

Paintertainment

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CHALLENGE YOURSELF!

Competitions...challenges...whatever you call them, it's hard NOT to come across them these days online! Some artists enter every one they see, and some only enter those that fit their personal style. Sadly, though, many more artists tend to shy away from competitions for fear of being judged and compared to others. This month I want to encourage those of you among the latter to enter as many competitions as possible! For me personally, competitions have nothing to do with any of the other entrants. Here's why...

They challenge your creativity

There's something about being forced to paint a subject matter you'd never normally paint that unlocks a whole new level of creativity in your brain! My favorite part of entering competitions is that they make me paint things I never would have painted

otherwise. The pressure of a deadline makes me add it to my to-do list, and the competition is just enough to nudge me just out of my comfort zone.

They provide much needed variety

As face painters we can often get caught up in the rut of painting the same things over and over, and let's face it, that can get a little boring. Competitions give just enough pressure to complete something for a purpose, but all of the creative freedom to make it your own!

They put your work out there

Getting your work "out there" and visible to other artists can be scary when you are just getting started, but it's a necessary step to take if you are aiming to improve your skill. Fear of others seeing your work may just be a hint that you need to work on building confidence in your work. A lack of confidence or fear of comparison is something that clients can smell coming. What better & safer way boost your confidence than in a fun contest with your peers, who have all been where you are? Whenever I see a contest entry from someone who is just starting out, I always think to myself, "wow, that's so great that she is jumping right in with both feet, and has the confidence to join in with some of the seasoned veterans!" I find it to be much less pressure than painting for clients who are paying good money and expecting good work!

There are no "losers"

I've entered more contests than I can count, never expecting to even place in them, let alone win. While I was pleasantly surprised to land a couple of wins, I've never been in it for the prize. For me the prize is in challenging myself, and creating another fun and unique piece for my own creative portfolio. If you look at it that way, it's already a win for you before you send in your submissions! So take the pressure off yourself, and make it fun.

I would like to challenge you this month to challenge yourself! Find a competition, create an entry. Don't just leave it in your camera...ENTER IT! You just might surprise yourself with a win one day when you least expect it!
Happy painting! 🎨



"Yellow" Competition



Tim Burton Competition



Steampunk Competition



Storybook Character Competition



Mouth Design Competition



"Spring is Here" Competition

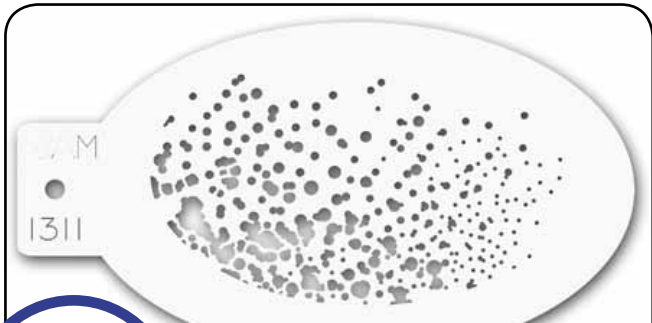
What's News?



On YouTube:
Check out our latest time lapse video of this creepy laced-up hand!



Check out our expanded assortment of Global rainbow cakes!



NEW Products:
We're now carrying more fun, new stencils, brushes, and rainbow cakes! Check out the shop today and don't forget to use your coupon!



PRINCE TRIBUTE



Mark your calendar for our May Guild Meeting Speaker:

GRETCHEN FLEENER

Had enough of the usual superheroes, gore and game designs for boys? Need more options for the little ones who aren't into the scary stuff? Artist and author Gretchen Fleener will draw inspiration from her 6th book, "Painting Boys" as she walks us through...

WHEN: Wednesday, May 4, 7:00 PM
WHERE: Rescue Squad

Traveling Workshops:
Gretchen Fleener will be speaking and teaching in New Jersey next month! Click on our new "events" page for details!

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