

Subscriber profile: **John Clinock**



I am a visual artist working in Vancouver. In over 30 years of making and teaching art I have worked with painting, sculpture, drawing, ceramics, photography, and performance.

My personal art history includes a first class Associate of Arts Diploma from the Fine Arts Department of Camosun College in Victoria, an honours B.F.A. and B.Ed. from the University of Victoria, and an Advanced Study Certificate in Painting from Emily Carr University in Vancouver. I established the Visual Arts Department at Collingwood School in West Vancouver and led the department from 1988 until my retirement in 2010. I now create art, write, travel, and volunteer as an art teacher at various mental health centres in Vancouver.

During the last year or so I've focused on acrylic and mixed media in the making of a series of whimsically surreal wall boxes. These pieces will be in a gallery show in Vancouver next March and I extend a big "thank you" to *The Artist's Journal*, where I learned of this Call for Artists.

The act of art enchants me. The sensual and quintessentially magical process of making something from nothing animates my life on every level. Birthed by dream and

poem I play and lose myself in the act of art. I work until I disappear.

Each new piece I make has always been a deeply personal journey, a dance with those aspects of consciousness that are mysterious and elusive. I approach each working surface as I would a new relationship, a Fun-House mirror, or a dream, in search of another disclosure of self.

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