
KNOTTJUST ANY NEWSLETTER

January – February 2019

What Goals Have I Made?

I created goals for 2018 and was so proud that I accomplished most of them, the biggest being that I got my art into a wonderful art gallery in Carmel. That was exciting. So what are my goals for 2019?

- Paint More (I finished 40 paintings last year and my plan is to paint at least 50+ this year.) That means I have to focus my time and not spend too much time NOT painting.
- Find an outlet for my collages and abstracts (Edward Montgomery Fine Art in Carmel took my representational art)
- Sell my work at more Vendor Fairs
- Teach more classes (see article on page 2 about the **Paint your Pet** classes I'm teaching at Elk Grove Fine Arts Center)
- Get more publicity out there about who I am and what I do.

Will I reach these goals too? I certainly hope to. But the only way to do that is to continually make sure I am working towards them all year long.



Tidepool diptych

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My New Greeting Cards

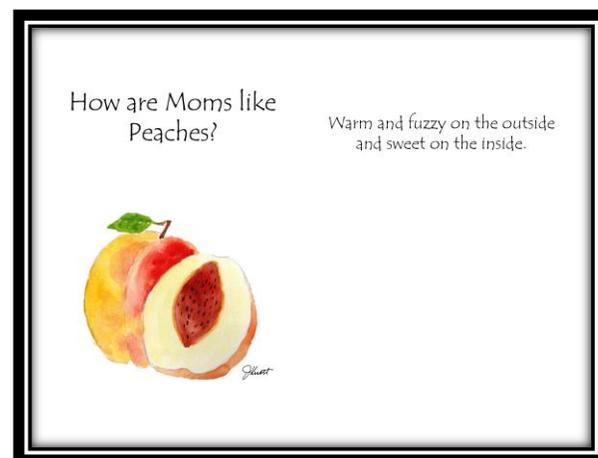
As I was spending a large amount of time on gaining representation by galleries and learning more about the business, I was neglecting my greeting card line. So late last year I started working on new designs and clever sayings for ten new cards.

I love to make people laugh and these ten cards are pretty funny if I do say so myself. I hand paint each piece of art and come up with the quotes myself and then send them off to the graphic designer who lays them and then sends them on to the printer.

If you aren't familiar with my cards, they are all based on fruits and vegetables (although I just threw in a birthday card featuring succulents).

Below is an example of one of them, but if you go to the link below you can browse through all of them. I sell retail and also wholesale to businesses and currently my cards are at the Elk Grove Fine Arts Center in Elk Grove

<http://knottjustart.com/index.php/greeting-cards>



Visit my website at <http://knottjustart.com>

Or Email me at judy@knottjustart.com for classes or commissions

What's on My Easel?

Rabbits? Flamingos? Horses? Oh my. They've all been on my easel over the last month. But the one I want to share (drum roll please) is ...

"Cheetah" I saw this incredible creature while visiting a wild animal park in Tempe Arizona over the Christmas holiday. It was a beautiful winter morning and he/she was just lying outside enjoying the sunshine. My husband who had a better camera than mine, too a great shot of this magnificent animal.

I did something new by using black gesso to prepare the board to paint on. I just felt it would be more striking and I think I made the right choice. I painted a horse head before on black background and I really liked the effect and I think with the back lighting it just makes him/her stand out so much more.

The size is 12 x 24 on wood panel painted with oil.



I will be giving a talk on how I managed to go from never having touched a paint brush to showing my artwork in Carmel. This two hour talk will start at 12:00 on March 2 at Sacramento Fine Arts Center and will cost \$50. If you are interested or know someone who might be interested, go to <https://norcalartsinc.org/> scroll down until you find my class and click on that and you can register online.

Elk Grove Fine Arts Center

I've been a long-time supporter of the arts in Elk Grove and have celebrated the Elk Grove Fine Arts Center for their efforts at bringing more art to the community. I became a member in December so now some of my artwork is hanging there. Recently they moved to a new location at **9683 Elk Grove Florin Road**, a much larger place than before. This means that the training room is larger which is exciting because it allows for more people to attend workshops and classes.

This brings me to my new class **"Paint your Pet"** This class will be on Saturday, March 23 at 12 to 3 (or later depending on how long it takes to finish the painting). If you are interested in taking this class email me at judy@knottjustart.com and I'll put you on the list. It will be \$40 plus \$15 materials fee. What could be more fun and satisfying than painting your beloved pet?



The Lineup

- How I went from the studio to Carmel class – March 2 12:00 Sacramento Fine Arts Center in Carmichael \$50.00
- Paint your Pet – March 23 12:00 to 3:00 or April 20. \$55 Email me at judu@knottjustart.com if you are interested in taking this class.