

“We are the storytelling animal.” *Salman Rushdie*

Time for Spring to shout out its “art”, color, new growth, painting a living masterpiece, telling “story” of hope, life, joy. New life, new moms abound now. For all you pet moms out there, enjoy Mother’s day (May 9) with pet kid hugs and treats! This volume is all about “Heart Art”.

**EVENTS AND MY NEWS FLASHES**

**Mother’s day is near...give some art “hugs”!**

I’ve added a couple of art “hugs” to my Critter Art Etsy shop. These are all one of a kind mini acrylic paintings that DO bring smiles. Grab your Heart Hug to gift to a pet mom!



Give some Critter Art to all those pet moms you know...you too!

Click on this link to my shop: <https://www.etsy.com/shop/AnimalCritterArt>

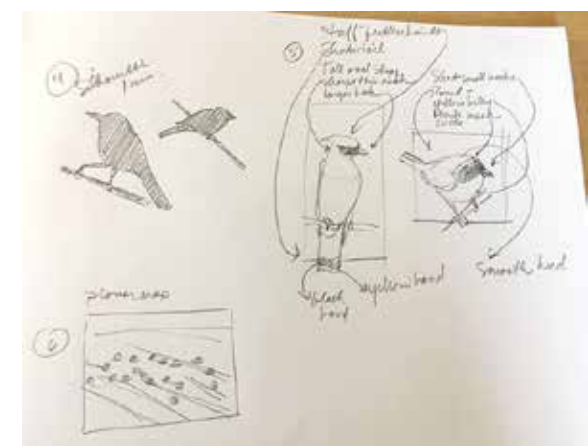
For some know how on simple energy harmonizing for your fur folk and home: *Check out Fur Shui’s 2nd release: Larger format and Kindle. To purchase: Fur Shui*

**WHERE?**



**THE HUNTINGTON GARDENS, CA**

So excited to be able to go to these beautiful gardens (with mask and social distancing), pause, listen to nature and enjoy the immense acreage of blooms, gardens. Here are a few pages of my sketches. Get planting, honor Earth Day! <https://www.huntington.org/>



Online learning with the LA Audubon: fun to get tips for “seeing” and drawing birds.

**GREAT FUN WITH AUDUBON’S SPECIAL ONLINE ZOOM CLASSES.**

Kudos to the Audubon for bringing folks from all around the world to try out Bird Journaling! All ages, all countries, all art levels in this great class series with many pro journalists, naturalists, nature illustrators. Interactive and fun! Go find out what your local chapter is doing for Earth Day. <https://www.audubon.org/>

**Earth Day: April 22...be sure to observe and make your own appreciation of the art of nature...plant a tree, hum along with the bees, listen to the earth’s song. Let nature be your muse!**

**WHO, HOW, AND WHAT?**

**Animals and Art, do they paint, create? YES!**



**There are some pretty famous animal artists in this world!** Most of us have heard of the Elephants of Thailand and their painting masterpieces. Seems like they do enjoy using all those trunk muscles to create art. What these animals “see”, feel, and touch, certainly touches my artist’s heart. Thinking of giving Mak and Rumi cat some paint and paper... they do like to sit with me while I paint!

**Some good animal art things to read and watch:** Elephants, pigs, dolphins, horses, oh my...all paint, exhibited and sold their masterpieces!

Here’s what **Cholla the Mustang** is up to:

“Cholla is a Mustang-quarter horse mix who’s famous in the art world for his mouth-painted masterpieces. His owner, Renee Chambers, discovered the horse’s ability to paint when Cholla began following her as she painted the corral fence. Today, Cholla uses an easel and watercolors to create abstract art by holding a paintbrush between his teeth and using his tongue to create strokes. Cholla’s work has been featured in several galleries and has sold all over the world — some of his pieces have even sold for more than \$2,000.”

**1. Treehugger.com : 10 Videos of Animals That Paint :**

<https://www.treehugger.com/videos-of-animals-that-paint-4863512>

**2. Artnews.com : Birds Do It, Bees Do It: Taking Animals’ Art Skills Seriously :**

<https://www.artnews.com/art-news/news/animals-making-art-2208/>

[Artnews.com](https://www.artnews.com)

**3. Listverse.com : 10 Animals Who Became Artists :**

<https://listverse.com/2018/04/17/10-animals-who-became-artists/>

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From Dagger daVinci the dog to the painting elephants in Thailand. These artists have made their mark by making money for charities and wildlife rescues!

**My cat Makana is my Art Critic...here’s Mak by my Easel as well as my sketch of him as a “teen cat”. He sits with me as I paint!**



I’m a “heartist”, and I share my joy with all sorts of art expressions. My fun art is my passion to give you some art smiles. **Share some Heart Hugs to celebrate with gifts from the Heart... Critter Art.**

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