News about artist David N. Kitler

Greetings

Summer is finally here

We hope you are having a wonderful year! In this newsletter you will find a summary of the latest news about David and his work. For more detailed information, visit his **web site** at www.davidkitler.com. The site also contains the most up-to-date information on original paintings and reproductions available from David's studio, as well as a calendar of upcoming events. We hope you bookmark the site and visit it often.

If you would like to contact us, please call, write, e-mail, or visit us in person at one of our upcoming events (see the "Following David's Tracks" column for locations and dates).

In the Field

More of North America

David's trip to Australia did not materialize at the end of last year. So, although he still plans to visit the land down under in the future, he has spent the last few months further exploring North America. From Alberta to Ontario, and from California to Florida, David has visited a number of national and state parks, where he had the opportunity to get up close and personal with the local wildlife. Some of the artwork resulting from these experiences can already be seen on his web site.

In the Classroom

Classes, workshops & presentations

If you have ever talked to David, you know how much he loves to teach. His regular classes at **Jon Williams**

Voice for the Wild

Studio in Calgary are open to students at all levels, working on any subject or medium. If you would like to join one, check the web site for class information or give David a call.

David also teaches a number of workshops. This year, he was invited to return to East Glacier, MT to teach alongside artist Wanda Mumm, and will once again teach a "Wildlife in Acrylics" workshop in Vancouver, WA in early December. He might



teach another workshop in the southeastern part of the U.S. (i.e. Florida or Georgia) in early 2003. As we finalize the details, we will be sure to post them on the web site. Please contact us if you would like to attend a workshop, or would like David to teach one in your area.

Last month, David was invited to discuss his work with Fish Creek Elementary's 5th grade class in Calgary. He was moved by how well the children had prepared. A few days later, he was surprised to receive letters from each of the students, thanking him for his presentation and sharing what they had learned. It seems that his remark that "if you spend one hour a day doing something, in five years you will be an expert" hit a chord. Most of the students mentioned that David had inspired them to work hard at pursuing their dreams. He is the one who feels inspired and thankful for this wonderful opportunity. /

Following David's Tracks

August 16-18, 2002 Preview: August 15 (7 – 11pm) 25th Buckhorn Wildlife Art Festival

Buckhorn Community Centre Buckhorn, ON, Canada Come celebrate the show's 25th Anniversary! For additional information: (705) 657-1918 bait1@kawartha.net

September 14, 2002

16th Arts for the Parks Awards Ceremony

Jackson Lake Lodge Grand Teton Nat'l Park, WY, U.S.A. For tickets or additional information: (800) 553-2787 www.artsfortheparks.com

September 28-29, 2002

1st Canadian Fine Arts Invitational

Holiday Inn Select Brampton, ON, Canada For additional information: (905) 874-2919 www.hace.ca

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October 18-20, 2002 6th ARTessential – The

Ultimate Art Show & Sale

Big-4 Building, Stampede Park Calgary, AB, Canada For additional information: (403) 253-1966 www.ARTessential.com

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In the Studio

Ducks Unlimited Sponsor Print



David has been selected as the 2003 Alberta Ducks Unlimited Sponsor Print Artist of the Year with his piece "Rocky Mountain Eye.' Prints will be

published by D.U. and distributed across Alberta, and David will receive 100 Artist Proofs. Please let us know if you would like to preorder one.

Originals

If you are interested in David's original paintings, those currently available can be seen on the web site. We update the site often, posting new paintings as David finishes them, and removing others as they sell. Some were only posted for a day or so, but many exquisite images are still available. Please let us know if you want to hear about new paintings, but cannot access the web, and we will make other arrangements.

Highlights

Awards & Recognition

David is honoured that his piece "In the Heat of Winter (Scrub Jay)" has been included among the top 50 in this year's *Arts for the Parks* "Mini **50**" competition. *Arts for the Parks* "Top 100" and "Mini 50" competitions were created to celebrate representational artists, and to enhance public awareness and support for the National Park System.

Judges review thousands of images, so being a part of this select group is



an amazing accomplishment. David will attend the opening ceremonies.

Back in March, David's painting "Full" was honoured with an **Excellence Award**, during his first year at the NatureWorks Wildlife Art Show (Tulsa, OK). Being a part of the show was already a prize in itself. As it is planned and organized entirely by volunteers, show proceeds are put back into Oklahoma wildlife conservation and preservation causes.

David is also honoured to have been elected to membership in the **Society of Animal Artists**, whose members are some of the best animal artists in the world. The Society aims at increasing awareness "of the artists who explore the mystery, grandeur and grace of the animal kingdom."

And lastly, for the third year in a row, two of David's pieces received Collector's Choice Awards during the ARTessential show in Calgary. "Algonquin Reflection" was selected in the "Best of Show – Acrylic Painting" category, and "A Little off the Top" won "Best of Show – New Reproduction." A big thanks to everyone who visited and voted.



Algonquin Reflection

Following David's Tracks (continued)

November 8-10, 2002

32nd Waterfowl Festival

Easton, MD, U.S.A. For additional information: (410) 822-4567 www.waterfowlfestival.org

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November 29 – December 1, 2002

23rd Wild Arts Festival

DoubleTree Hotel Portland, OR, U.S.A. For additional information: (503) 292-6855 www.audubonportland.org

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December 6-8, 2002

4th Wildlife/Acrylics Workshop

Arts Desire Vancouver, WA, U.S.A. For additional information: (360) 693-0028 www.bevelar.com

January 31 – February 2, 2003 10th Florida Wildlife & Western Art Exposition

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Lakeland, FL, U.S.A.

For additional information: (941) 364-9453 www.wildlifeartexpo.com

February 7, 2003 (7 – 10pm)

Wildlife on Canvas

Fundraiser for Horseshoe Creek Wildlife

> Lake Wales Country Club Davenport, FL, U.S.A.

For tickets and additional information: (863) 206-9229 www.horseshoecreek.org

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21st Southeastern Wildlife Exposition

Charleston, SC, U.S.A. For additional information: (843) 723-1748 www.sewe.com