



# Artists United

Newsletter —



Art News You Can Use - December 2021

## A Message from the President

As we wrap up the year, I want to send good wishes for a calm and artistic New Year to all our members. 2020 and 2021 have been challenging for all of us. While I'll admit that creating art is generally a solo endeavor, we all crave the companionship and understanding that being around other artists brings.

Artists United weathered the pandemic years, thus far, pretty well with Zoom meetings and, finally, in person get togethers. We've had successes this year, showing our art around Burien in local businesses and will begin showing at the Burien Community Center in January.

Our Cove Show was a huge success as have been our displays at the Highline Heritage Museum and the Grand Central Bakery. This new year will continue this trend.

In January, I'll be the program! I'm going to be painting deciduous trees and sharing some of my techniques. If you'd like to see some of my work, stop by the Salmon Creek Cafe on Ambaum. And be sure to join me on January 4, 2022!

Happy Holidays and Happy New Year!

— Paul Illian



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## *In Memorium*

### **Allen T. MATSUMOTO**

Oct 22, 1931 - Nov 9, 2021

Born on the family farm near Spokane Washington to Fred and Kayo Matsumoto, Al was the third of four sons and a sister. Al graduated from Cheney High School and Eastern Washington University. Drafted into the Army he was sent to France, where he served with the Army Signal Corps. Upon his graduation from Eastern he joined the Boeing Company where he remained for nearly 35 years.

He met Janice Messer at Boeing, they married in 1964, and raised two children, Amy and David. Much loved grandson Kyle and much loved daughter-in-law Carmen eventually joined the family.

Al and Janice spent many of their retirement years traveling the world, seeing Japan, China, Europe, Russia, Scandinavia and anywhere else they could think of!

Al also took up water coloring, and produced the family's Christmas cards for several years.

Al is survived by his wife Janice, sisters-in-law Joyce, June & Judie, daughter Amy, grandson Kyle, son David (wife Carmen), brother Ron, and a multitude of nephews, nieces, and cousins. He is greatly missed.

A memorial service will be held 2:00 Thurs, 12/9 at Southminster Presbyterian Church, 19834 8th Ave. South, Des Moines WA 98198.

### **LONG TIME MEMBER OF ARTISTS UNITED ALLEN T. MATSUMOTO DIED NOVEMBER 9, 2021.**

He was 90 years old.

Allen was President of AU and Treasurer at various times. He was a watercolorist and created the Matsumoto Family Christmas cards annually.

AU Members remember Al:

"I knew Allen from our mutual days dealing with computer simulations at Boeing and in our professional society." *Ron Hammond*

"I knew Allen at Boeing. He was our connection to computer services for our engineering endeavors. He and others were in Judy Bixenman's watercolor class back in the early-mid 1990s. Many of us joined Artists United then (Judy was President). It wasn't long before Al became AU president. Good guy!" *Don Zimmerman*

"He was such a great great guy to hang around with. Really young at heart. His was the first piece of really nice (and expensive) artwork I purchased at one of our Cove shows." *Tom Fletcher*

"I think he was the Treasurer when I joined AU. I didn't get to speak to him much but I really liked his artwork. Wish I could have talked to him about Boeing as I'm a real airline nerd." *Doug Early*



### ***December Meeting Review***

In celebration of the Holiday Season members and visitors of Artists United gathered on December 7th at the Normandy Park Community Center to enjoy a time of fellowship, a brief meeting and a visually elegant presentation of tasty delights.

Kudos to our new Hospitality committee for the festive tableware and decorations.

After the potluck members voted on the entries for artwork of the month and a new member, Margery Ellsworth, won for the month of December.

Checks from the Normandy Park Art Show in November were handed out and a special thanks to Tom Fletcher for all that he did to make the 2021 show the most successful ever.

Wishing Everyone a Merry Christmas and a healthy, happy New Year.

Linda Loqie



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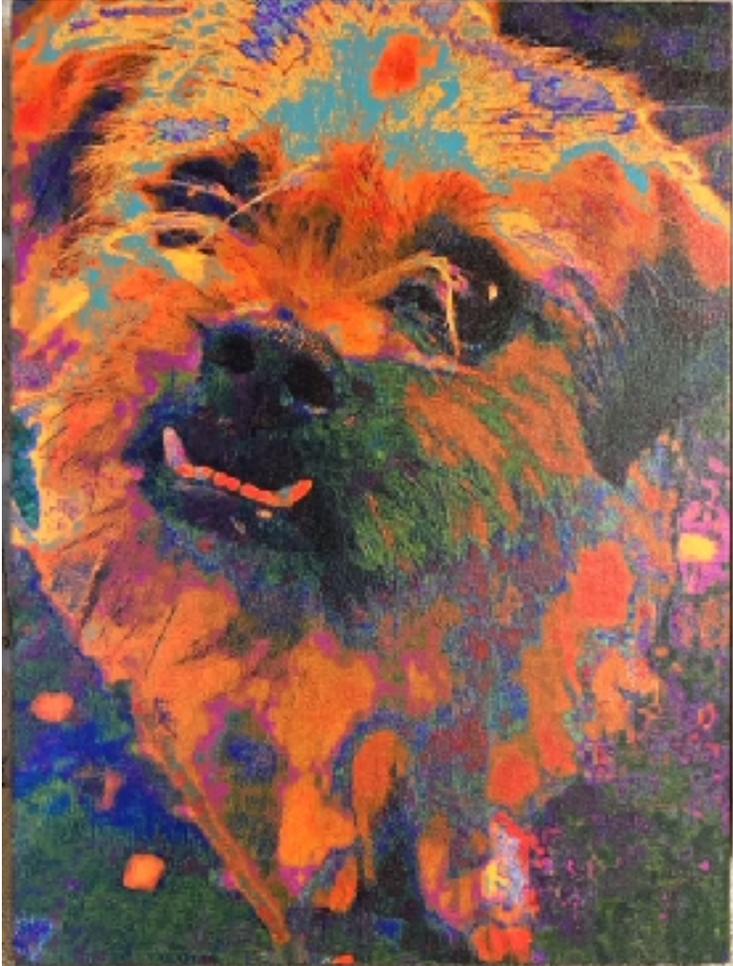
*January Meeting is Tuesday, January 4, 2022! Happy New Year!!*  
**Featuring: Artwork of the Month!**  
**Short Business Meeting - Social time with friends**  
**PROGRAM: AU President Paul Illian will share his secrets to painting realistic deciduous Trees! You don't want to miss this one.**  
**Artwork of the Month Theme: Openings**

**Artwork of the Month for December**  
 Stunning celebration of what Digital Art can be. By Margery Ellsworth, a brand new AU Member! Way to make a splash, Margery! Margery's medium is enhanced photograph (she uses a photograph and digitally "paints" it). She had another piece on the art to share table. This piece is titled "Wilfy".

**Small Pieces deliver Impact**  
 AU presents Miniature pieces now at **Highline Heritage Museum**. The works are all 8"X10" or smaller and are for sale! Drop by and check them out.

**GRAND CENTRAL BAKERY SHOW**

Grand Central Bakery now displaying a one-man show of elegant black and white photography by Ron Hammond. Since the invention of color photography, the artistry of black and white photos is even more striking. Black and white images are authentic, their classical feel holds.



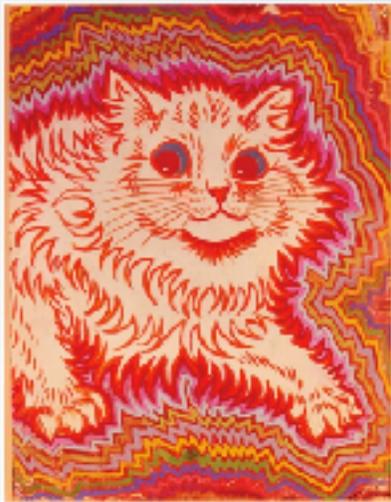


**LOOKING FOR A GOOD HOLIDAY MOVIE? CHECK OUT THIS ONE**

***THE ELECTRIC LIFE OF LOUIS WAIN***

available on Amazon Prime Video. Louis Wain was famous for drawing cats. If you've ever seen his artwork you'll recognize it, even if you don't recognize his name.

Benedict Cumberbatch plays Wain and he is amazing. The pace of the movie is slow at times, but for artists very interesting. A good and faithful presentation of his life and work. Wain could draw with both hands - at the same time! Cumberbatch learned how to do that for the film.



For more about Louis Wain, check out these links:

[https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Louis\\_Wain](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Louis_Wain)

<https://museumofthemind.org.uk/collections/gallery/artists/louis-william-wain>

[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=xzDr\\_tbl-es](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=xzDr_tbl-es)



## Removing Water-Based Paint Solids from Rinse Water

If you would rather not flush water laden with acrylic paint solids down the drain, they can be removed prior to disposing of the water. This process consists of chemically treating the contaminated water to cause the solids to flocculate, followed by filtering to remove them from the water. The materials and equipment needed are available locally and/or via mail order from the Vendor List found at the end of this article. The chemicals are hazardous so read label precautions and keep everything out of the reach of children. Safety goggles and a dust mask are recommended. The process described is intended for nonindustrial users of acrylic paints.

### Start by assembling the supplies listed below.

Decide on the process batch size. Using 5 gallon pails allows you to process up to 2½ gallons at a time. A 1 gallon pail and matching funnel allows for up to a ¾ gallon batch.

**Add 10 grams of granular aluminum sulfate for each gallon of water.** This is about ½ Tablespoon, well rounded. So, 2½ gallons

1. would require about 25 grams, or 1¼ Tablespoons. Dissolve this material in a small jar with several ounces of water before adding to waste water. Then, add to waste water and stir vigorously.

**2. Add 9 grams of powdered lime per gallon being processed (a**

**scant ¾ Tablespoon).** Stir in vigorously and observe. The flocculation of solids should start occurring within a couple of minutes. You should start to see a clear layer of water forming as the solids settle to the bottom. If, after several minutes, flocculation has not occurred, repeat steps 1 and 2.

**3. Check the pH of clear water.** It should be between 5 and 9. If lower, adjust by adding lime. If higher, adjust by adding aluminum sulfate.

**4. Assemble the filtering equipment as shown.** Use 2 coffee filters at a time. Pour the water through the filters after flocculation has occurred. The water will take several hours (over night) to completely pass through the filter. The resulting filtrate should be clear and should be flushed to a sanitary sewer. The solid filtered residue should be disposed of in a licensed landfill.

*-From Just Paint, a newsletter published by Golden Artist Colors, Inc.*

*Be Kind to your environment.  
Dispose of waste properly*

*(See Page 7 for illustration of the process,)*



# SUPPLIES NEEDED TO PROCESS RINSE WATER



### PAPER COFFEE FILTERS

The largest size we found can hold 2.5 gallons. These work well when using a 5 gallon pail. There is also a size available which works with a 1 gallon pail. See vendor list.



### PLASTIC FUNNEL

Sized to match the filter and pail being used.

### 2 PLASTIC PAILS

Depending on amount of rinse water being processed, 1 or 5 gallon size. Polythylene.



### STIRRING PADDLE

Common paddle as available at Hardware or Paint Store.

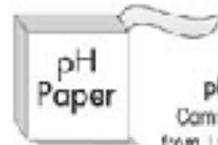


### ALUMINUM SULFATE AND HYDRATED LIME

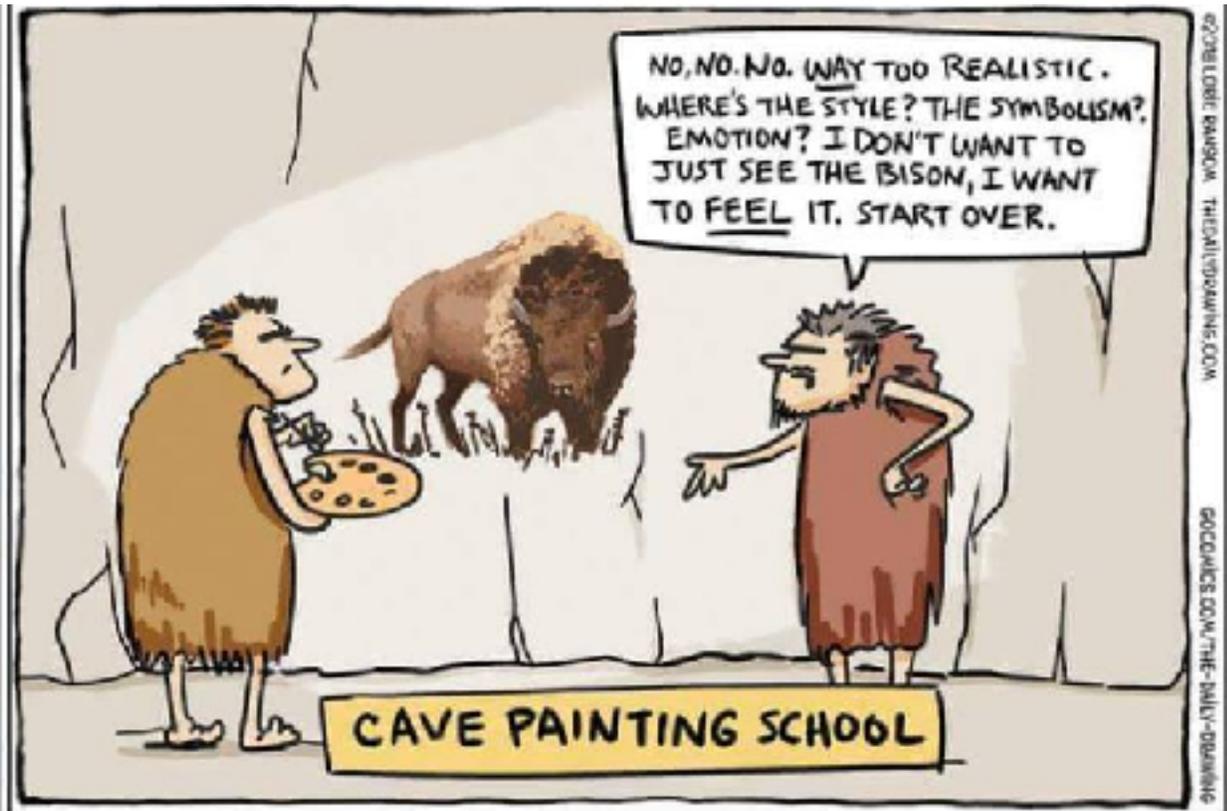
Commonly available at Gardening Centers.



WEIGHING DEVICE OR MEASURING SPOONS (Do not use Mom's baking set)



pH PAPER Commonly available from Laboratory Supply Houses.



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