

David Peterson Annual Newsletter

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"Boss's Truck", Watercolor 22"x15", Painted at Davis Ranch in Sloughouse, in Sacramento County.

Recent Successes

"Boss's Truck", a watercolor painted on site at Davis Ranch was awarded a Merit Award at the Vacaville Art Gallery Annual Open Juried Show in spring 2009. This painting, now on display at the Blue Moon Gallery, also was accepted with award at Stockton Art Leagues Annual Juried Art Show.

At Magnum Opus XX, Sacramento Fine Arts Center's Open Show, July 7-27, 2009, 3 works were accepted out of 5 entered, 2 with awards. "Take A Picture", one of many works painted on the American River, won the Silver Award. Philip Linares, curator of art at the Oakland Museum, was the juror.

One work, "Thanksgiving River", was accepted by the California State Fair Fine Arts Exhibit with an Award of Merit.

David also was invited, along with Woody Hansen, to demonstrate watercolor painting in the Fine Arts Building at the Fair again in 2009. The artist also

participated in the State Fair Plein Air program.

David donated a watercolor to the 2009 KVIE Art Auction. The painting was "Superbowl '08 II", or "Super Sunday". an award winner at last year's Magnum Opus Exhibit. The on-air auction for this work was Saturday, August 29th. Congratulation to the new owner.

The artist helped curate and present works to "En Plein Air: Sacramento Artists Working Out in the Open", an exhibition featuring the work of 16 Sacramento area artists, all members of the Sacramento Fine Arts Center, at the SMUD Art Gallery, 6301 S Street, Sacramento in August and September, 2009.

Three works of the artist were accepted by juror David Hanlon to show in the 2009 WASH Open Show, "Go With The Flow", September 1-26 at the Sacramento Fine Arts Center in Carmichael. "K Street Friday Night", was awarded Honorable Mention.

Two works were accepted in the Water Color Artists of Sonoma County "Aqua Areas 2009" open show at Coddington Mall in Santa Rosa, September 11-20, 2009. One work, "American River Abstract" was awarded the Ben L. Steele Memorial Award. This work is on display at the Blue Moon Gallery through December.

The artist was selected to participate in the Franklin Boulevard Urban Plein Air project. Twenty five artists painted plein air artwork at assigned spaces on Franklin Blvd. The works were in mural form on space provided by businesses in the neighborhood. A Second Saturday reception upon completion of the murals was September 12th at the Tangent Gallery, 2900 Franklin Boulevard, Sacramento. See the artists work for this project at www.aquarellist.com. See David's mural at Muffler Man, 4790 Franklin Blvd.

David painted 13 works in 5 days as a participant of the 1st Annual Capitol Plein Air Festival in October. Six works were displayed at the S12 Gallery in Sacramento. Over 40 regional artists participated. One work won an award and another was sold.



"Jay St.", 30"x22" watercolor was painted on site during the Capitol Plein Air Festival and was awarded the "Mayors Award". Over 40 regional artists participated in this event.

Travels With David Peterson: The 12th Annual Henry Fukuhara Manzanar Workshop May 2009

"I took off in my car early Friday, May 1," writes David. "I had far too much paint and paper for this trip, but I was going to try and use it all. We arrived Friday night and I painted Mt. Whitney that evening before dinner from the city park in Lone Pine. Saturday I joined Woody Hansen and the 80 artists at the workshop in the Alabama Hills where Dan Dickman presented the painting demonstration. The next day we met at the Manzanar National Historical Site where Al Setton presented a painting demo at the former Pleasure Park, or later Merritt Park, that the residents of this former "War Relocation Camp" made for themselves. It wasn't long before the wind came up and blew us all down. I managed to paint several paintings in spite of the wind. The next day we met at Keeler for a demo by Woody Hansen at the old school house. We then dispersed around this "living" ghost town and painted our own interpretations. I love Keeler for its utility poles, trucks and mobile homes. and the "Talc Mill", the central edifice."

The artwork of the participants of this workshop was on display in the fall of 2009 at APC Fine Arts Gallery in Torrance, CA, and will be displayed at the Manzanar National Historical Site in May 2010.

Blue Moon Gallery

David is proud to be one of over two dozen artists represented by the Blue Moon Gallery. Down the alley and behind the hand crafted gate is a magic place full art, including photography, sculpture, ceramics and painting. The patio displays outdoor art works and inside the cottage is a display of ceramics. Blue Moon artists display work in the east gallery and there is a special monthly show in the west gallery.

The Blue Moon Gallery is located at 2353 Albatross Way, Sacramento, CA 95815. More information, including a map, is on the web at www.bluemoongallerysacto.com. See you there Second Saturday! Phone: (916) 920-2444.

Papayas Cafe

Thanks to Ed Wade, owner of Papayas Cafe and Bakery, a selection of the artist's works are on perpetual display. If you have time on a weekday, stop by for a great deli lunch, and see the 12 paintings on rotating display. The artist generally brings a new work over every week. There is easy free parking right up front. 1555 River Park Drive off of Response Drive near Cal Expo and Arden Fair Mall. Hours 7 am - 3 pm, Monday through Friday.

Sacramento Fine Arts Center

The artist is a member of the Sacramento Fine Arts Center, 5330b Gibbons Drive, Carmichael, CA 95608. Phone: 916-971-3713. Hours are Tuesday-Saturday, 11-3pm. The gallery is open Tuesday evenings until 7pm. Come join us! David facilitates the "Hang Out With Art" Open Studio at the Center, Tuesdays 4-9pm. www.sacfinearts.org

What's Happening in 2010?

Plans are to paint and paint some more. Expect to see me painting primarily close to Sacramento. This is my home and there is a lifetime worth of subject matter here. The city, the suburbs, the farmlands and vineyards, the historical sites the wonderful rivers attract me to show you my interpretation of our neighborhoods and of our times in my paintings.

The 3rd Saturday Paintout will continue in various locations. For info see www.meetup.com, Sacramento Plein Air Group, or contact the artist.

David Peterson is available for painting demonstrations and private lessons. Please check my web site calendar often.

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"1945", Watercolor, painted May 4, 2009 at Pleasure Park at Manzanar. 22"x15". Available for sale.



"Bridged", Watercolor, 22"x15", one of many paintings done on site at the American River near Watt Avenue.