



Palette of Data

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



“Affordable Art Week”

Calling all Manitoban artists and art lovers – This year, the Forum Art Center’s annual auction and sale is offering new options to anyone interested in selling, donating or obtaining original art work.

When is it?

- Auction and sale starts Friday December 4th, 2009 and runs to Tuesday, December 8th, 2009
- For complete times, check out our posters or our website.

What’s New?

This year we will again be holding our affordable auction and sale over 5 days to give people lots of opportunity to purchase art. There will be 3 new buying options available for anyone wishing to purchase art.

1. Buy Now Original Art

In response to those people who wanted to immediately purchase art they saw rather than putting a silent bid on it, we are introducing a “buy it now” sale option. As a contributor to this event, you can stipulate a set asking price for your work (acrylics, watercolours and/or sculptures). These works will then be available for immediate sale on a first come first choice basis.

2. Bid to Buy Art Auction

The second buying option is our “silent bid” option where you as the contributor set a reserved asking price. Buyers can then offer a silent bid price and hope to be the winning bidder at the end of the sale.

3. Bargain Basement Art

We are also holding a “garage sale” offering of older art work and related art materials such as poster art, books, frames and more. These items will be on sale in the basement of the Forum Art Centre.

Students/Instructors/ Artists - This is your chance to dig out your original artistic treasures and donate them up for auction so someone else can enjoy affordable art.

How Can You Contribute Artwork to the Auction/Sale?

All art entries need to be brought into the Forum Art by Thursday, November 26th 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, title of work & medium on the correctly coloured tag. **Yellow** tags are for a **set sale** price. **Blue** tags are for the **Auction** bidding items.

Important – We also need a separate list of all your items offered under this sale. The list should include your name, the title, medium, set asking price or your reserve bid price* and the percent of your donation to the Forum if sold. Your minimum donation for this fundraiser is 40%. As an example:

Name	Title of Work	Medium	Set Price	Reserved Bid	% to Forum
John Doe	Water Lilies	Acrylic	\$250.00	--	40%
John Doe	Sunset	Acrylic		\$200.00	100%

(*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.

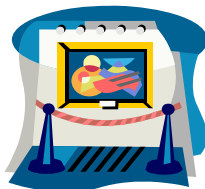
How Does the Silent Bid Work?

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.

If I don't have any art right now to add to this event, is there something else I can do?

Absolutely – We have a fundraiser where we give you a canvas (this year it is 12 x 12 inch); you use your creative, artistic talent and paint something on it. Then give it back to us by November 26th. These will be up for sale at \$50.00 each and if it sells the artist gets the charitable tax receipt.

We need your help! – As we have never charged entry fees to artists we depend on your volunteer time. We would like to suggest that if you want to use this opportunity to sell some of your art that you consider offering some time to volunteer. In preparation for this week of art we'll need people to help with clearing equipment, compiling entry lists, setting up displays, hanging pictures and general cleanup. During art week we require volunteers to welcome patrons, assist 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 gift basket door prizes.



Need a unique gift? While you're looking at our great selection of works for sale by our talented local artists, why not get your caricature done by our Art Director – Tom Andrich. Tom will be on hand Saturday, December 5 from 1:00 to 3:00 doing caricature sketches for free.

Note: The Forum Art Centre is a registered charitable art organization who depends on donations as part of our regular funding The Forum Art Board of Directors reserves the right to select the appropriateness of all pieces for this exhibition and sale.

❄️❄️❄️ *Holiday Luncheon* ❄️❄️❄️

The Forum will again host its annual holiday luncheon on Wednesday, December 9, 2009 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. Forum alumni most welcome!

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!

Forum Art Centre Endowment Fund

The Forum Art Centre Endowment Fund was recently created as part of the Winnipeg Foundation's portfolio. The interest from this fund will provide a valuable source of annual income to help sustain our operations as a valuable organization in the city of Winnipeg and the Manitoba art community. Our Endowment Fund will help to ensure that the art programs we provide to both young and older people alike will be maintained both for now and in the future. Anyone can contribute to this fund! Check it out by visiting our website under "Links" or contact the Winnipeg Foundation directly to see how you can contribute to our fund.

Upcoming Workshops

Canada Code Workshop

In conjunction with an initiative between the National Film Board and the Vancouver Olympic Committee called Canada CODE, we have arranged for a digital storytelling educators workshop to be held on Tuesday, November 3rd from 10:00 to 2:00 with a lunch break. The facilitator is Mr. Morgan Rhys Tams and is set up for a group of 20 – 25 people.

Participants will learn how to:

- * take effective digital photographs
- * use critical thinking skills to interpret stories from images
- * write short stories using minimal text
- * create a storyboard
- * remix photographs and words to create an original story
- * choose and add sounds to communicate a message

The goal of these workshops to not only teach these skills but to introduce participants to the Canada Code project and how they can contribute to this unique project.

Digital Imaging

As a result of a successful grant application for a visual arts program, the Forum will be developing workshops in the New Year covering digital photography of art. The intent of these workshops is to instruct students and teachers alike in how to best capture and display their artwork. The workshops will cover basic digital photography and lighting to advanced image editing such as cropping and color enhancement.

These workshops are intended to benefit not only the Forum in displaying students and teachers artwork but can be also used as a stepping stone towards anyone interested in setting up their own art website.

Details of these workshops are currently under development and will be made available to anyone who is interested as soon as possible.

Art Event Highlights

- * We are pleased to announce the Creators of the Future Art Show bursary winners are:
 - Shadrach Bruyere
 - Jessica James
 - Alexiss Lemasurier
 - Katie Friesen
 - Michael Lamont Adam
 - Amy Stewart

A special thanks to our volunteer bursary administrator, Dale Turner for all her hard work in arranging these bursaries.

- * We were fortunate to be recipients this year of a grant through Youth in Philanthropy – a program of the Winnipeg Foundation. The high school students of Murdoch MacKay Collegiate chose Forum Art to help towards purchasing art supplies & our new sink. For more details visit: www.wpgfdn.org in side column YiP Grant recipients.
- * *(from Executive Director)* The Forum's Annual General Meeting was held on Tuesday, October 20th at 1:30. Recommendations were put forward for new Board of Director members. Congratulations to all for a job well done & to our new President – Craig Johnstone.
- * As part of the Forum's ongoing participation in the Alzheimer Coffee Break Day, our executive director Daryl Dumanski was interviewed by Shaw TV. This marks our 9th year as a part of this valued community service.



Dates to Remember

November 14

– Creators of the Future Art Show

November 26

– Deadline for submitting art to art auction

December 4 to 8

– Affordable Art Week – Sale, Auction & Bargain Basement Sale

December 9

– Holiday luncheon

December 10 to 31

– Open Studio time (dependent on keyholder availability)

January 2

– Open house and registration

January 11

– 2009 winter session begins

Thanks to our many donors/volunteers for supporting the Forum Art

- A big thanks to the Manitoba Society of Artists for donating to our Bursary Fund for another year

For art supplies and other useful material

- Art supplies from Lainey Rubin and Kind 2 Film Productions
- Books from Ray Dewson
- Frames and prints from "Frameworks" on Henderson Hwy

For our volunteers and instructors

- To Dale Turner for her fabulous work on our bursary programs
- To Mae Bayly for helping out in our library



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