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cover photo: "ready to fly" by Rob Guetre



Ada Wong kindly offered to fill in for the originally scheduled critic who couldn't make it for our May meeting...

ADA WAS BORN in Hong Kong and spent her first fourteen years there. Her parents sent her to art class because her love of drawing was very evident. There, she learned to draw and paint with various media. Ada's subject matter has ranged from still life and portraits, to landscapes.

In recent years, as her spiritual journey progressed, she realized that her ability to express the creativity within her was indeed a gift from God. Nowadays, she uses her brushes to capture the beauty around her as well as to teach others to see and portray this beauty. Ada's work possesses a spiritual depth with a message of hope and peace, the ingredients for healing.

Ada is a member of the Edmonton Art Club and has been exhibiting her work with the club since 2006. She had her first solo exhibit in March, 2008.

adapted from www.adawong.ca/about



KEITH NUNAS

Nicely rendered mountains and foreground. This painting has many natural rhythms in it. The buildings are expertly drawn, and compositionally, this is a well balanced picture.



JOHANNE SEPTOU

This displays a beautiful show of colours. The "V" in the middle could be blurred out towards the darker sky.



JUDY WHITE

A touching portrait. The upper knee could be softened to downplay the 'V' from the back of knee to pocket on her pants.



DIANA PANIZZON

Beautifully rendered and I really like the dandelion fluff going out from the flower head. Fluff on the underside just above the stem needs to be a bit darker.



RICHARD ST. AMANT

My eye goes straight to the yellow green rock in top centre. A bit more contrast in the other rocks would make them stand out and create more energy.



GAIL FAREWELL

Nicely done, beautiful colours. Even though it is a western style, the composition is very “oriental” (see notes for Lexi Zhu’s piece). The frame is a nice touch.



LEXI ZHU

Your painting is almost like a fusion of Chinese with a bit of Western influence. In Chinese painting we forego perspective and any sense of space so that the objects float in the picture plane, and is acceptable. This whole picture is in green tones, you can mix it up by adding a bit of cobalt blue for a bit of variation and depth. The texture in the tulips are beautifully done, you almost want to touch them.



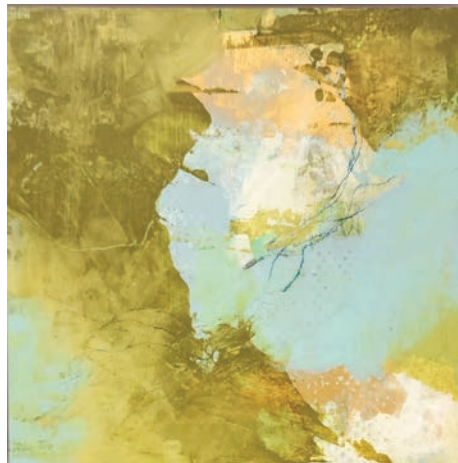
ROB GUETRE

Over the years I am impressed with the growth of the Club Artists. This portrait is really nice, really balanced. I particularly like the eyes and the facial expression. I really like the hand, and the underpainting in that area. Try a bit of red to vary the green tones in the background.



DONNA CHAMBERLAND

A beautiful piece. The purple with a touch of pink works quite well. If you can vary the hues a bit more, using a little bit stronger colour in some places, pushing the petals out a bit, this would enhance the sense of depth.



KERI HASKELL *new member*

This work peeked my imagination. The weight of the colours from top right to bottom left could be adjusted. The bottom could be a bit heavier in value to make the blue bit brighter.



ANDREW BEDINGFIELD

This tells an obvious story and conveys emotion. The looks nice in rectangular format and it to my heart when I was looking at it.



MARGE SOMKUTI

This is a happy picture. The flowers are dancing. The ink is well done and not overly defined or restrictive.



MICHAELA YANISH

The pink is your true signature. Looks very nice and works well. The textures in here are effectively rendered. In the centre, between the two peaks, you may want to darken or lighten a bit for contrast.



PENNY LAMNEK

I like your use of pink, it is a challenging colour to work with. The blue and the green of the foliage works well with it. Pink and green make each other shine a little bit. A totally different colour could be added to the inner flowers to make them pop. The composition and strength of colours is expertly done.



MARY FRANCES FITZGERALD

This painting could be looked at two ways, landscape or portrait. This picture tells an interesting story, seems like there could be people in this story. Maybe have these "people" at different heights in order to draw the viewer in to where you want him to look.



viewable both ways! ↻



YVONNE BILAN-WALLACE

This is a nicely balanced piece. I like those yellow lines, beautifully placed and not evenly spaced, which is an attractive feature. Great perspective of the seagulls and waves. The waves could be a bit thinner towards the horizon line to enhance the illusion of depth.



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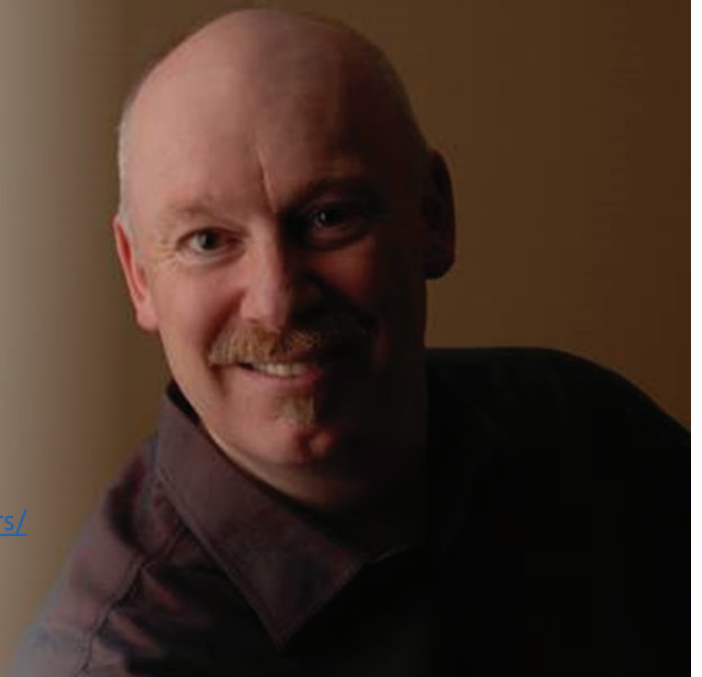
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June 2023 Critic Rick Rogers

I hope my works inspire their viewers. Whether they are inspired to feel an emotion, interpret a message or theme, evaluate and assimilate or innovate a technique, or create something in their own avenue of creativity. Inspiration is fulfillment.

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WATERCOLOUR STATION
The plants are now outside.

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ACRYLICS



SEWING SPOT *Don't do much anymore but my granddaughters are showing interest so I will keep it going for awhile.*



BELOVED BOOKS



I keep this sign up so visitors will think my granddaughters were just here, hence the mess.

This room is also a repository for treasures gifted to me over the years by nieces, granddaughters and other loved ones. You can see them along the windows and hanging everywhere. Cluttered, yes but this room loves them.

Rob's Studio

Rob Guetre



Half the basement has been converted into a combination maker space / studio. Here I do a variety of things: primarily to do with painting pictures but can include various activities that Sherryl likes to call "puttering".

puttering (Merriam Webster)

put-ter 'pə-tər. pattered; puttering; putters. intransitive verb. : to move or act aimlessly or idly. : to work at random : tinker.



"Maker" space (above left)... and directly across from there (left), my painting space, featuring my home built wall hung easel on which I can work on large paintings (such as the one pictured above), or a couple of smaller ones.

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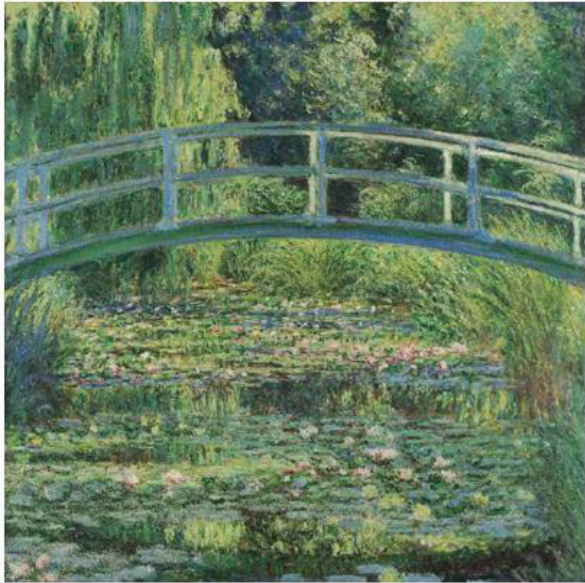
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5 Reasons Why Looking at Art Makes Your Brain Happy

As artists, we all know the mental benefits of creating art, but did you know that simply viewing art can be beneficial? Here are five reasons why your brain likes it when you look at art.



The Water-Lily Pond, Claude Monet 1899

Chill Out

The next time you feel overwhelmed, stressed, or anxious, try taking a step back and looking at a piece of art. It can be a piece you have in your home, in a book, or even one that you pull up on your phone or computer. Take five minutes and really look at the piece, considering the colors, the perspective, the setting, the subject, and anything else you notice, and really think about it. Chances are, at the end of your five minutes, you'll feel better than you did before.

Love, Love, Love

Do you need a little love? A University of London study showed that when a person looks at a piece of art that they see as beautiful, there is an instantaneous release of dopamine, a chemical that is linked to feelings of love, into the brain.

Put That Brain to Work

When you look at a new piece of art, your brain starts looking for patterns, shapes, and anything else that is familiar to make you feel more connected to the piece. Even if you don't "get" it, your brain is still going to work, trying to find meaning in what you're looking at.

Time to Escape

Art has been made for nearly as long as humans have existed. By looking at art from a different time, you're transported to the time and place that the artist has depicted & that helps your brain make you feel as if you're doing a little bit of escaping. The next time you step into a museum, think of it as time-traveling instead!

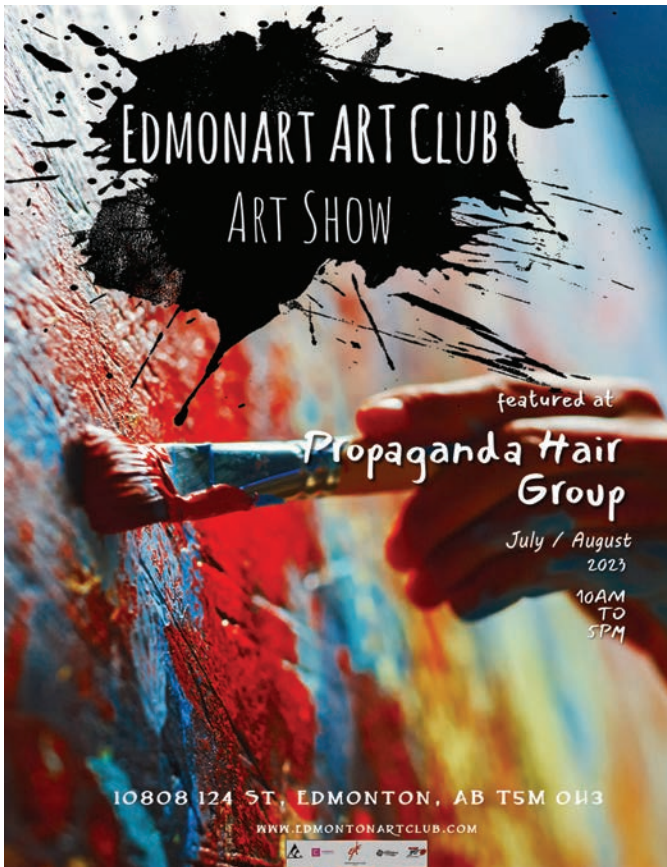


The Grand Canal of Venice (Blue Venice), Edouard Manet 1875

Think!

One study found that a single hour in a museum changed the way people thought and felt. The subjects of the study exhibited improved critical thinking skills, increased empathy for how people lived in the past, and improved tolerance for people different from themselves. The next time you've got a brain-block, looking at art just might help to clear it up!

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