

**From:** Julie T. Chapman julie@julietchapman.com  
**Subject:** How to Be An Artist in 10 E-Z Steps - April 2023 Artzine  
**Date:** April 1, 2023 at 8:05 AM  
**To:** julie@julietchapman.com



Hello Julie,

It's the first day of April. You know what that means.

***In this issue:***

- **How to become an artist**
- **Show and workshop calendar**
- **Readers respond**

***How to be an Artist in 10 E-Z Steps***

**Step 1.**

Buy a set of cheap-ass acrylic paints on Amazon - 36 colors and 12 brushes for \$27.99 looks great! Can't understand why gallery artists complain about the price of supplies.

**Step 2.**

Watch some Bob Ross videos (heck, looks simple enough).

**Step 3.**

Try the paints on some printer paper that's lying around. Ew, wrinkles. Refer back to the interwebs for advice.

**Step 4.**

Buy some cheap-ass canvases from Michael's or Hobby Lobby. Can't imagine why anybody spends more on these things — it's just cotton stapled to wood.

**Step 5.**

OK, now, what to paint? Maybe animals...yeah, people are always willing to commission portraits of their pets! Find random dog photo online to copy, and try drawing it onto the canvas first --

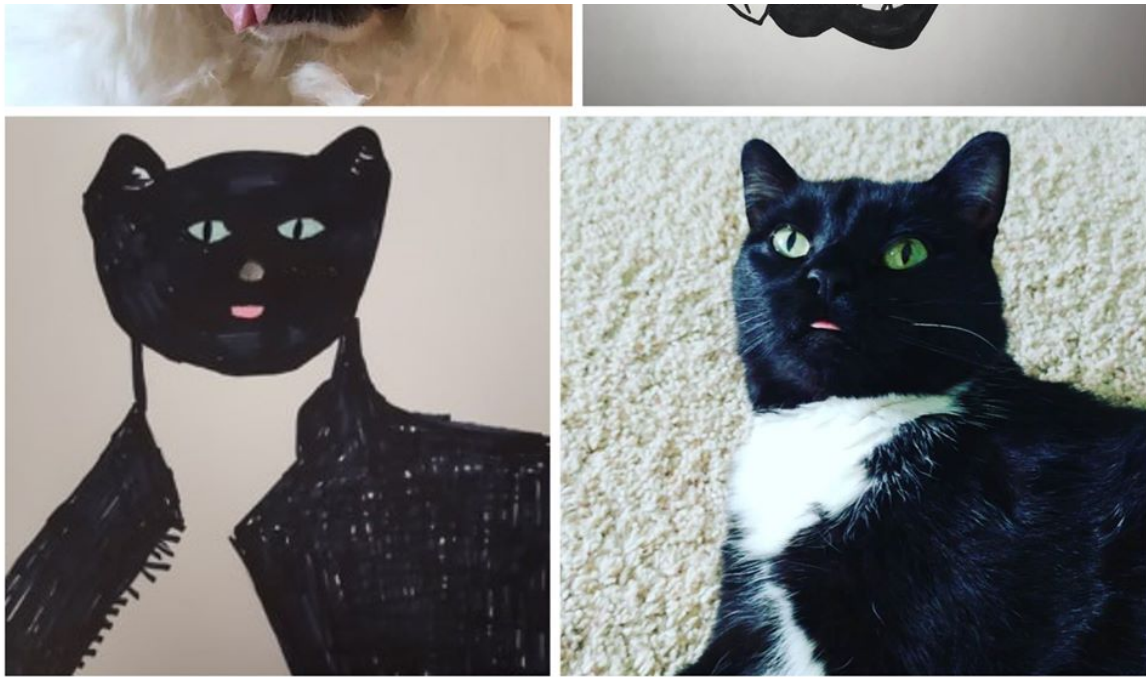


*(Wisconsin Humane Society)*

**Step 6.**

[Stand back to self-critique] — hmm, looks like a scared monkey with a mustache. Maybe a little more practice before actually painting something and trying to sell it...





*(Wisconsin Humane Society)*

**Step 7.**

Getting better! Should be ready for this summer's art fair pretty quick. Let's try a portrait with some paint:





*"Charlie and Sheba"*

Museum Of Bad Art #392 ...yes, "MOBA" is real. Check out their [website](#) for the entertainment value.

**Step 8.**

Now we're talking! Obviously inspired by Edvard Munch — be sure to talk that up, should make the piece worth more.

**Step 9.**

Post on Facebook and mention that it's "available". Get 4 likes. Finally sell it to Aunt Mabel for \$25.

**Step 10.**

Apply for a booth at the local summer art fair and start painting!

**OK, I have no idea** who snuck into my studio and added all that foolishness above to the Artzine! This newsletter is about Serious Art. After all.

But since I spent much of March driving to Tulsa (3+ days each way), competing in the AKC National Agility Championships, then driving home, I don't have a lot to show for my time. Such a slacker.

However — my studio at loooonnng last is graced by a Hughes easel, for which I've been waiting approximately forever (at least 2 years). My life as an artist is complete and I can die happy.





*My new Hughes 4000 dwarfing a 30x40 panel with abstract underpainting...*

**P.S. for the three or four of you who are curious about how we did at Nationals:** about as well as I could have hoped. I've never been in an atmosphere like that before — multiple rings, noise, chaos, hordes of people and dogs, long walks from crating to ringside, stadiums of spectators, TV cameras. Our very first run, I needed to scrape Panzer (my dog) off the ceiling and he blew his contacts most egregiously. I had to babysit them the rest of the weekend.  
(The venue was huge, so I rented a golf cart — and trained Panzer to ride in it.)





I committed one dumb brain-freeze mistake each of my next two runs — things I'd never goof in a 'regular' trial, but in an atmosphere of carbonated adrenaline I had nerves, which I don't at home.

Our final run was a very difficult Jumpers course and I had zero expectations. Also, Panzer broke his start-line stay...but we pulled it off and got a clear round! So I came home with a \$2000 ribbon (lol) and a peak experience. I'm super inspired by the elite handlers I watched there, and now I'll be working to step up my game.

Here's a [link to the Jumpers](#) video.

And if you really want to see what top-notch handling looks like, be sure to watch some of the Challengers or Finals rounds on AKC.tv (here are the [Challengers](#) rounds).

## **--- SHOWS & WORKSHOP Calendar ---**

### **\* SHOWS \***

#### **Fractured:**

An exhibition featuring paintings by Julie T. Chapman and sculptures by Amanda Markel, at FoR Fine Art Whitefish July 6 - August 2, 2023.

Artist's reception Thursday July 6<sup>th</sup>, 6p to 9p.

And in September:

- **Western Visions** (National Museum of Wildlife Art, Jackson, WY)
- **Buffalo Bill Art Show** (Cody, WY)

More info will be shared whenever I actually get my act together and paint some things for these events.

### **\* WORKSHOP \***

No new workshop is currently planned at this time.

**--- READERS RESPOND ---**

***The March issue talked about the color blue; multiple readers responded, but I wanted to highlight this email exchange:***

"...I love the 'Beauty Without Vanity' in your private collection and the one at Jones & Terwilliger Gallery.

How do you give them up?... "  
-- Helen M.

**My reply to Helen:**

...they're like kids: once I've done my best to develop them, they need to go out into the world and make others happy. If I were to hang onto all these, I would  
(a) run out of room,  
(b) run out of energy - because selling work is incredibly energizing, and  
(c) be poor.

I've only deliberately kept a few paintings over the years. The process of creating them is what gets me jazzed; it's equally wonderful that others then enjoy the finished product.

Tune in next month for the May Artzine; hopefully I'll have re-entered Real Life and Buckled Down and Gotten Serious About My Work.

And thank you for being part of my life and my work. With blessings and warmest regards,

**Julie T. Chapman**  
*Sharing the beauty and drama of Nature*

406.546.2636  
20900 Whitetail Ridge - Huson MT 59846 USA

**Artsite:** [www.JulieTChapman.com](http://www.JulieTChapman.com)  
**Facebook, Instagram:** julietchapmanartist

[FoR Fine Art](#)  
Whitefish, MT  
Bigfork, MT  
Tucson, AZ  
406 . 730 . 8855

[Illume Gallery](#)

[Gallery Wild](#)  
Jackson, WY  
Santa Fe, NM  
307 . 203 . 2322

[Jones & Terwilliger Gallery](#)  
Palm Desert, CA

Philipsburg, MT  
435 . 313 . 5008

Sorrel Sky Gallery

Durango, CO  
970 . 247 . 3555

Carmel, CA  
760 . 674 . 8989

Rowe Gallery

Sedona, AZ  
928 . 282 . 8877

Julie T. Chapman | 20900 Whitetail Ridge, Huson, MT 59846

[Unsubscribe julie@julietchapman.com](mailto:julie@julietchapman.com)

[Update Profile](#) | [Constant Contact Data Notice](#)

Sent by julie@julietchapman.com powered by



Try email marketing for free today!