
KNOTTJUST ANY NEWSLETTER

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If you thought you couldn't Draw...

Or if you always wanted to take a different direction when drawing, then this class is for you. I'm teaching a drawing class called "Anyone can Draw" that will use the creative side of your brain. That's the non-analytic side that doesn't judge but that allows you to draw what you are seeing. Because drawing is all about how to see—if you can see, you can draw

The class will be held at the Elk Grove Fine Arts Center. Phone number 916-685-5992

January 20, 23 & 27, 1:00pm - 2:30pm

February 17, 20 & 24, 1:00pm - 2:30pm

Workshop Fee: \$50 each session; Materials Fee: \$5.00

Go to <http://www.elkgrovefineartscenter.org/> and click on the Events tab and "workshops" to get more information and to sign-up on line.

I've been painting small

I've really enjoyed making paintings that are smaller. For some reason it seems to free me to experiment more. I've been painting more with acrylics and collage but also using my oils when it seems to work. Below is a fish I created with collage and acrylic paints. It's only 6 x 6 but it's so colorful and makes me happy to look at it.

There were several shows this past holiday season that were all about small works of art and I was lucky enough to get into three of them. Two of the competitions were in Benicia which has a very robust art community. My "Fish Two Ways" got into the Microcosmos show at Gallery 621. This painting is a collage and oil that is only 10 x 10 but has a big impact.

I can't really explain why I like to paint fish--I just think they are beautiful and make good subject matter.



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Travels with Judy

My husband and I traveled for three weeks in Europe starting in Iceland (which I understand is considered part of Europe). Iceland is an exceptionally beautiful and diverse country with glaciers, beaches, waterfalls and sheep everywhere.

After Iceland we traveled to London where I visited several museums to fill my brain with beauty and ideas. The highlight was seeing Van Gogh's sunflowers at the National Gallery. Also visited the Tate Modern which held a plethora of 20th and 21st century artwork.

Finally we ended our trip in Ireland. What a fun and magical place to visit. We loved the music, the scenery and of course the beer.

I have painting material for years to come. I've already created four paintings based on that one trip. Below is a painting of a view from the studio of an artist I visited while in Ireland. This painting **Travels continued...**



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is oil on oil paper and is 5 x 5 but is matted 11" x 14" so all you have to do is get a readymade frame and hang it on your wall for around \$100--you can't beat that for an original piece of art. I have several others like this that I'm selling. They are great for gifts.

The 2nd picture is a photograph of the west coast of Ireland. I just painted that scene in oil as well.

We have plans to travel to Sedona, Arizona where the red rocks meet the clear blue sky and where you can feel the energy rising from the ground.

I've long been hoping to go to France on a trip called the "path of the artist" and I'm thinking this will be the year for that. If all goes well I will be spending a couple of weeks there in the early summer. Let me know if you might be interested in this trip and I'll give you the contact information.

The Spring Lineup

- Drawing class in January and February at Elk Grove Fine Arts Center.
- Involved in group show at Sparrow Gallery in February. Address is 2418 K Street, Sacramento. Come and visit during 2nd Saturday or anytime during open hours in February.
- Also in February I will be at Nava & Co. on 6 W. Oak Street in Lodi with my new small pieces and my greeting cards. She will be showing my work during the First Friday Art Hop on February 5.
- Lodi Spring Show – I will be volunteering to help with this national art show that happens April. I didn't enter last year, but will certainly attempt to get my art into this fabulous show this year.