

# CRITIQUES



meet our critic from the May meeting, Ritchie Velthuis

is one of the most prolific contemporary sculptors in Alberta and a well-known cultural activist. After completing the Design Arts Program at Grant MacEwan College, Velthuis worked as a graphic designer for several years but was always drawn back to a fine art sensibility.

He has devoted the last 25 years to the exploration of sculpture in various mediums, including clay, resin, stone, cement, ice, and snow. Ritchie Velthuis is a focused and considerate artist. He has developed a repertoire of strong community-based works.

His impressive body of work has been enthusiastically received among his peers and mentors and can be found in several private and public collections throughout Alberta.

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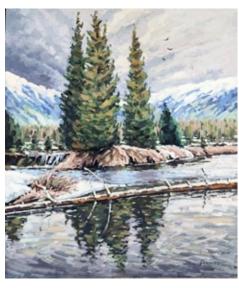
#### **DONNA CHAMBERLAIN**

Nice palette, and the composition works well. Not necessary to add more colour.



#### **NOLA BUKVI**

Dramatic, romantic, the light is good. Good details and perspective in the boat. Nice composition.



#### **M SALAYI**

Love your mark making, the looseness and the brushstrokes. Perhaps Payne's Grey could be used to darken the base of the middle trees to ground them.



#### MARY FITZGERALD

The more I look the more I see. I detect a kind of pulling back and forth in beautiful ways. The reddish highlights add a subtle contrast that pulls the viewer in.

# CRITIQUES (CONTINUED)



#### **JUDY KOCH**

Beautiful. Love the colours and shadow treatments. The handles of the wheelbarrow can be misread.



#### YVONNE BILAN-WALLACE

Very nice. Some darker stitching towards the mid to bottom of the piece will create more definition.



#### **BETTY DEAN**

Love the underwater look to this. The white highlights are very attractive.



#### **LINDA NELSON**

I like your use of complementaries. Nice interplay of lights and darks. Narrow the foreground to one third of the painting, to increase the impact of the horizon and sky.



#### **SERAYA SMIT**

The way you've captured light is well done. Well composed. The layering of acrylics gives this a nice glazed look.



#### JUDY WHITE

Good control of watercolour. The focal point of the boat and man could be made slightly bigger to lessen the negative space. The water in the negative space works well.

#### **■ RICHARD ST. AMANT**

A very fun piece. Try using more duct tape in more areas of the face to harmonize the surface area here. I would hang this in my home.

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#### **ROB GUETRE**

This is beautiful, Excellent presentation. Sporadically adding a bit of bright yellow with a palette knife would increase the intensity of the flames. Has an illustrative quality.



#### **ADA WONG**

A thoughtful, simple composition, effective. Extremely well done. The splatters by using masking fluid works well for the speckled effect.



#### JENNY RODRIGUE

A very nice composition. Make your colours cooler in the background by adding grey. The flora in the front could use a bit more intensity.





#### **JOHANNE SEPTOU**

Good composition. I like some of the abstract treatment. The background yellows could be grayed a little.



#### **SACHIKO MOTODA**

Very interesting subtly rendered scene. The mountains and the trees are interesting. A pleasant work.



#### **REBECCA VIEZEL**

Nicely rendered. Incorporate lines into the drawing for added definition. The head is well placed.



#### **GAIL FAREWELL**

A whole bunch of fun with watercolour, it's beautiful. The mid range could be simplified a bit less colour. Nice mark making.



#### **MICHAELA YANISH**

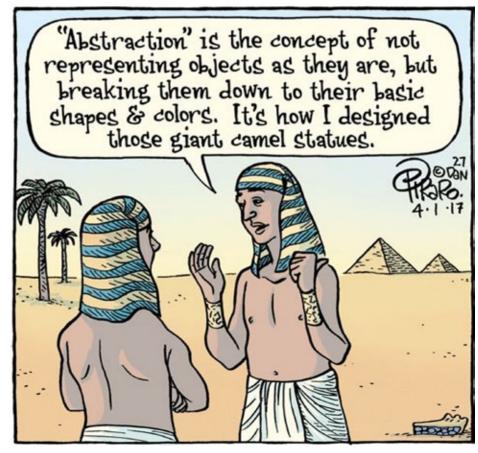
Beautifully rendered. The composition could be tighter to create more impact. The interaction between the copper and green is striking. The shadows need to have crisper edges.



#### **FRANCES HESSELS**

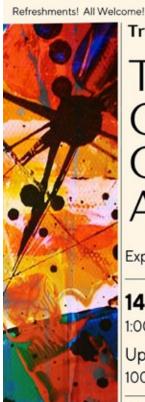
Beautiful and thoughtfully done. The smile on the girl's face is engaging.







Date	Title	Details	Venue
September 13	Misericordia	Open, no theme	Misericordia Hospital
September 14	Colours of Autumn	Open, no theme	Holy Trinity Anglican Church
October 1-31	Annual Juried Show	5 and 5, no theme	Night of Artists Gallery
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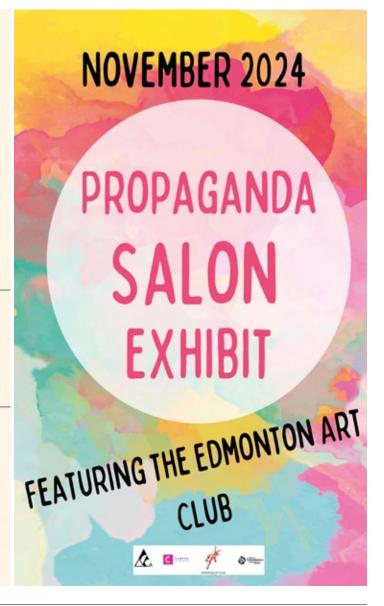
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# Farewell Marge Somkuti

Marge Somkuti has been an integral part of the Edmonton Art Club's Membership Committee, bringing her dedication to the forefront.

Her participation in our exhibits may not have been continuous, yet her involvement was always impactful, characterized by her eagerness to lend a hand.

A master of oil, watercolor, and acrylic, Marge's art has adorned many exhibitions, and her voluntary service in these events speaks volumes of her commitment.

As Marge steps away, her absence will be profoundly felt.

We will certainly miss the artistic excellence and the spirit of volunteerism that Marge Somkuti brought to our club.

Her dedication to the membership committee has been a significant contribution to our club. We are thankful for her volunteer efforts and the times she has shared with us at various club functions.

Authored by Seraya Smit









Glimpse Into Marge's Artistic Journey



# MEMBER HIGHLIGHTS

AM PLEASED THAT MY PAINTING, "Browsing the Book Stalls" will represent **CSPWC** in the International Watercolour XV Biennial, Mexico 2024-2025 Exhibition.

The exhibition goes for a year in Mexico City

Frances Hessels



# Western Canadian Beauty

LOVE MY COUNTRY, Canada, for its incredible atmosphere, but I have a special affection for the western Canadian vistas, especially the Rocky Mountains. The forests

and their vibrant variety of colors captivate me. Everywhere you look, you're mesmerized by stunning hues and compositions, each scene begging to be captured on canvas.

I adore the mountain landscapes and the vast wilderness, which provide endless pleasure and opportunities to choose angles and colors that make my art unique. This appreciation spans the entire year, not confined to a single place or season. Painting during the snow season brings me immense joy. Despite the harsh weather, the beauty and colors are ever-present. The challenge of finding colors in landscapes blanketed with white snow, reflecting the sky and surrounding hues,

is particularly

rewarding. We artists must thank Mother Nature for offering such a diverse palette and array of subjects throughout the year.

M.Salayi









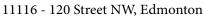


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