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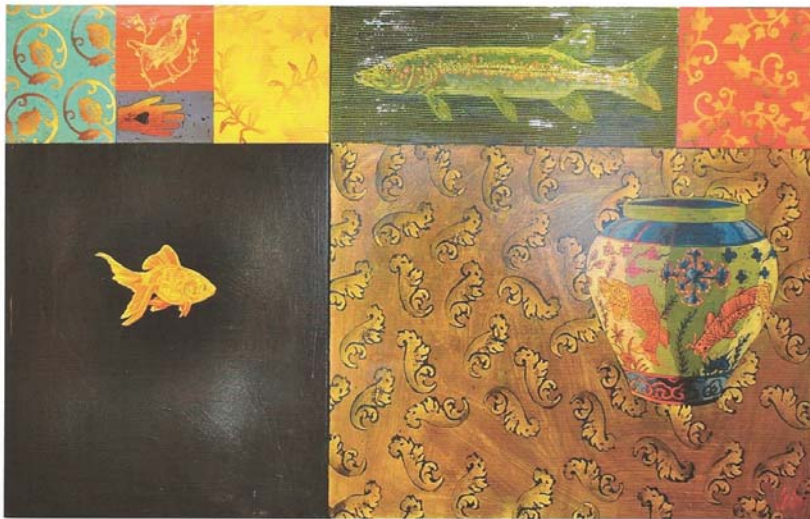


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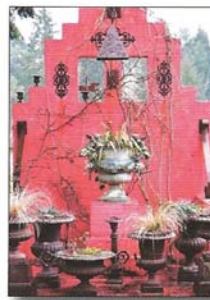


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CELEBRATION OF FINE ART

by roving reporter Bill Burton

Bill mentioned to us that he was heading down to Scottsdale Arizona in March of 2011 to attend the Celebration of Fine Art. We asked him to put on his spy glasses for us and report on the event. – editor's note

The Celebration of Fine Art (CFA) is an annual event. Over 100 of the USA's finest artists gather under big tents to show their work and share their creative process every day for 10 weeks.

I had attended the Celebration of Art once before in 2009. I was again thoroughly impressed with the wide range and world class artists covering all art mediums. I recognized a few artists from the 2009 show, but most were new to me.

All the artists are working on site and are more than happy to stop and discuss their work from a technical stand point through to sales (if you wish).

I spent almost an hour speaking to Heidi Rosner. Myself being a novice water-

colour student, I found her work extraordinary. She paints beautiful and strong watercolours using very little water. We talked about her techniques and her process. She even took time to look at some of my work, which I had with me, while gently suggesting how I could improve.



Heidi Rosner • www.heidrosner.com

Another artist of great admiration was Guenther Riess. Guenther works with mixed media and is well known for his 'frameless windows'. He incorporates pencil, watercolor, acrylics, wood, and glass in his pieces. The result is something amazing that I have never quite seen before. I spent a considerable amount of time with him talking about his artwork.



Guenther Riess
www.gmriessstudios.com

I could have spent several days at the CFA as it was such a wonderful learning experience for me, meeting artists of such a high calibre.

Anyone interested in the arts should consider heading down for this event. ~



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