

EVERYONE IS AN ARTIST!



Meet Dawood (Marion) Sekhem, one of Sharon Art Studio's drawing and painting instructors, well known for his perspective and creative figure drawing classes.

Do you consider yourself an artist? What about your family or friends, are they artists? What makes someone an artist?

I have been teaching art for the past decade, and one of the things I have come to realize is that everyone is an artist! The difference between someone who identifies as an artist and one who doesn't is interest and repetition. The distinguished artist was interested enough to repeat certain exercises which allowed he or she to graduate in skill level.

When we were young we all wanted to learn to write. It was only through learning the basic strokes and repetition that we got better and eventually developed our own style. Guess what? It's the same with drawing. In fact, you've been drawing all of your life! You probably drew something already today, and will draw more before going to bed tonight. The same straight and curved lines, circles, squares and triangles of the alphabet and number system are what everyone has been drawing. Every letter you write is a drawing. The alphabet is merely a collection of shape combinations that we understand as letters. Your ability to learn to write your ABC's is no different from learning to draw a fruit, a plant or even the human form.

Remember, like the title of the article says: everyone is an artist. Practice, repeat, and make art!

Here's a challenge: The next time you make a note to yourself, or when you are on the phone and there is a paper and pen nearby, doodle! Draw lines, shapes, letters, spirals, anything that comes to mind. If you like your doodle, grab another piece of paper and redraw it, or just keep adding to the original. Let loose! Elaborate on the lines! Keep going, and be inspired!