



# *Palette of Data*

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

Forum Art Centre Newsletter – Fall 2010

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## **“Affordable Art Week”**

**Calling all Manitoban artists and art lovers – The Forum Art Centre’s annual auction and sale is again offering new options to anyone interested in selling, donating or obtaining original art work.**

### ***When is it?***

- Auction and sale starts Thursday December 2nd and runs to Monday, December 6th, 2010
- For complete times, check out our posters or our website.

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 buying options available for anyone wishing to purchase art.

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#### **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, Frames and More**

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 25th 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.

#### **Please Remember:**

We are a non-profit registered charity and as such your donations are always appreciated. We depend on financial support just as much as other organizations so please consider adding us to your annual gift giving or donations throughout the year.

Our aim is to continue to provide a place for anyone to come and enjoy the pursuit of art.

**Important** – We 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?**

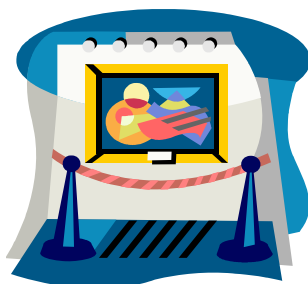
We will number all of the items up for auction. Purchasers can then bid on an item by placing their name, phone number and bid price on a slip of paper along with the item number. The bids will then go into a sealed box. At the end of the auction, we will compare the bids to our master list of numbered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

Once again this year we will have a fundraiser where we give you a canvas (12 x 12 inch); you use your creative, artistic talent and paint something on it. Then give it back to us by November 25<sup>th</sup>. These will be up for sale at \$50.00 each and if it sells the artist gets the charitable tax receipt.

**We also can use 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 4 from 1:00 to 3:00 doing caricature sketches for free.



# Upcoming Events and Happenings

## **Jim Corbett's – "Let's Make Something of It" Art Show and Sale**

Our own in-house artist and instructor, Jim Corbett, will be holding an exhibit and sale of his artwork here in the Forum Art Center – a special mix and match concept. Opening Thursday, November 25 from 6:00 - 10:30 p.m. and Friday through Sunday from 11:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

Everyone is welcome so be sure to tell your friends.

## **Forum Art Annual General Meeting**

The Annual General Meeting for the Forum Art Centre will be on Thursday, October 21 at 1:30.

## **Christmas Holiday Luncheon**

The Forum will again host its annual holiday luncheon on Wednesday, December 8, 2010 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!

## **First Friday's**

The Exchange District has started First Fridays (as have many other cities) where the galleries are open to the public on the first Friday of every month. In conjunction with this, the FAC Board of Directors has approved a motion called "First Fridays at Forum Art Centre and Gallery" which would offer an opportunity for our instructors and students to display their art on the Instructor's wall and the front entry and invite their friends and family to come out for an evening of food and art.

Beginning in February 2011, this "mini show" will initially be made available to our teachers and then to other students. The feature artist would be responsible for advertising, hanging their work and supplying snacks and workers.

## **Important Changes to Registration Fees**

In order to help offset the rising costs involved in operating the classes and cover materials provided at the Forum, a review of our current registration fees were discussed by the Forum Board of Directors at their last meeting. This resulted in approval of the following changes effective for the winter registration.

- A **\$10.00 non-refundable administration fee** will be charged for each registration. A person registering for multiple classes or a family registering for multiple family members will only be charged a single registration fee.
- Single class and studio time per week (approx. 5 hrs/week) – increases to **\$140.00** (from \$135.00)
- 2 adult members of the same family in the same class – increases to **\$260.00** (from \$230.00)
- Saturday children/teen classes which include most supplies – increases to **\$110.00** (from \$100.00)
- For family with 3 children/teens in the same class slot (excluding animation art) – increases to **\$275.00** (from \$250.00)
- For untutored studio time (approx. 5-6 hrs/week) where space is available – increases to **\$100.00** (from \$90.00)

**Due to the timing of Christmas and New Years, the winter registration has been moved up to December, 18, 2010.**

## **Workshops**

Plans are in the works to hold upcoming workshops covering building your own canvases with Dan Gregg and photographing your art with Lyndsay Ladobruk. Details about these workshops will be posted on our website in the near future.

## A Special Thanks

To Roger Byrt for giving us some new ways to approach acrylic painting & some insight into Australian art during his one year stay in Winnipeg. I'm sure anyone who took his class came away with some great ideas to how versatile acrylics can be. Roger will be leaving us after the fall session and we would like to wish him well in his future endeavours.



## Dates to Remember

### November 13

– Creators of the Future Art Show

### November 25

– Deadline for submissions to Affordable Art Week

### December 2 to 6

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

### December 8

– Holiday luncheon

### December 9 to 31

– Open Studio time (dependent on keyholder availability)

### December 18

– Open house and registration

### January 10

– 2011 winter session begins

### January 16

- The Winnipeg Foundation's 90<sup>th</sup> anniversary and showcase at the Manitoba Museum

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

### For art supplies and other useful material

- Calendars from Lesia Borys
- Supply donations from Mrs. Willie MacDonald
- Books from Daryl Dumanski, Willie MacDonald, Janet Johnson, Lyndsay Ladobruk, Ellen Turbett and the WAG
- Storage cabinets from Rod Bodner
- Videos from Marcel Comeault and Ellen Turbett
- Art supply gift certificates from Faces Production Man. Inc.

### For our volunteers and instructors

- To Kathi Wirth who volunteered to assist our Executive Director in a number of clerical duties.
- Christine Schmidt for helping with the Saturday Children's Art classes



Hi! We'd like to hear from you. If you have any questions, comments or suggestions for our newsletter, please contact us at the forum.

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