

Eve's Easel Talk

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St. Helen's Art Club in Surrey (588-0393) is seeking new members. In fact, many of the clubs listed in *The Artist's Journal* welcome new members. Consider joining one or more clubs, if you haven't already. It's the best way to learn, socialize with other artists, and increase the exposure of your work. (You aren't required to exhibit your work in a club's shows, if you're too timid.) Most art clubs offer ongoing workshops and lessons, with professional artists instructing. Many of them meet regularly once a month (with the exception of summer months) and host a demonstration artist at the meetings. Call your local art club, for more information (*see page 10*).

A special thanks goes to all those who willingly phoned or sent me information. Being the only staff of this publication makes it almost an impossible task to try to contact every club or organization in BC for their news. I greatly appreciate those who take the time to contact me.

And . . . being the only staff, I have to take full responsibility for the errors. My apologies to Carol of the Seymour Art Gallery, and Jan at the Surrey Art Centre for misprinting their phone numbers in last issues's *Call for Entries*. Apparently I haven't learned my lesson yet, after misprinting an art club's phone number two issues ago! I am now double and triple-checking all phone numbers so this inexcusable error shouldn't happen again.

There's sad news from the Richard Major Art Group, of Burnaby. **Harry Markell**, age 93, passed away on December 31, 1997. Mr. Markell was an active member of the art group since it formed in 1977. The retired commercial artist began pencil drawing as a child. He favoured drawing and painting, especially of animals. This talented, generous, and inspiring man will long be remembered and sadly missed by all who knew him.

ZheeClay Arts extended their gallery section another 1800 feet, and are also updating their methods of art reproduction. Ron is looking into the Iris Printer System, a new technique recently introduced in the U.S. Be sure to visit Ron, Freda and staff to learn more about this amazing technology. (*See their ad, on page 10.*)

Congratulations to **Suite E Artists Association**, of Coquitlam, celebrating their 20th year. This life drawing group will soon be featured on Global Television News. At our press time, it wasn't known when the feature would be televised. Call Brenda at 936-0296 for an update.

Lyle MacDonald is currently living the artist's lifestyle in Whistler BC. The Vancouver native is busy writing a *Pen & Ink How-to-Book* for the *North Light Publishing Company*. You may remember Lyle in the 1993 14-week *How to Paint & Draw* CHEK-TV series, the *Pleasure of Painting*. Busy with his art career, Lyle also operates the *Whistler School of Fine Art*. He guides students on inspiring painting trips through the mountains. Lyle has a long and impressive background as an artist, and his workshops are popular simply by word of mouth. He doesn't need to advertise, however Lyle was kind enough to support this publication. See his ad (*page 10*) to learn more about his workshops. (*Continued next page.*)

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Ingeborg Raymer, who founded the Burnaby Artist's Guild 27 years ago, is inviting artists to her studio for Life Drawing sessions. Ingeborg is kindly offering her studio and time, and asking only for help to pay the model's fee. \$8.00 per session is required four weeks in advance. Her studio is located at 8431 Government Street, in Burnaby. Enrolment is limited. Call Ingeborg at 421-0810.

Welcome to the **Artist's Loft** in Mission, which opened for business last December. They're located at 3306 1st Ave, (604)820-5595.

Another newcomer to the arts community is South Surrey's **Amulet Gallery** located in the Pacific Inn Resort. The gallery features the artwork of First Nations artists. Although the exhibits are largely of wood art, there are also paintings, drawings and other types of artwork. The gallery's owner, **Janet Johnson**, has over 25 year's experience with First Nations art and artists. Amulet Gallery's phone number is 536-9884.

The **House of Fine Art** in Abbotsford is moving after 12 years of business at 101-2580 Cedar Park Place. Their new address is 2539 Montrose Ave, Abbotsford BC, V2S 3T3. Phone and Fax number remain the same: (604)853-2400.

Congratulations to **Clara McKenzie**, the new Club President of the **Mission Artists Association**. The association also told me that **June Pender** has her work featured on the cover of the 1998 Mission Visitor Guide.

My apologies to **The Monday Painter's Art Club**. They meet at the United Church Hall in Agassiz, *not* in Harrison as was published in the last issue. Call Isa Taylor (604)796-2470 if you're interested in joining the group.

Earl Younge is back. Last year, he sold his framing store to All Type Art Materials, in Langley, but recently bought it back. Now named **Earl's Woodroom** (he formerly called it Valley Frames), Earl continues to serve the art community as he did for eighteen years -- by offering factory direct pricing and other specialized services to help local artists. Earl has his own planing mill, and he and his staff produce a wide variety of products from lumber supplied by local mills; Stretcher strips, picture frame moulding stock and specialized mouldings, custom-sized picture frames, artists canvas, and custom picture framing by qualified framers. Earl also supplies art wholesalers as far east as Ontario. Their new phone number is 530-3386. *See their ad page 2.*

You may have heard the rumours that **Dave Martin** of **Creative Corner** in Surrey was at one time thinking of a career change. Dave is a watercolour and acrylic artist, who has many other interests, such as horticulture. Last year, he listed his artist's supply store for sale. However, it's a relief to hear that Dave has since changed his mind. He'll continue serving the art community with his 20 (plus) years of experience in the framing industry. Incidentally, Creative Corner celebrated its 18th anniversary in January. Congratulations Dave and staff! (*See their ad, at right.*)

Tracey Tuura of Mission and **Rosemary Reid** of Vancouver, were the only two entrants in *The Artist's Journal* logo contest. Both entries from these talented artists were very good, however I was hoping for a little more selection. I've decided to cancel the contest, and may run it again in the future. In the meantime, I've substituted the artist at his easel with a paint brush, as you may have noticed on the front page logo. 🖌️