



Someone recently commented on Facebook that the worst purchase of 2019 was a 2020 Planner. I have used a date book/planner every year since 1970. I find it necessary to note appointments, and reminders of things I need/want to do. This may be a meeting I want to attend (only by telephone these days), or a hockey game I want to watch, a birthday I want to remember, an important anniversary, a photography outing, etc. This habit has worked well for me – until the middle of March. I found myself having to cross out most of the notations before they could happen – even medical appointments. Most of what structures my life has been cancelled. And I don't like it. (My wife has been heard to mutter "Grumpy old man" more than once.) I have had to re-arrange my life, and make adjustments at every turn. I assume the same is true for

you. I have had more time for reading, which I really value. But a lot of what I would like to be doing is not yet available to me. I hope this will change before too long. I hope it will be safe to meet again face to face in PAG, at my church, in the Desert Botanical Garden, at a Coyote's game. I am tired of Fry's being my major social outlet. In the mean time, I trust that social distancing will keep all of us safe, and bring us to the time when we can safely resume normal life. I hope you can hang in with me and adjust to the "new normal" as it comes along.

PLEASE NOTE: The PAG Board has reluctantly decided not to hold the PAG Meeting as scheduled on May 18. Hopefully, we can get back to our regular meetings starting on August 24.

BEST WISHES to Dan Gellenbeck, who injured his hand recently. He is out of the hospital and improving.

Grant



Creative Corner

HOW TO USE A SKETCHBOOK by Julie Frye

May 2020

Your sketchbook CAN be the most valuable tool, even the most inexpensive tool you have at your disposal to accomplish the improvement of your art. I know many of you resist grabbing a pencil or pen and sketchbook to jot down quick observances of everyday things. I would encourage you to set aside any fear and make a silent vow to yourself during this Pandemic and SKETCH SOMETHING at least once a week. Since many of us are confined at home, it might be better to journey to the backyard or patio, or perhaps take a small sketchbook and pencil on your morning walk.

A sketchbook can serve as a practice tool, an “idea trap” and a potential future reference. Many of the greatest artists in history utilized this too, Leonardo Da Vinci, Degas, Renoir, Cassatt and many other great and recognized painters enjoyed the benefits of sketchbooks, so you’ll be in good company. Of course, you have an advantage today that they lacked. Cheap and readily available paper, artificial light, convenient transportation, etc. Nevertheless, they drew incessantly. They understood and coveted the benefits of sketching: Heightened visual acuity, increased speed and enhanced visual memory. Their sketchbooks were repositories of new ideas and observations of the world around them.

WHAT GOES IN A SKETCHBOOK?

ANYTHING! Yes, anything and everything that catches your eye, attracts your interest or activates your emotions. Small details and complete subjects are fair game. Value sketches, composition studies, doodles, designs, color notes, even clippings and reminders can be included. I use my sketchbook instinctively and I have it with me wherever I go. I often use a ballpoint pen to sketch with so no eraser is needed but you can use whatever feels comfortable for you.

When the Pandemic is finally over (SOON I HOPE!) and we can all be mobile again, take the sketchbook along – it’s your friend. Using the sketchbook to record things on your daily comings and goings will take some getting used to. Your sketchbook is your own private things. Don’t feel obligated to show it to anyone. Just ignore your fears and become friends with your sketchbook. I guarantee you will not regret

Meeting Agenda

May 18, 2020 General Meeting has been canceled.

May Demonstrator - You, Yourself and I

More Sketchbook Ideas

Draw someone you sit by in an odd pose. Draw something or someone you love.

Draw an animal taking a bath. Draw something from a pet's point of view.

Combine 3 existing animals to create a completely new creature.

Draw a pile of dishes before they get washed. Draw your favorite food. Create your own restaurant. Draw fresh fruit or vegetables. Draw a salad.

Draw moving water or still water. Make a drawing of all your drawing materials. Draw tools.

Draw 5 objects with interesting textures: wood grain, floors, tiles, walls, fabric, etc. Draw a collection of purses, wallets, or bags. Draw a watch or piece of jewelry.

Make a detailed drawing of a rock. Draw a transparent object. Draw a piece of patterned fabric with folds.

Value Studies – Draw 3 eggs and part of the carton with a strong light source.

Draw a doorway or staircase. Draw an imaginary place, adding all kinds of detail.

Use song lyrics, quotes, or poetry to inspire a drawing. Find the 3 most useless objects you can and draw them. Draw something for which you are thankful.



Time to renew your membership. Forms on the website.
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Artist of the Month-April

With no meeting, no winner.



The Alliance is anticipated to remain in transition through the summer months June and July. August activity may occur. At this time there is no reported change.

The next continuing exhibit at the Holland Gallery is expected in September of this year. If so, prospectus materials should become available July or August.

Dr. Carl

PAG Rep.

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August Collection – non-perishable canned or boxed (no glass) food.

Ongoing – Used eyeglasses for the Lions Club



Washington Adult Center pickup May 22, 2020. 10:00am – 12 noon. We will update you if this change either by email or phone call.



BIRTHDAYS – May

**Sheri Lee Cahn Lois Miller
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June

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July

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Artist on Display

Jo Allebach – Jo Allebach is a Gallery Artist at the Herberger Gallery at the Arizona Center



Members are asked for the August meeting to bring in art works with a “Rural” theme.



50/50 raffle will be done in August. So there is time to buy your raffle tickets.



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Julie Frye is now your webmaster, (Chuck and Alika Kumar assisting) so get YOUR LINK on the PAG website and get these advantages WORKING for YOU!

Just send the following info. to Julie Frye, juliefrye381@gmail.com, or me- (chuckc1@cox.net)

- A JPG (as least 300dpi) of one of your pieces
- The title of the piece
- unframed sizes, media
- Your name, email address, website link, (remember-link it back to PAG site, to increase traffic)
- organizations to which you belong.
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CHUCK'S COMPUTER CORNER "TIPS":

Wunderlist Shutdown Notice

The Wunderlist list-making app., a favorite of many for many years, is being shut down on May 6th. They were acquired by Microsoft, who wants to migrate everyone to their OWN listing app. I'm personally not enthusiastic about that!

Actually there is one that many have found does even more, called AnyList. It has all the basics that we would expect from a list app., but it also extends its usefulness, by migrating with voice commands through Alexa or Google Assistant, to add items to your lists.

For those that like to cook, it also has the ability to import items from recipes you find online which builds your shopping list in a snap.

It's easy to share any list with anybody via email or text messaging, and swiping items removes them from the list. If you have large Wunderlist lists, you can export them and then copy/paste them into Anylist as well. Learn more at <https://www.anylist.com>.

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Good luck, Chuck Cummins (chuckc1@cox.net)

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“Adobe Village” Oil By Sheila Bellinger



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