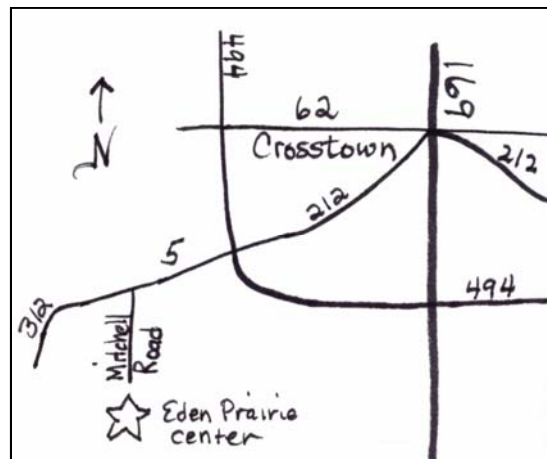
Marian Alstad has her work up for exhibit at Curran's Restaurant.

Fall/Winter Member's Exhibit By Sylvia Rudolph

December 11: 7:00 to 9:00 p.m. Opening reception and awards.

Judge Sarah McGrill will be speaking at 7:45 p.m.

January 31: 10:00 A.M. to 12:30 pick up paintings



Directions: If you think of 494 as being like a box that cradles the Southern half of the Twin Cities, Eden Prairie City Center is 1.5 miles west of that SW. corner. **MN HWY 5** going west toward Chanhassen can be reached from 494 going west or south. Go left (South) off **Hwy 5** onto **Mitchell Road/60 exit**. The center is on your right just after Technology Drive.

Directions to the exhibition area in the building: At the stop sign after the long driveway, look to the right to see a recessed door in the building. It isn't the main door, which is under an extension with the address on it, 8080, and is past the stop sign. Turn left near the stop sign and park. Enter the recessed door and go straight to the elevator and stairs going down to the lower level. Look for **MAA** signs.

Usually December is our Potluck/Show and Tell. Be sure to come Opening night to the Exhibit for a chance to visit with Artist Friends!!!