

There is a road, no simple highway,
 between the dawn and the dark of night,
 and if you go, no one may follow,
 that path is for your steps alone.
 - Jerry Garcia -



I know, I know, kind heavy, but hey, I've been feeling that way of late. Why you ask, well, I...oh wait, Happy Late 4th of July. Hope you blew something up. See it's been a crazy year so far. Creatively, personally, spiritually, and biznessly. All that adds up to time to reconsider things. Don't get me wrong. It's all good, but I got a bit worn out. My little Polish pea brain can handle only so much. But I won't bore you. See, come Tuesday, I'm having

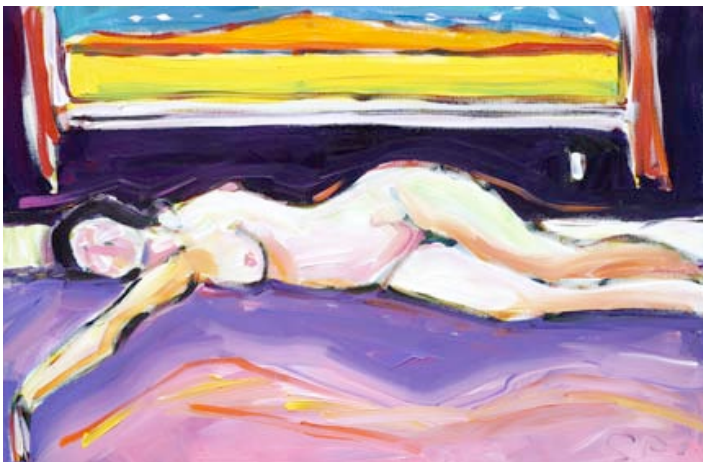
brain surgery. Well it might as well be! They're gonna drill into my shoulder, which I believe is connected to my arm, thus connected to my brain...my hand.

With much needed downtime (Not my decision.) I plan on reinventing myself. What ever that means. As Jerry once said and I use often, "It's hard to grow a new head". But I will try. For instance..... I've been doing some abstract stuff. Here's one. kind fun and exhilarating too.



Quote insert:

"Modern art is what happens when painters stop looking at girls and persuade themselves that they have a better idea." - John Ciardi



Worried, weren't ya? Go on say it.

So to continue. What changes lie ahead. Oh I don't know. Personally? Just keep thinkin' straight. Creatively? Just keep thinkin'! Keep teachin'. That's been a blessing in disguise. To see people laugh and have a good time with me as their mentor. Well, it doesn't get much better. Spiritually? See previous words. Work and life make the spirit. There I go again, gettin' heavy. But it's true. Biznessly? Now that's a different story!

Quote insert:

"If it's what you do and you can do it, then you do it." - Van Morrison

And that entails making new and interesting art.



Hope these seem interesting. And there's plenty more to see. Check the website.



The other cool idea brewing is, I'm thinking of creating a catalog of all my favorite paintings and show them on the website. Then one could simply click on and request a Giclee print in sizes small, medium or large. Place order and voila! It will be shipped or it can be picked up. The name? i(eye)Sav. Get it? Stay tuned.

And finally, for now. I've created a blog! I can't seem to put the ever so popular newsletters together often enough (but I will). So this is the next best thing. You will receive an email when it's up and functioning (soon after surgery). That way I can blab on whenever I want and you can read it or beat it. Instructions soon.

But seriously, it'll be a fun way to communicate, comment and just keep in touch. Hope you enjoy.

In closing, thanks again for all the continuing support. Especially in these trying times. I hope the art makes you smile and reaffirms that there is a fun life out there. You just have to open your pretty little eyes, and look. It's all around you!

Take care as I leave you with the tender mercies of that kookie Confucius.....



"Choose a job you love, and you will never have to work a day in your life."



And always shake it...never stir! Amen. Mike

One more thing as usual...

Let's bring our troops home safe and sound.