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## Ever thought about getting a Tattoo?

I hadn't but then I set up a booth at the first City of Trees Art and Ink Expo this past month in Sacramento. After three days of watching these amazing artists ply their trade, I had to give it some thought.

Of course you have to have a really strong idea of what you want in a tattoo and where you would want it—after all it is going to be there the rest of your life. Until recently I had never known what item I would make a permanent piece of art on my body. I already have some things that will never go away such as cellulite and wrinkles, but I didn't have a choice when it came to those.

But then it occurred to me how much I love to paint and I decided that IF I were to ever get a tattoo, that I would have them ink a paint brush on me. I also thought that a palette might be nice but that would be bigger and take more ink and hurt more so no--a paint brush it is.

But which paint brush? I'm an oil painter but the watercolor paint brushes look more artistic. So it may take a while before I formulate the exact item I want to have painfully drilled into my skin. I've waited this long—I suppose a few more decades won't kill me.



## Another Exciting Goal Accomplished

I didn't think I would ever have the opportunity to say that my artwork was shown in a museum. Well to quote a much used phrase "Never say Never." I'm so excited to announce that my painting "Waiting for Thiebaud" is being shown throughout November at the Marin MOCA (Museum of Contemporary Art) in Novato, California.

This is a national show that Marin MOCA has once a year. They accepted only 52 pieces out of almost 1700 entries! When I found out how many entries there were I was speechless, proud and humbled. Hundreds of people came to the reception and I was honored to have my painting displayed among so many wonderful pieces of art.

If you are anywhere near the area I hope you'll stop by between now and December 4<sup>th</sup>.



The above painting has been cropped.

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## “Sisterhood of the Traveling Paints” and Other fun things

One of the most wonderful things about the art world is meeting and collaborating with other artists. I have found, with very few exceptions, the most wonderful and welcoming community of artists right here in the north valley area. One of those artists is Mardie Driftmeyer. Mardie asked me to join her in a show at the Lodi Public Library in December and I jumped at the chance.

We both wanted to show art that is affordable and easy to give as gifts. So we decided that we would mat all the pieces and not frame them. But then how do we hang them? That’s when there was that “Aha Moment.” We decided to hang them with old fashioned trouser hangers (see below)—thus the name “Traveling Paints”.

Most of the original pieces will be around \$100 and you will be able to take them off the wall as soon as you buy them. That way you will be able to give or mail them as gifts or hang them as soon as you get home. If you want the hanger as well as the painting, it’s only \$5.00 more. How fun is that?



The show runs from December 2 through the end of December.

## The last “Anyone Can Draw” workshop of 2016

It’s true—anyone CAN draw. It’s all about seeing and I emphasize that in my workshop. My drawing workshops are held at the Elk Grove Fine Arts Center. Each workshop consists of three days of drawing exercises (contour, gestural and perspective). Call 916-685-5992 to register. Or register on-line at

<http://www.elkgrovesfineartscenter.org/new-events/> click on the calendar link under events and scroll down. Or you can find it under the “Events” tab. The next workshop will be in February 2017.

Nov 9, 12 & 16 from 1:00 p.m. – 2:30 p.m.

## *The Winter Lineup*

- Drawing class at Elk Grove Fine Arts Center. **Nov 9, 12 & 16** from 1:00 p.m. – 2:30 p.m. Sign up through their web site at <http://www.elkgrovesfineartscenter.org/new-events> It's all about seeing!
- **2016 Fine Arts Festival** – Friday, Nov. 18 and Saturday, Nov 19. Spanos Community Center St. Basil’s Greek Orthodox Church 920 W. March Lane, Stockton, CA. Artist reception 4:00 to 8:00 on Friday.
- “Sisterhood of the Traveling Paints” – Lodi Public Library 201 W. Locust Street, Lodi. **Dec 2 First Friday Art Hop and throughout December.**
- “Inside Out” ACAI Gallery Show – Reception will be the third Saturday in February. There will be four artists—Two 2-D artists and 2 3-D artists. More to come in a future newsletter.

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