



Palette of Data

Artists, Students, Alumni & Friends of the Forum

Forum Art Centre Newsletter – Fall 2011

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Fellow Artists and Friends!

Boy you could not have asked for a better summer – great weather and no mosquitoes! I hope you had a wonderful summer either at the lake, visiting family and friends or just hanging out somewhere! I know lots of you continue to paint through-out the summer and that's great. For myself, I like to spend my off-art time golfing!

Now that we're back into the fall swing, I want to welcome back all of our returning and new students to the Forum. I really hope you are enjoying the art class you are taking. I also want to welcome back our instructors, without whom we would not be able to provide the classes we offer. This session we have some new instructors in acrylics – Lauren McPhaden and Sheila Penny as well as a new Cartoon Art instructor – Paul Ulrich.

Remember, the Forum not only offers instructions to students, it also gives you an opportunity to explore new art mediums that you may not have otherwise chosen. Aside from the great instruction, it is amazing what you can learn from your fellow artists.

One last thing, if there are any of you who are interested in serving on our Board of Directors, please feel free to contact me or any board member.

FAC Editor - Craig Johnstone



“2011 Affordable Art Week”

Calling all Manitoban artists and art lovers – The Forum Art Centre's annual auction and sale is on this December. We are offering flexible options to anyone interested in selling, donating or obtaining original art work.

When is it?

- Auction and sale starts Thursday December 1st and runs to Monday, December 5th, 2011
- For complete times, check out our posters or our website.

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

1. Immediate Purchase

In response to those people who wanted to immediately purchase art they like, we are introducing a “buy it now” sale option, rather than putting a

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silent bid on it. 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.

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.

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 or any other art 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 24th 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 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%

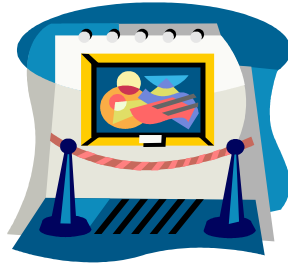
(*Only put a reserve bid price on your donation if you want to be assured of a reasonable minimum purchasing price for your work).

All acrylic and water soluble oil paintings must also be ready to hang (i.e. wire attached to back). Multiple entries of watercolours, prints or cards 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.

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 3rd from 2:00 to 4:00 doing caricature sketches for free.



Upcoming Events and Happenings

Forum Art Annual General Meeting

The Annual General Meeting for the Forum Art Centre will be on Thursday, October 20th at 1:30 p.m.

Christmas Holiday Luncheon

The Forum will again host its annual holiday luncheon on Wednesday, December 7th, 2011 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!

Workshops

'Anyone can Play with Paper Mache'

Two Sundays - November 13 & 20 from 12:30 to 4:30 p.m. Have some fun, get messy & create your own unique Piñata. Adults, teens - this is your chance to do a project you've always wanted to try. Artist Lyndsay Ladobruk will help you to build it on the first week where it is definitely messy, we let it dry for a week & then paint it the following week. All supplies are included. Fee per person is \$85.00

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.

A Special Reminder

Our Library custodian has asked that anyone who has borrowed any reference books from our library and has had them for a long time should please return them so others can use them – thanks!



Dates to Remember

November 12

– Creators of the Future Art Show

November 24

– Deadline for submissions to Affordable Art Week

December 1 to 5

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

December 7

– Holiday luncheon

December 8 to 31

– Open Studio time (Mon, Tues, & Thur. - dependent on key holder availability)

December 17

– Open House and Registration

January 19

– 2012 winter session begins

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

For art supplies and other useful material

- art supplies from Colours Artist Supplies, Gillian King & Margaret McCowan
- magazines from Roger Lafrennier, Rod Smith & Marcel Comeault
- easels from Rod Smith
- paper from Bill Chody
- office supplies from Edith Burley

For our volunteers and instructors

- To Kathi Wirth who continues to assist our Executive Director in a number of clerical duties.
- Tom Andrich, Allan Courtney, Joann Shelton, Margaret McCowan, Kristen Lourie & Daryl Dumanski for volunteering at the Norwood Grove Summer Festival



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