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The smell of coffee brewing and the sound of milk being steamed have become iconic and our local coffee house can be a cool place to hang out. But coffee shops always have been great places for local artists and remain so today.

History of coffee houses and art <- click for video .

In the 17th century, coffee appeared for the first time in Europe outside the Ottoman Empire. The first European country to import coffee and establish a distinctive business around it was Italy. Due to the traffic between Venice and the Ottomans, the first coffeehouses appeared in Venice between 1629 and 1645. Italy has been known as the spiritual home of coffee and the gatekeeper to cafe culture. And, when an Italian immigrant established a cafe in front of the Comedie-Francaise, the principal French theatre in 17th century Paris, the model for the modern cafe was born at the Cafe Procope (and it is still functioning to this day).

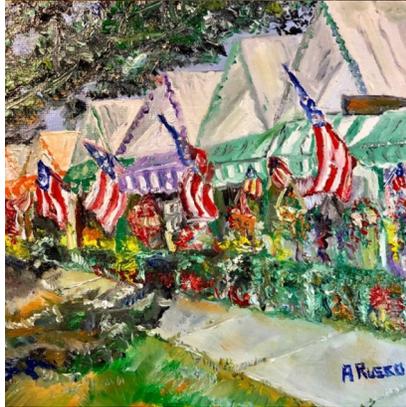
In the 19th and 20th centuries in Europe, coffeehouses were often meeting points for writers and artists. From the French cafes spilling out onto pavement terraces to American coffee shops with large, street facing windows, coffee houses have been popular spots for people-watching and artists like Renoir, Monet, Lautrec, van Gogh, Picasso, Edward Hopper and John Sloan have taken inspiration from them and their patrons.

Cafes and coffee shops have long been a safe haven for artists and intellectuals alike. Even today, our local cafes continue to provide the venue for a perfect peek into our own neighborhoods. So put on your mask, go to your local cafe, order a coffee and observe. You never know you may even be inspired to pick up a pencil and draw!

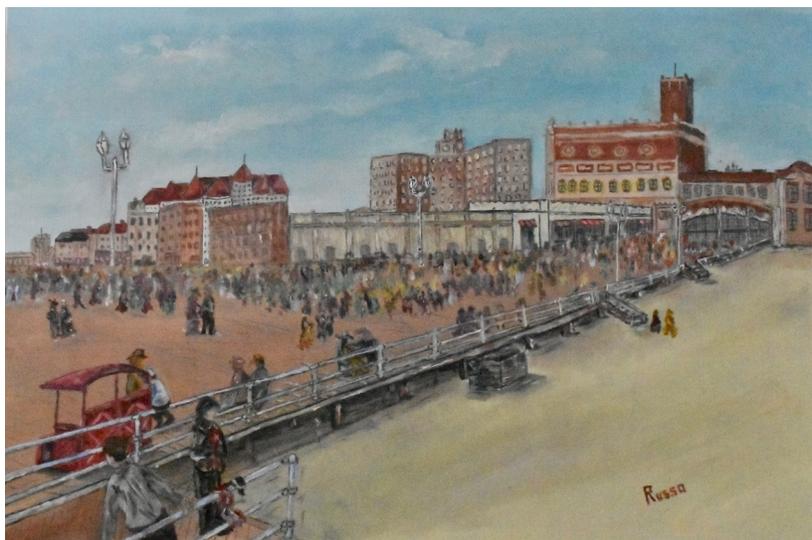


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