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From the Drawing Board

April to June 2017

One Model 8 Views



Work by
Pete LaRouché is
 featured in the
 Back Gallery in April!

Many of Pete’s friends will be surprised to see the paintings that he has completed in the last ten months. Never having any formal art instruction, he decided to experiment with painting and maybe find the artist within him. After reading an article about some artists who use recycled house paint, he decided to experiment using house paint for his colorful abstract paintings.

His work focuses on color and color combinations. He does not have a specific plan when he starts a painting, but he does know which colors he wants to combine. Those who have seen some of his works see different images in the paintings which make each one unique to the viewer.



Many ways to interpret a model can be seen through “*One Model 8 Views*,” our April exhibit.

The “8 Views” are the 8 artists that comprise FAB-creek—short for : Figurative Artists of Battle Creek. Started in 2008, the group includes Cinda Price, Xenia Schafer, Avna Jungen,

Elaine Wells, Tom Johnson, Melanie Wheeler, Barb Morley and Marlene Williams. The group formed to fill the need of a day time model group for Battle Creek Society of Artists.

The artists, who gather at Price’s studio, create using various mediums, including oil paint, pastel, charcoal, watercolor and pencil portraits from a live model during the months of October through March.

Since that first session Xenia Schafer has been the contact for artists interested in joining the group and has coordinated this first public exhibition that features over 120 artworks by the 8 artists.

Both exhibits, *One Model 8 Views* and the Back Gallery exhibit continue through April 29th.



Monet in May

Come and get inspired! **Monet in May** is fund raiser for the Art Center put together by the students in the Thursday morning painting class. The class has made \$10,000 the goal for this event and are working hard to accomplish that goal.

Monet in May will take place Saturday, May 13th from 3-6 pm at the Art Center. You can meet Claude Monet (personified by Craig Bishop), enjoy some wonderful French

inspired cuisine and enjoy the afternoon.

There will be both live and silent auction items to bid on, donated by artists, students, and individuals and businesses in the community. Craig has created a wonderful “Monet” that will be part of the auction (left).

Sherii Sherban and Lynn Ward Gray will serve as auctioneers and hostesses for the event.



Tickets are available now for purchase at \$20 per person. It’s an event you don’t want to miss!



Charting the Wolverine coming in May

Elaine S. Wilson chronicles the experience of riding Amtrak’s train from Ann Arbor to Chicago by combining maps, aerial drawings and watercolor images. The prints are the result of over five years of research in map collections at the University of Michigan, Library of Congress and Yale University, as well as countless trips along the tracks to find sites identified from the windows of the train at which to set up her easel. Now based in Washington D.C., Wilson taught previously at the U-M School of Art and Design and Washtenaw Community College. Her work is in the collections of Grand Rapids Art Museum, the Office of the President of U-M, Herman Miller Inc., Washtenaw Community College and C.S. Mott Children’s Hospital.

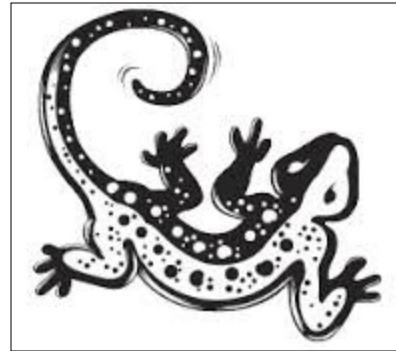
COLOR THEORY WORKSHOP with Elaine Wilson

Elaine Wilson, our May artist will be conducting a **Color Theory** one-day, 8 hour workshop on Monday, May 8th. The workshop will be from 9 to noon and 1 to 4 pm. The fee is \$50 for members, \$65 for non members plus a \$25 material fee. This workshop is limited to 15 artists so be sure to register early.

Art and Tell

Art and Tell (B.Y.O.A.= Bring Your Own Art) is up and rolling! We had 30 people in attendance at the last meeting!

Be sure to mark your calendar for the fourth Tuesday of each month, 6 pm. Our next meeting will be Tuesday, April 25th. We have added topics to our gatherings—after we share our art. The topic for April is “pricing your artwork. Hope to see you there—it’s free to all!



Summer ART Camp

Swamp Things

July 18-20, 2017
10:00 - 3:00

Our summer camp fills up very quickly so if you have children you that want to attend please make reservations as soon as possible the ages are 1st to 5th graders. The fee is \$40 for members, \$45 for non-members.

The SW Michigan Watercolor Society have very interesting program speakers and demonstrations with their monthly meetings at the Art Center on the first Monday of the month. Watch for information and try to attend!

Spring Classes begin the week of April 17th!

CALENDAR:

- ⇒ April 4-29: *One Model 8 Views*—the work of FAB Creek (Figurative Artists of Battle Creek)—Avna Jungen, Xenia Schafer, Elaine Wells, Cinda Price, Barb Morley, Melanie Wheeler, Tom Johnson, and Marlana Williams
- ⇒ May 7-26: *Charting the Wolverine*—work by Elaine Wilson
- ⇒ May 13: Monet in May, 3-6 pm
- ⇒ June 4-24: *Signature Art Guild Group*
- ⇒ July 5-29: *the Animal in Art Invitational*
- ⇒ July 15: *Kids Art Fair, 10 am to 3 pm, Free for all kids and their families and friends!*
- ⇒ July 18-20: *Kids’ Summer Camp “Swamp Things”*

Schedules are subject to change. Please check with us for any changes and updates!

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