

# Encaustic Circle Newsletter



Updates from the  
Magic World of Encaustic Painting

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## Happy First Birthday Encaustic Art!



From the editor:

That's right: we're celebrating one year of Encaustic Art in the South Okanagan this month! Not much compared to its more than 3000 years of history but still a commemorative milestone for us.

On October 25<sup>th</sup>, 2004, a bunch of brave people, most of them had never heard of Encaustic, took the plunge, signed up for the first course and got hooked for life...;-)

It has been a great year for me, teaching almost 80 students so far. With many attending one or more of the 5 Circle Meetings we had so far and taking more courses this fall.

Your positive feedback has been tremendous: thank you all so much for this experience and I hope we will be able to inspire more people in the coming year.

Happy waxing!

Thea

P.S. Next [Circle Meeting](#) on Thursday, Nov. 10. at Leir House (1 - 3.30 p.m.)

Don't forget to sign up!!

## Welcome to all new Encaustic enthusiasts

In September I started with a new series of courses at Leir House and the group filled up quickly. Most of them wanted to take more than one lesson and at the moment we are having great fun together.

After doing a demo at the registration night for the Oliver Community Centre Program so many people signed up that I had to offer an extra course! It took some phoning around, but we were able to accommodate everybody and I think I got most of them hooked as well...We might even bring the Circle Meetings to Oliver as well!



Josephine and Diane in Oliver

Summer Session of OSA  
July 18 - 22, 2005

Encaustic Art was part of the program of the Okanagan School of the Arts Summer Session for the first time.

7 people signed up and we had a wonderful time, working hard every morning from 9 - noon.

Some great collages were created on the last day. More pictures on my website.



The familiar sight of irons, waxes and students

A few days later I visited Barb Tucker's children's workshop and let the kids have a go with the iron (you have to catch'em young....)



A little bit of Trivia....

One more reason to do Encaustic!

In his book *The Mating Mind* evolutionary psychologist Geoffrey Miller argues that art in general evolved as a sexual display.

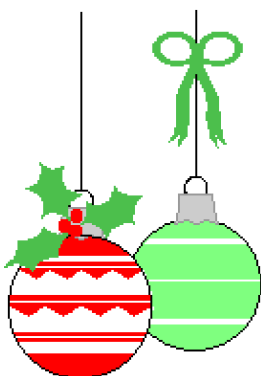
"For the masses, what makes art admirable is that it looks difficult to make - that it shows off the dexterity, creativity, imagination and intelligence of the maker - and that's sexy...."

Encaustic On the web

One of my favourite sites on Encaustic Art is the website of Michael Bossom, the Guru of Encaustic: [www.encaustic.com](http://www.encaustic.com). I'm sure I have mentioned it at every course or meeting: it is just teeming with pictures and information and it is not uncommon to find me still in my pyjamas by 10 o'clock, checking out what everybody has been doing over the past 24 hours...

I have posted some pictures myself and also several of my students. It is quite a thrill to read the positive comments - they're a real friendly bunch there. So if you would like to get yourself "published", go to the site and sign up. If you are unsure, just send me your picture per email and I will post it for you.

But most important of all: see what other people are doing with Encaustic!



Special Christmas Offer

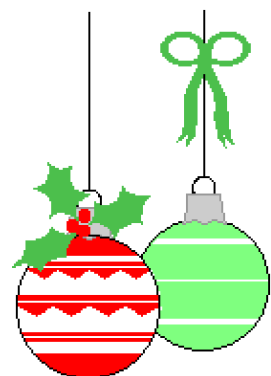
Here's the perfect gift for your loved ones, who „have everything“!!

They may have seen and admired your pictures, so surprise them with the gift of creativity!

**Encaustic Starter Kit + 1 Basic Course**

**for \$ 69.95**

Please phone or email me to reserve your kit.





### Encaustic Circle Meetings

To give people the opportunity to get together and paint in a relaxed setting I founded the Encaustic Circle. We meet regularly at Leir House. Everybody brings her/his equipment and we share the rent of the room.

It is not a classroom setting: I do not teach specific topics, but of course I will help anybody who has questions regarding Encaustic.

Everybody with a basic knowledge of Encaustic is welcome!

If you do not have your own iron yet you can still come and rent it from me (Costs: \$ 5.00)

Next  
Encaustic Circle Meeting  
Thursday, Nov. 10<sup>th</sup>

At Leir House  
Time: 1 - 3.30 p.m.

Please call (497-5163)  
or  
e-mail me **a.s.a.p.**  
to let me know  
if you will attend!

#### Contribution for Encaustic Circle Meetings

At the last Circle Meeting we decided to pay \$ 4.00 per person to share the cost of the rent, but unfortunately the Leir House increased the rent to \$ 35.00 per session, so we have to rethink our contribution.

Let's see how many people attend and decide from there.

#### Encaustic Circle Meetings in Oliver

Now we have so many Encaustic enthusiasts in Oliver I would like to offer Circle Meetings at the Oliver Community Centre too.

(We would not be able to fit everybody in at Leir House anyhow...)

I will inform everybody south of Skaha Lake of the date. Info will also be on my website.

2005 Santa Presents Craft Show,  
November 5 + 6

Lakeside Resort & Casino

Encaustic will have a stand at the craft show this year! Come and say hello!

In planning stage for Winter/Spring 05/06

Ø Basic and Advanced Courses at Leir House/Oliver/Summerland / Osoyoos/Okanagan Falls.

Ø Circle Meetings in Oliver

Please check [www.twinlakes-encaustic.com](http://www.twinlakes-encaustic.com) for updates.

### Encaustic Calendar

Oliver Community Centre  
Wedn. Oct. 26, 6 - 9 p.m. &  
Wedn., Nov. 2, 6 - 9 p.m.

Special Christmas Course (all levels)  
Christmas cards, small gifts, decorating candles  
(Please bring a few candles)  
Fee \$ 32.00 + \$ 5.00 for use of equipment per class

Osoyoos Sonora Centre  
Sat., Oct. 29, 1 - 4 p.m.

Beginners Course  
Fee \$ 35.00

<p>Leir House Penticton Thurs., Nov. 10, 1 - 3.30 p.m.</p>	<p>Encaustic Circle Meeting Please sign up to attend!! Fee: should cover the rent of the space, about \$ 5.00</p>
<p>Leir House Penticton Tues. Nov. 22, 1 - 4 p.m.</p>	<p>+++ Special: Teabag Folding +++ By request I will show this fun craft, which is also called Mini-Origami. Please bring scissors, ruler, pencil, cutting knife, glue, cardstock. Fee \$ 10.00</p>
<p>Okanagan Falls Wedn., Nov. 23, 6.30 - 9 p.m. &amp; Thurs., Dec. 8, 7 - 9.30 p.m.</p>	<p>Special Christmas Course (all levels) Christmas cards, small gifts, decorating candles (Please bring a few candles) Fee: \$ 30.00 + \$ 5.00 for use of equipment</p>
<p>Leir House Penticton Jan, 17, 24, 31 10 a.m. - 1 p.m.</p>	<p>Beginners Series Fee: \$ 90.00 + \$ 15.00 for use of equipment</p>
<p>Summerland Sat. Jan. 21, time??</p>	<p>Beginners Course Fee: ??</p>
<p>Osoyoos Sat. March 4, 1 -4 p.m.</p>	<p>Beginners Course Fee \$ 35.00</p>
<p>Osoyoos Sat. April 1, 1 - 4 p.m.</p>	<p>Advanced Course Fee \$ 35.00</p>
<p>About Course Fees: For most other art classes you are asked to buy supplies beforehand. In my courses the use of equipment and supplies was included, but after some careful calculation (and a "bookkeeping course"... ) from fall on there will be a \$ 5.00 fee for the use of equipment and supplies per course. As always, canvasses and special papers are extra. I hope this is OK for everybody. Many of you have their own equipment, so this will not apply. Please let me know at sign-up, whether you will bring your own stuff.</p>	<p>Impressum: Editor: Thea Haubrich Phone: (250) 497 - 5163 Mail: <a href="mailto:encaustic@shaw.ca">encaustic@shaw.ca</a> Web: <a href="http://www.twinlakes-encaustic.com">www.twinlakes-encaustic.com</a></p>