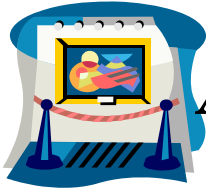




Palette of Data

**Artists, Students, Alumni & Friends of
the Forum**



Affordable Art Auction

Calling all artists and art lovers - Once again the Forum Art Centre (Forum Art Institute) is holding its annual silent bid auction. This is your chance to dig out your original artistic treasures and donate them up for auction so someone else can enjoy affordable art.

When is it? – Friday December 5, 2008 starting at 2:00 to 8:00 p.m. and **Saturday, December 6 and Sunday December 7, 2008** from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

How Can You Contribute Artwork?

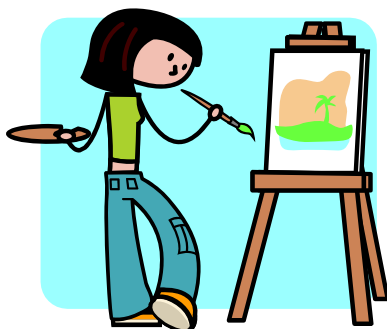
All art entries need to be brought into the Forum Art by Thursday, November 27th by 5:00 p.m. at the latest as we need time to sort, list, number and display all contributions. All art pieces (acrylic, water soluble oil or framed watercolour paintings) must be labeled with your name and title of work.

Important – We also need a separate list of all your items. The list should include your name, the title, medium, reserve bid price* and the % of your donation to the Forum if sold. (*Only put a reserve bid price on your donation if you want to be assured of a reasonable minimum purchasing price for your work).

All acrylic and water soluble oil paintings must also be ready to hang (i.e. wire attached to back). Multiple entries of watercolours, must be numbered on the top right hand corner of the work and accompanied by a corresponding inventory sheet reflecting the numbered works. This greatly assists us in managing the total donations we receive.

How Does the Silent Bid Work?

We will number all of the items up for auction. Purchasers can then bid on an item by placing their name, phone number and bid price on a slip of paper along with the item number. The bids will then go into a sealed box. At the end of the auction, we will compare the bids to our master list of numbered item to determine who the successful bidder is. We will then contact the winning bidders.



This year we will again offer a wall of 50 small square original paintings by artists and friends of the Forum for \$50.00 each. In addition we will have numerous art cards and magnets for sale.

New for this year, we are also offering 25 original watercolour paintings at \$25.00 each. All the same size at one great price!

Come and see the great work of talented local artists and even get your caricature done by our Art Director – Tom Andrich on Saturday, December 6 from 1:00 to 3:00.

Want to help? - We can always use volunteers to help with setting up displays, hanging pictures, welcoming patrons, assisting with handling cash, cheques and receipts as well as cleaning up after the show. There will be a volunteer sign-up sheet at the front of the forum prior to the show. We'd also appreciate any small item donations such as crafts, cards or food treats for our gifts basket door prizes.

Note: The Forum Art Centre is a registered non-profit art organization who depends on donations as part of our regular funding. Donations can be made in values of 40%, 50% or 100% of the bid price, with the latter being eligible for a tax receipt. The Forum Art Board of Directors also reserves the right to select the appropriateness of all donated pieces for this auction.



Putting Your Art Pictures onto a Website – by Garth Palanuk

PART 3 of 3 – Sending Pictures

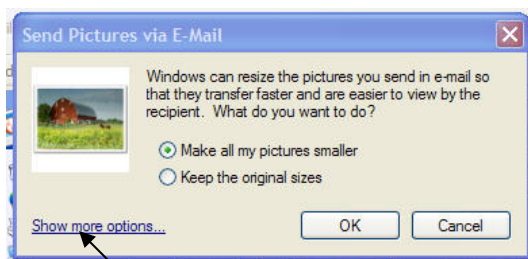
So far we told you how to take your pictures and how to edit them. Now we want to save them to some device for future use in websites or printing.

First let me review here a little. You should have two pictures of your art pieces and both on your hard drive in a folder you created on your Desktop. One picture will be at the maximum size of which your camera is capable and a second at the edited size. These will come in very handy for future use.

The larger one can be used to make giclee prints if you decided your works could be issued as a limited edition. In fact, you could print these yourself on your color printer as most printers will print on watercolor paper and a special canvass made for color printers.

The second copy will be an edited one where you have reduced the size and resolution making them easier to mail, electronically, to websites. There are a few ways to accomplish this and this is the subject of Part III.

There are three popular ways of sending files such as pictures. Direct, or as an attachment or saved to a removable device which is then “snail mailed”.



In order to accomplish the Direct method, you open your folder, “My Pictures” (from Part 2) and right click on a picture. This will open a window that gives you various options. Left click on “Send To” and then move your cursor to “Mail Recipient” and click. A window will appear as shown in Figure 1 below:

Figure 1

Click on “Show more options...” and the window expands as follows:



Figure 2

As you can see, you have an option to enlarge or reduce your pictures at this point. However, you want to keep them small so make sure the circle adjacent to “Small “has a dot in it.

Once you click “OK”, the system will produce an e-mail for you with the attachment as your picture and the “Subject” filled in. All you have to do is enter the recipients e-mail address and click “Send”.

The e-mail method is similar except you open the e-mail **first** and click on the paper clip and search for the folder “My Pictures”, then click on the specific picture. The Picture file will then appear in the attachment of the e-mail. You then add the e-mail address and click “Send”.

If there are a lot of pictures from a lot of people, the Webmaster will not appreciate receiving that many e-mails. So, another method is to save the pictures to an external storage device such as a CD or a Memory Stick. Be sure the CD is a CD-RW, (RW means Read and Write) which means you can add to it as you accumulate pictures.

Assuming you have a CD burner on your computer put a blank CD into the disk drive. Your CD burner program should automatically come up. If it does not, then click on “Start” and load the appropriate program. If you do not have a CD burner program, here are three free ones from the Internet:

<http://cdburnerxp.se/>

<http://www.nch.com.au/burn/>

<http://www.burnmyfiles.com/>

When your program loads, choose “Image” or “Data” CD. Choose your source file as “My Pictures” folder, and then the specific picture you want. Select each of the pictures you want to copy to the CD. Choose “Add to CD”. Click “Record” or “Burn”. There may be subtle differences with all the CD burning programs, make sure to become familiar with them. Because you are using a CD-RW you can erase the CD clean and start over, so don’t worry about using up CD’s. Memory Sticks are the friendliest and work the same as your hard drive. You can drag a picture to the Memory Stick location and drop it right there. You can drag and drop with CD’s as well but it’s a little trickier.

Good luck with your pictures and hopefully we will see them on the Internet.

Garth Palanuk

Note: If you have any questions on this article or the other two in this series, please contact Garth at gspalanuk@shaw.ca or at 669-2340. You can view parts 1 and 2 in this series in our 2008 Winter and Spring newsletters on our website.

❄️❄️❄️ *Holiday Luncheon* ❄️❄️❄️

The Forum will again host its annual holiday luncheon on December 10, 2008 at noon. This is our way of thanking our instructors for their hard work as well as getting an opportunity to socialize with other Forum students and friends.

A sign-up sheet will be available in the kitchen so that you can indicate your participation or not. You can also let us know what food or refreshment you’d like to bring or if you can donate \$10.00 towards the luncheon. Volunteers to assist in this luncheon are always welcome!



Dates to Remember

November 15

– Creators of the Future Art Show

November 27

– Deadline for submitting art to art auction

December 5 to 7

– Affordable Art Auction

December 10

– Holiday luncheon

December 11 to 23, 29, and 30

– Open Studio time

January 3

– Open house and registration

January 12

– 2009 winter session begins

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Art Event Highlights

- * We are pleased to announce the Creators of the Future Art Show bursary winners are:
 - Kieron Ashett (13) from Ecole Varennes
 - Jazz Demetriooff (15) from Robert Andrews School
 - Caitlyn Schick (16) from College Beliveau
- A special thanks to our volunteer bursary administrator, Dale Turner for all her hard work in arranging these bursaries.
- * The Forum's Annual General Meeting was held on Tuesday, October 21st. The Forum welcomes Lyndsay Ladobruk as its newest board member.
- * This is the Forum's 8th year as participants in the Alzheimer Coffee Break Day.
- * Art Instructors Tom Andrich and Guy St. Godard and our bursary administrator Dale Turner will all have art work for sale at the Manitoba Art Expo on November 7th to 9th at Assiniboia Downs.
- * The Winnipeg Sketch Club's 91st Annual Juried Exhibition will be held downstairs at the Forum on November 23rd to 30th.



A Great Big Thank You to our many donors for supporting the Forum Art

- For books and/or magazines from Katherine Pavlik, Margaret McCowan, Allan Courtney, Jeff Andruchuk, Eve Ann Kristjanson and Elizabeth Steindel
- For a box of art encyclopedias from Jeff Andruchuk
- For maintenance supplies from Ed Dumanski, Joan Wren and Pat Kay
- For frames, canvases and mattes from Lainey Rubin, Dale Turner, Elaine Siddall, Dorothy McGee and the Frame Works Gallery (on Henderson Hwy)
- For paint supplies for the children's and teens classes from Western Paint



In Memoriam:

The Forum wishes to note with sincere regret the passing of a dear friend and colleague – Ted Siddall. Ted was a uniquely talented artist who spent many hours at the Forum and whose presence will be greatly missed.

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