



# from the president

## California Watercolor Association

"The artist is a receptacle for emotions that come from all over the place: from the sky, from the earth, from a scrap of paper, from a passing shape, from a spider's web."

*Picasso*

Let me start this article by saying, "I live in a 1,232 square foot home." You ask, "what has that to do with anything?" Re-read the Pablo Picasso quote above.



A Newly Gathered Leaf

I save pieces of paper because they're pretty and I "may" use them some day.

I save tubes of paint because the color is pretty and I "may" use them some day.

I save leaves because I may paint them some day.

I save bags, boxes, pencils, photos, magazines, books (you understand where I'm going here, right?).



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And you know what, I do use a lot of those things, whether for painting or another purpose. It may just be for inspiration as Picasso says. We all have those triggers that inspire us to create. Follow his lead, save some stuff and maybe you'll create a masterpiece. Or more than likely, you will create something that reminds you of how you were inspired to create.



Leaf Past Its Prime

Then what? Maybe pass that stuff on to someone else and find new stuff to inspire you to create. It's a good cycle to find yourself in.

Keep on looking for inspiration, EVERYWHERE!

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