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President's Message

Making Things Happen

If you have yet to create your entry to our fall show, then, it is time to start. Procrastination is any artist's biggest enemy – but give us a deadline, then we can get going. How many authors, who have already received an advance, move to Ireland (or some other quiet place) in the hope that he/she has peace and inspiration to create a masterpiece or to meet a deadline? I have seen this personally with an artist friend in London who had two years to create his solo show at the Marlborough Gallery and was always working like mad in the last four months, trying to meet a deadline, having thought he had “plenty of time”.

So, if you don't yet have your artwork for the annual Fall Show at Ho'omualuhia – it is time to get going. Robert Genn, in his twice weekly newsletter wrote to this subject recently.

“Over the time I've been writing my twice-weekly letters, artists have offered many suggestions for making things happen. Loud music, fast jogging, deep breathing, meditation, yoga, “good book” and bank balance reviewing have all been mentioned. Prior (thumbnail) sketches have been praised as a failsafe technique for avoiding boo-boos and getting satisfaction in the main bout. At the same time, prior sketches have been disparaged as potentially stealing fire from the final work and interfering with on-the-spot creativity. In my own case, joy and sometimes better work comes through casual, relaxed, and frequent contemplation both before and during painting events”.

Whatever works for you, then just do it. I have found the greatest pleasure and stimulation in working with friends, playing music in my studio and wandering around the garden with a glass of wine – but that is just what works for me. Find your own center and bring the results to Ho'omualuhia on September 30. We will have a lot of fun.

A hui hou,
Frances