

SAVART "E"

A digi newsletter devoted to art, food, music, literature and friends!



"Trout Stream", 30" x 48", Oil on Canvas

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"Rain is good! It makes things wet."

Anonymous artist residing in Westwood

Why is it that whenever I start writing this drive, it starts to rain? Someone trying to tell me something? Oh well, onward through the fog, as we used to say and hope to do these more often. But, boy, they take time. When Jerry Garcia (rest in peace) was asked by D. Letterman why it took so long for their new album, he simply said, "It's hard to grow a new head." Big words of wisdom.

So, here we are. The second e-letter. Glad everyone enjoyed the last one. So what be happenin'?

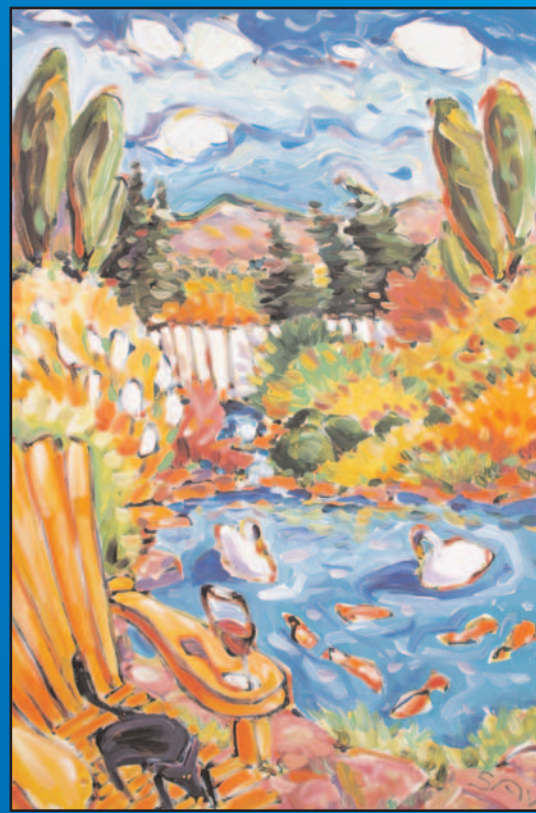
Wasn't winter great? I didn't wear long pants except to Mass. No socks though. Can you believe it? I grilled more than in the summer, and actually played golf in January for the first time ever. Didn't help my game any. The paintings turned out pretty cool though. Don'tcha think? No storm clouds on my palette, no sir-ee!



"Sausalito to Tiburon", 48" x 60"
Acrylic on Canvas



"Kickin' in the Garden" 24" x 36"
Acrylic on Canvas



I don't know about you, but a little sunshine and warmer temps just get me goin'. I smile more and the work, I hope, reflects that. That's what a change of season should do for you.

As Margaret Atwood once said, "In the Spring, at the end of the day, you should smell like dirt." How prophetic.

So get up, get out, and get down. Crank some tunes (see below), dig a hole and plant something, crack a cold one (see below), fire the barbie (see below), turn the page (see below) and kick back (see above)!

In no particular order...

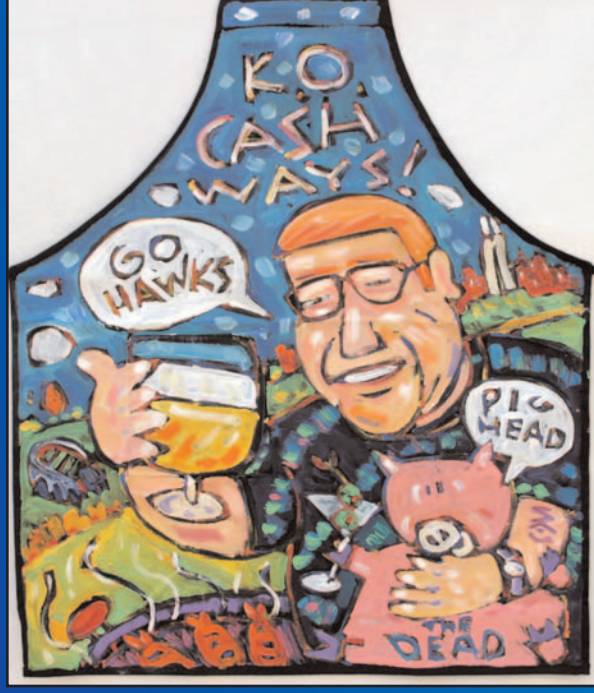
'Tis the season for some "Q", as in Barbie Que. You know ...hard wood and smoke that'll make you cry, cry tears of joy! So you say, I've been q-ing all year long since I was old enough to light a match. Duh! Well that's all well and good but I bet you don't have the proper attire to make that pork butt squeal like the pig it is?

You're asking yourself, what could I be missing!?

It's none other than haute couture ala Sav. The B-B-Q Apron!

Your pals will be sayin', "Where did you get that fine piece of manly bar-be-q body armor? I got's to have me one!"

And so you can at Sav-Art. They're hand painted and come in many styles, colors and sizes. You can pick from stock images or make it your own. Here's a few I've done lately.



A commissioned B-day gift for my good bud, drinker pal, q'er extraordinaire, cell mate and all around good guy Kevin O'Neil. Alias K.O. Cash, Ways (it's a long story).

Can't get more personal, snit.

They make great presents 'cause they're pretty unique and invoke intense jealousy. What could be better for your big man?

Hey guys, ladies dig 'em too!

They cost from \$115 to \$150, depending on a lot of things. Buzz Cami for a quote. Become a fashion statement in your own backyard!

While we're talkin' "Q"

Leave it to the dang Irish to teach me something. On St. Paddy's Day, the usual suspects showed at the house, and trying to be different I decided to smoke a corned beef (which is basically pastrami). Well I have to say it blew mine and the gathered imbibed all the way to County Claire, or at least to Boston.... and back. Wow.

Definitely something to try. Just do as you always do (unless you burn and over-cook everything). Rub with dijon, coat with rub, preferably mine and indirectly smoke with some suh-weet wood, about 2 to 3 hours. Then wrap in aluminum foil and let bake for a couple more hours at about 300 degrees. Remove, let set a few minutes, carve and cry those afore mentioned tears of joy.

Wash down with a cold, cold, cold one!

Speaking of "Cold Ones"

I don't know about you, but this time of year when the cut grass smells like childhood, the smoker's tokin', Bob Seeger's crooning "Against the Wind" (more tears) on the back deck, the sky is as blue as the coast off Big Sur and the flowers are just showing their colors. I grab a cold one. What kind do you say? Hey, it's a free country. Anything will do. From the land of sky blue waters (Hamms) to the muddy Miss (Bud, my fav). Just make mine cold, sir.

Now if you're from Eastern Europe, a farmer or worked on a farm or from Wyandottia (I'm all three), make it Red. As in a red beer. They are simply the best.... what's truly right in this country. And it's simple. Here's red 101, unless you're chicken!

Grab a frosty 12-16 oz. mug. Make sure the inside wasn't frozen with water in it. Makes too much foam. Then pour in about 3 oz. of your favorite red, i.e. tomato, V-8 (spicy preferred), Snappy Tom, Bloody Mary mix or even Clamato if your from California. Sprinkle with a pinch of salt, some of my rub (this step may be omitted) then slowly pour a cold "domestic" down the side. Micro beers have too much hops and malts and will not mix well with the red, Trust me, but hey! Want to be trend setter? Drop a pickle 'o dill at the end. MMMMMMMMMM!

Then sit back, light a "gar", and savor the good life!



"Make my next one Red", 16" x 20"
Acrylic on Paper

Nostrovia!

ONE MOMENT PLEASE. A FEW WORDS FROM THE BOSS.

"Women can do everything; men can do the rest." - Russian Proverb (Cami's Russian?)

Cami's Corner / Gallery Gossip

What else can you possibly call it if a female is writing it?

Time flies. I still remember thinking how much I was looking forward to the first few months of the year. Things slow down right after Christmas and it's always a good time to re-group and plan for the new year. So where did those months go? My God, it's already April! In my mind I've got the summer mapped out and the kids are back in school. Christopher (our son) about died today when I told him the summer would speed by. He said, "Mom, it's not even summer yet. Don't wish is away." Out of the mouth of babes. I guess I need to take a breath, enjoy the beautiful spring weather and take one gallery thing at a time. Now get your calendars out and take note of the following, because it's just around the corner.

Spring Open House - April 28th, 11am to 8pm (or longer for our more socially inclined guests) and April 29th, 11am to 4pm. Drop by the gallery for a sneak preview of the (May 5/6/7). See Mike's signature acrylics, and new framing ideas for paintings on paper. of special savings. 10% discount on Sandra Branjored Tracy Hale's all prints and (mixed media)



"Love, laugh" Silver and beads. One of Tracy's many cool works.



"De Kooning Turni (wet & sloppy)", 20" x 24"
Oil on Canvas w/putty knife

Jill's work sorta speaks for itself! don't cha think?

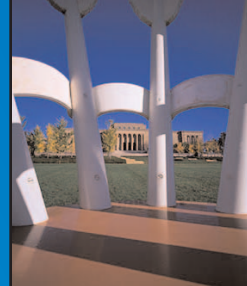
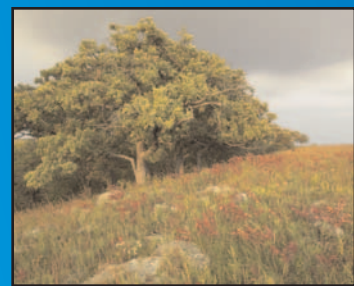


So stop by to see what's new and share a glass of wine. Heck, there might even be some of Mike's smoked salmon here on Friday night!

Speaking of jewelry... the unveiling of a new line of necklaces, featuring miniatures of Mike's work will be at the gallery starting April 28th. Now you can wear your favorite paintings or give the gift of art to that someone who has everything. Starting at \$35, these just might make a great Mother's Day gift. Hint, Hint. Here's just a few to ponder!



Kevin Sink, one of our favorite photographers is back. Starting in May, Kevin's photographs will be back in full force. Not just a couple of images to look at, but many of his best selling pieces will be on display. We're excited to represent Kevin and look forward to helping anyone who loves photography. Whether it's for your home or your office, whether it's a Kansas City scene or a landscape, it will all be here. Take a sneak preview of his work at www.kevinsink.com.



These are your just can't do them better. This e-letter read! Do you have?

Were watching you. Did you know that we now have the ability to see how many people are visiting our website? In March, 728 of you checked out Sav-Art.com, and since you had to go to our website to see the newsletter, you better be sure to stay there to see the latest additions to the site. Under Mike's Art you can see the section that's all about Commissions. Better yet, click on "See Mike Paint" and view a 2 minute video showing Mike painting an original from beginning to end. We just hit fast-forward for your enjoyment. Like the new music on the site? Our friend Barclay Martin (another great Kansas City artist, vocal artist that is) is sharing his music with us. Check out his music link or stop by the gallery to pick up any of his cd's.

Now Showing. For starters, he'll be under the big tent (booth #38) at the Brookside Art Fair. As always, it's the first weekend in May. Come June 3rd and 4th he'll be exhibiting on the Washburn Campus in Topeka at the Mulvane Art Show. It's a great little show to stop by. As for the rest of the summer. Watch for the next e-letter. I've run out of room to keep blabbin' (that's what I do).

The SavArt feel. Thinkin' about printing some. They'd be a groove and just in time for summer E-s and let us know if you'd wear one. No obligation. Just want your input! Really.

100% cotton Beefy-T. 4-color printing. Chez Cool!

Front: Art is simple. Either you like it or you don't.

Back: Sav-Art.com

QUICK TAKES

Here are some of the new items to groove on!

New (just-til) Tunes:

1. Bruce Springsteen - Live in London '75. Awesome. Also the first year I ever saw him, at Memorial Hall. 5 encores, baby.
2. Van Morrison - Magic Time. Title says it all. Cami and I will see him in Chi-town in late April. Yahoo!
3. Hackensaw Boys - Love what you do. If the Dead played Bluegrass. Sweet!
4. Jerry Jeff Walker - Cowboy Boots and Bathin' Suits. Right up there with Jimmy B.
5. Bruce Cockburn - Breakfast in New Orleans. This guy's a stud and can jam on a geetar. Heavenly stuff. Oldie. Todd Rundgren - Something/Anything. Cruisin' with my bros in '74. Windows down, 'natch.

Ranks baby! Just read all the pickins' from author James Lee Burke. 14 so far. Couldn't stop. Literally. Ask Cami. New Orleans detective Dave Robicheaux and cast of characters get the drop on the bad guys. Makes you want to check out Louisiana and all its flavor. This guy is the best in his genre. Absolutely!

WITH LITTLE SPACE LEFT, I LEAVE YOU WITH LITTLE WORDS OF "WISDOM" - IT WASN'T RAINING WHEN NAWA BUILT THE ARK.

AND YOU ALWAYS STAY AHEAD OF THE BATTER. THE END

