
KNOTTJUST ANY NEWSLETTER

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Using Your Gift as a Gift

My neighbor's dog passed away suddenly and as you can imagine they were very sad as was I. My dog loved "Charlie" and loved to go to his house for play-dates. He was one of the sweetest dogs I've ever had the pleasure of knowing.

Thankfully I had several photos of him and I went right to work painting. I went back to my oil painting roots and below is the result—a 6 x 6 portrait of Charlie who always had a smile on his adorable little face. My neighbors were thrilled to have this memento and shed happy tears when they received it. I am so grateful that I have the ability to bring happiness to others with my gift.



If you are interested in having me paint your pet's portrait, email me at judy@knottjustart.com

Speaking of Gifts!

Have you ever thought of giving art as a gift—either for a friend, family member or even perhaps for yourself? I have a large supply of small artwork (many under \$100) that would make wonderful gifts.

For example, for \$25 you can give (or keep for yourself) one of my calendars (see below). It contains my most popular paintings that you can enjoy all year long and you can even cut the pictures out and frame them.

I have 5 x 5 and 6 x 6 pieces that are matted to 11 x 14. These pieces are easy to ship because they are lightweight and flat. Or they can be framed easily with basic 11 x 14 frames that you can get from any hobby/craft store. I'm only charging \$85 for these originals.

I have recently painted several 7 x 10 oils on linen—unframed \$190 and framed \$220. You can see two of these paintings on the next page.

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2018 Calendars are Ready!

I only pick my favorite (and your favorite) paintings for my calendars. I'm selling them for \$25 which includes tax and shipping in California. The calendar is 11 x 17 open.



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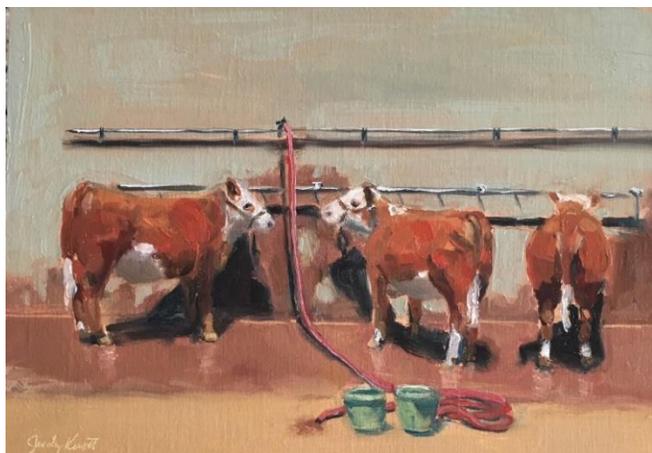
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Full circle

They say “what goes around comes around” and that’s just happened with me. I will be judging the Aspiring Artists show at the Sacramento Fine Arts center in late January.

It was only a few years ago that I entered that same show with one of my first paintings. I had never competed before but I was sure I would win at least a second place. It wasn’t to be—but I did learn a lot. That’s the purpose of this show, to allow artists who have never shown their art before to learn how prepare for competitions and for selling their work. What a great experience.

So now after years of painting, competing (and winning), and earning my Master Painter status, the shoe is on the other foot. I’ll be the one making the hard decisions. If you are one of those who might be interested in this show check it out at <http://sacfinearts.org/pdf/AspArtPros2018.pdf>



Gift Ideas (continued from previous page)

In addition to these reasonably priced pieces, I also do commissions.

And have you ever seen my clever greeting cards? I sell greeting card packets of five cards plus envelopes for \$18.00. Check out my website or email me to ask for a particular sentiment—my cards cover the gamut from birthdays to anniversaries to sympathy (for both people and animals).

<http://knottjustart.com/index.php/greeting-cards>

Below and to the left are two of the 7 x 10 paintings I’ve recently finished. Email me if you might be interested in purchasing any of my artwork.



ARTSBeat in Elk Grove

The entire month of March will be celebrating arts of all kinds in Elk Grove. If you go to the <http://theartsadvocacyproject.org> website, there should be a calendar of events that will be helping to launch this first ever arts appreciation month in Elk Grove.

The Lineup

- Crow Show at Sparrow Gallery in March 2018
- Animal House at Sacramento Fine Arts Center January 3 – 28, 2018
- New classes starting up in March—more to come.

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Or Email me at judy@knottjustart.com for classes or commissions