



# from the president

## California Watercolor Association

"Art is what you can get away with."

Do you have that moment when you walk into an art exhibit and say to yourself... "what the heck is that?!" You noticed how I said "say to yourself" right? You may not want to say this in public where others can hear you. You may want to take this conversation home and discuss with like-minded individuals!

I've had these moments, often.

Then I step back and really think of what I've seen at galleries, exhibitions and museums and I realize... if the artist says it's art, it's art.

Think of works by Reinhardt, Duchamp, Seurat and Picasso. When exhibited for the first time I'm sure there was a lot of "what the heck is that?" comments. Many pieces of art caused such a stir, show attendees attacked the art. It's amazing the level of passion an artwork can generate, whether it be love or hate, it still stirs feelings, which is a good thing!

So, as you are creating a work of art, stay true to your inner feelings and create what makes you happy. Don't worry about the rest!

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A Sunday on La Grand Jatte by George Seurat



Fountain by Marcel Duchamp



La Lecture by Pablo Picasso



Abstract by Ad Reinhardt