

WEBSITES

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.) A Google search for some art topic will often take you here.

www.google.com/culturalinstitute

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. And better yet you can install an app for your browser that will pick, at random, a work of art each time you click on a new tab in your browser. Want to visit Machu Pichu or Versailles? Here is the answer to all couch potatoes who don't want to ever get on a plane again!

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 art prints 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.

<http://dos.myflorida.com/cultural/>

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

<http://tampaarts.org/arts-council/>

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

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

Canadian artist, Robert Genn, built a cyber empire which is now being managed by his daughter, Sara after he died several years ago. You can subscribe to receive the bi-weekly letters from Sara or one of Robert's ruminations about every-

thing art, including some very interesting images to bring you some eye candy of a morning. There is much more of interest on the Painter's Keys website and it is worth some investigation. Certainly the Genn family is hugely talented and extremely knowledgeable about many topics relating to art and artists.

BLOGS

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

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

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) 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.