



# Art News

## Magazines

We are known for our art supplies but did you know we carried a great selection of the newest, boldest art magazines in Calgary? Get a creativity boost with the innovative ideas in these great publications.



## Inspiration Abounds

I attended the International Art Materials Trade Association's International Convention and Trade Show this year in Kentucky. So many fabulous new products!

We'll be carrying a new line of encaustic paints from R & F Handmade Paints. These ready-to-use bars are chock full of pigment – simply melt the amount you need.

Stylo, a new sketching pen from Pentel, has a flexible nib like a fountain pen which can create exceptional fine lines to broad strokes by simply adding more pressure. Pentel also has new sizes in their SLICCI pens – .25 and .30. We already stock the .40 and the .25 are on their way. They are also available in 7 great colours.

New sumi brushes from Connoisseur have just arrived. The variety of natural hairs available in this series of eight brushes is wonderful. We've added some handmade rice paper rolls with gold flecks to add an extra dimension to your work.

Whether you are going back to school, heading in for the first time, or taking evening classes, artist materials are more exciting than ever. Stretch your creativity this year by trying something new!

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# What's New at KAS

## Wax and Vibrant Colour = Creativity Plus

R & F Encaustic is a wax-based paint, that is kept molten on a heated palette. It is applied to a porous surface and then reheated in order to fuse the paint.

Painting with encaustic is a multi-step process. First, the paint must be melted, or liquefied. Next, the molten paint is applied to a porous surface.

Then the applied wax is reheated, or fused into, the working surface, allowing it to form a good bond. As a final option, the cooled paint can be buffed to bring up the luster of the wax and resin. A wonderfully versatile medium, encaustic can be polished to a high gloss, carved and scraped, modeled and sculpted to add a new dimension to your work. It cools immediately, so there is no drying time but it can always be reworked.



As the beeswax in encaustic is impervious to moisture, it is one of the most durable mediums; it will not deteriorate, yellow or darken. Encaustic paintings do not have to be varnished or protected by glass.

## R & F Pigments are Brilliant and Bold

Pigment Sticks are oil paints manufactured with rich pigment and wax to be molded into stick form. They allow the painter to draw or paint directly onto a surface without brushes, palettes, paint tubes or solvents.

R&F Pigment Sticks are handmade in small batches, carefully milled and molded using natural wax, linseed oil and pigment. This results in softer consistency and greater paint film strength.

Pigment Sticks are a natural product without the additives and extenders of other products; a precise balance of ingredients. This balance makes R & F Pigment Sticks luscious and luminous.



# Watercolours from a Stick

New from Daniel Smith are Watercolour Sticks. Get ready for the intensity of tube paints and the convenience and portability of half pans. Saturated with pure pigment and a bit of gum Arabic to keep their shape, they produce vibrant, strong color as you wet them.



You can apply it directly to your paper and then wet it for rich tones or take a bit from the stick with a wet brush. For plein air work, Watercolor Sticks are easy to take with you wherever you go. Explore a unique approach to watercolours by applying these rich colour sticks into your painting while using traditional methods for a soft free-flowing feel. The best of both worlds!

Handmade and hand-shaped, the sticks are approximately three inches long and a half inch in diameter. Bring something new to your work with Watercolor Sticks.

## This Pen is Super Fine

With Pentel's newest Slicci pen, you are able to journal and draw in fine detail with ease thanks to the smooth-flowing gel ink and precise metal tip. This pen doesn't miss a beat even with its extra-fine .25 mm tip.

Add to that all of the exquisite colours to choose from and this will soon be your favourite pen.



## A Highlighter That Won't Dry Out

The innovative people at Faber-Castell have introduced a highlighter that will never dry out. It is not made from ink. An extra soft, extra-thick fluorescent lead gives the look of a traditional ink highlighter but with some additional benefits.

Not only can it be used on normal paper but very thin papers as well. It won't leak through onto the next page as ink tends to. In a slim pencil format, it is ergonomically designed for comfort and grip no matter how much highlighting you have to do. In five brilliant colours, you'll love how the text stands out.

Another outstanding product from Faber-Castell.

# Must Have Items!

Easels

Sketchbooks (come see our “LP” selection)

Art and Drafting Tables

Drawing supplies (Manga and cartooning as well)

Paints and pastels

Big bushy brushes



**Great  
Selection,  
Great Prices!**

# Tool Tip

So, you committed an artistic crime – you left your favourite brush on your palette without cleaning it. Now, two days later, it is as hard as an iron rod.

Windsor and Newton's Brush Cleaner is not only environmental friendly but it really works. It may take a few days but your favourite brush will live to see another canvas.



# Take a Course

There are so many places in Calgary to expand your skills in your chosen medium. But why not bring something new to your work? If watercolours are your passion, why not take a calligraphy course? Are your oils missing something? Take a photography course and learn about lighting and composition with a camera instead of a paintbrush as your tool. Here are a few places to look for inspiration, workshops and classes.

Bow Valley Calligraphy Guild

Alberta College of Art and Design

Mount Royal College

Calgary Parks and Recreation Fall 2009 Guide

University of Calgary ContEd

And of course, Kensington Art Supply as your source of workshop news in and around Calgary.

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