

A DAY IN THE ARTS

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ON THE WEB

CATHY JOHNSON

Cathy (Kate) Johnson has been working as an artist for the past thirty years. During that time she has also written thirty-one books on subjects on art and other subjects. Not one to be still, she has also written and/or illustrated articles for a number of magazines and other publications. She is also one of the most giving of artists. She eagerly shares her knowledge and experience with others through her web sites and Yahoo groups while still finding time to paint and create jewelry!

Her website, www.cathyjohnson.info/, is a good example of her giving. If you click on ART TIPS, you will find a list of 86 different tips that she has learned from experience and freely shares. For instance, you'll find topics as diverse as studio space, watercolor pencils, masking tricks, painting fur, self portraits, and much more!

Johnson's tips for working with Gouache (Art Tip #65) briefly explains what Gouache is and how to use it. She goes on to show examples of using the medium for painting flowers, using it along with watercolors, and using it while working plein aire. She then points you to her flickr album (an on-line photo site) that gives a short demonstration of one of her paintings mentioned in the tip. (See

<http://tinyurl.com/ch3fmh>)

Art Tip #79 is Travel Sketching; a Few Tips to Make Your Journey Easier, perfect advice for those wishing to keep a traveling sketchbook. Johnson show's you how to create a basic painting kits as well as her plein air kit and why she uses each. Want more information? Click over to her free video tutorial on YouTube (<http://tinyurl.com/d9xr32>), titled "Backroads Artist with Cathy Johnson". Here's you'll see a step-by-step demonstration that you can view as many times as you wish. It's the next best thing to having Johnson in your studio! Currently, Johnson has provided five art videos on YouTube (<http://tinyurl.com/clpf49>) and is now doubt working on more.

As you can see, Cathy Johnson is one busy lady. We hope to catch up with her in the near future for an interview. In the mean time, enjoy her site and all the resources that she makes available to you. Oh, and while you're visiting her site, be sure and sign up to receive her Art Tips when ever a new one is posted. 🐘

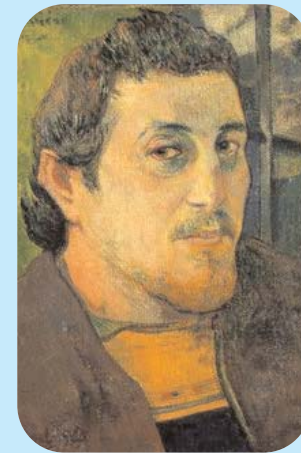
RESOURCES

<http://www.cathyjohnson.info>
<http://tinyurl.com/clpf49>
<http://tinyurl.com/dn85u7>

WORD OF THE DAY

DIPTYCH

A work of art on two hinged panels, such as a painting or carving.



"It is the eye of ignorance that assigns a fixed and unchangeable color to every object; beware of this stumbling block."

-Paul Gauguin

(Painting detail: Paul Gauguin, Self-Portrait Dedicated to Carrière, 1888 or 1889)

ART AEROBICS

Practice you drawing skills

Use a pair of pliers to form wire into a 3D line drawing of a woman with a parasol. Use coat hangers if that's what's handy. No time limit. 🐘