

On the Wall

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Coeur d'Alene 2nd Friday ArtWalk

Tonight, 5-8 p.m.

Tonight is 2nd Friday ArtWalk in Coeur d'Alene. It could be a carefree night to forget about politics, have a glass of red (try not to think of your bank!) and take in the insights of artists - those who speak truths from the depths of their souls.

Always remember: Art is for everyone. Republicans and Democrats. Richer and poorer. In good times, and in bad. You can get lost in it. Or find yourself in it.

Art can even bring us ... together.

Miniatures by the Lake

Coeur d'Alene Galleries
Coeur d'Alene Resort Lobby
Preview tonight Reception
Oct. 17, 6-8 p.m., from

While next Friday is the big event, tonight is the night to preview and place intentions to purchase artworks at the inaugural Miniatures by the Lake showcase of national Western, wildlife and sporting art at Coeur d'Alene Galleries inside the Coeur d'Alene Resort.

The Miniatures by the Lake show features a collection of miniature works by nationally known artists. With a size constraint of 144 square inches, most of the 90 works are 8-by-10 to 12-by-12-inch paintings in various styles and mediums, with few unconventional shapes. Most of the works reflect realism and a few bronzes are also included.

Of the nearly 60 featured artists, 70 percent are Northwest artists, and most of the artists' works are in demand. "They are really, really hard to come by," said gallery owner Shawny Le.



Courtesy of Coeur d'Alene Galleries

"Comes from the Sky," oil painting by Rocky Hawkins in the Miniatures by the Lake show.



Image courtesy of The Art Spirit

"Many people like the western motif in Native American, cowboy or wildlife art," she said. "It fits with the style of this area," she said.

There will be a "fixed-price draw" at the reception on Oct. 17, which is a common way to sell artwork in the Western art world when demand is higher than supply. "Most of the artists have set their prices lower than what they normally sell for," said Le, giving an added incentive to buy.

Viewers may fill out intent-to-purchase slips tonight, through next Friday. The artists' reception on Oct. 17 will be held in the Resort's Convention Center at Casco Bay. The event will include an open bar, hors d'oeuvres and live music. The event is free, and a People's Choice award will be given to the favorite artist.

Elaine Green

New Charcoal Drawings
The Art Spirit Gallery
415 Sherman Ave.
Through Nov. 8

Charcoal is a sensitive medium that is so moody and spirited.

Coal black - deep darkness on white paper. And all shades of gray, made from black alone. Finger smudges make mountain ranges, or trees.

You want so badly to touch a charcoal. The temptation is great because you can see the dust lying on top of the paper. If you've ever worked with it, you know that if you blow one puff of air, exhale too strongly, a shadow can swiftly transform into a highlight.

This is why I admire Elaine Green.

It's all in the touch.

Her work is seductive. She explores the human body as if it were a landscape; and

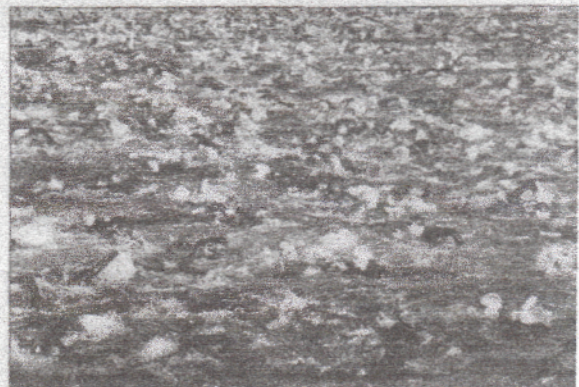


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the landscape as if it were a sensuous body.

"My artistic process," she says, involves "hand-rubbing the charcoal into the paper, then lifting it off with erasers...studying the images as they emerge from the darkness, during which interesting subtleties and tensions reveal themselves."

Meet the artist tonight, and watch her work at "Art in the Making" tomorrow.

Art in the Making is a free performance art exhibition in the atrium at the Coeur d'Alene Plaza Shops, 210 Sherman Ave., Saturday from 11 a.m.-4 p.m. Twelve regional artists, including The Art Spirit Gallery owner Steve Gibbs and The Painter's Chair Gallery owner Steve Shortridge, draw, paint and sculpt from two live models.

Join the artists Northwest Artists and conversation spans nearly two selling art and ci d'Alene.

The 13 members Barlow, photography clay and raku; Sl watercolor and feather art; Toni Corrine Ziesmer airbrush. Also on and stained glass well as works by

The co-op members and artisans of the

See tonight's ArtWalk listings

Northwest Artists

18th Anniversary Celebration
217 Sherman Ave.

On the Wall is a scene. Reach Jen jennifers@spokane

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