

## WEBSITES

### [www.wetcanvas.com](http://www.wetcanvas.com)

This is a huge forum for artists of all types. It is free and anyone can post to it. (Unlike some other art forums where you have to be *accepted* to post threads.)

### [www.googleartproject.com](http://www.googleartproject.com)

This is a fantastic resource for those of us who can't jet set around the world visiting museums! Sit back and browse the collections in some of the best World Class Art Museums from your computer! There is only one drawback and that is that you must install Chrome browser on your computer to visit this website. It is free, and I honestly don't blame Google (maker of Chrome) for setting this up for their own browser.

### [www.fineartamerica.com](http://www.fineartamerica.com)

Fine Art America is a very good online art marketplace. One feature is their Giclee service which allows artists and art buyers the opportunity to buy Giclees at reasonable prices. The artist only has to provide a good photograph at high resolutions for their end of the partnership. FAA does all the rest and a buyer can select matting and framing materials of their choice online. You have an opportunity to see what is hot in the art marketplace.

### [www.florida-arts.org](http://www.florida-arts.org)

Florida Division of Cultural Affairs. Here you can find grant opportunities, jobs, resources and other items of interest in our state.

### [www.tampaarts.com](http://www.tampaarts.com)

Hillsborough County Arts Council. Here you can find lists of opportunities, galleries, grants, and jobs.

### [www.artrenewal.org](http://www.artrenewal.org)

*This is what they say about themselves*

ARC is the Eye of the Storm, at the core, hub and center of a major cultural shift in the art world. With a growing body of experts, we are setting standards to become ARC Approved™ for [artists](#), [art schools](#), systems of training, museum exhibitions and historical scholarship, to bring guidance, direction, goals and reality to an art establishment that has been sailing rudderless for nearly a hundred years.

This is a really wonderful look at what is going on in the "classical realism" area of the contemporary art scene. Still largely pounding on closed doors, this movement is slowly gaining credibility.

### [www.painterskeys.com](http://www.painterskeys.com)

Canadian artist, Robert Genn, has built a cyber empire! You can subscribe to his email letters, his blog, and a host of other interesting tidbits he offers to artists. His bi-weekly email letters are a wonderful read and they are free! it is easy to sign up to get them emailed to you.

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### [www.emptyeasel.com](http://www.emptyeasel.com)

A marvelous blog that features various art topics, from how to deal with difficult perspective to selling your artwork online.

### [www.linesandcolors.com](http://www.linesandcolors.com)

This is one of my favorite blogs. Charley Parker, the author, has far ranging tastes for various art and artists through the ages and his blog is informative and educational. I have learned very much from his insightful posts.

### [www.americangallery.wordpress.com](http://www.americangallery.wordpress.com)

This is a website/blog that covers legions of American Artists past and present. Blogger Suzy Lamb makes no attempt to give us details of each artists' life, only a collection of images, so if you want more you may have to do a search, but it is a stunning array of America's contribution to world art.

### <http://www.beautifullife.info>

This is an elegant website/blog that features new innovations in design. There is a section for artwork, graphic arts, industrial design, automotive design and fashion. (Check out designers who are into robots, weird stuff like cell phones that look like they are filled with water, amazing cars, RVs, homes, and jewelry.)



#### How Blogs work:

The technology behind blogs is different from websites. They are indicated in your browser window by the orange and white logo. You can view a blog in the same way you would view a website, by typing or inserting the URL (address) into the address bar of your browser. Alternatively, you can obtain a "Reader" which is sort of like your list of favorites, but gives a list of Blogs that you have subscribed to.

I like The Old Reader ([www.theoldreader.com](http://www.theoldreader.com)) and it is completely free. This is like a library for blogs you like to read and it is a neat way to be organized about it. You can go to their website and find out how to use The Old Reader and start to get your blogs.

Unlike websites, Blogs also offer the reader an opportunity to make comments, which are shared with other readers in a "comments" section. In today's internet, blogs are becoming a kind of secondary information highway, and every conceivable topic of interest has some kind of blog attached to it. Gone are the days when blogs were the haven of wingnuts and weirdos who used their blogs as a daily rant.

I have collected quite a few blogs of interest, mostly about art, but I also read Jeff Masters who is a weather professional who is my "go to" for the latest hurricane updates. You can add blogs and delete those that you find are repetitive or boring after the initial excitement has worn off. It is worth it to get The Old Reader for free and try it out. Blogs are great, and can deliver a huge amount of information to you.