



Apple Cider

By Ann McEachron

Featured on our cover is an original watercolor by Ann McEachron. "My goal in every painting is luminous clear color and the wet look. I like to leave soft and lost edges on shapes to hold the viewer's attention long enough for him to want to complete the image with his own eyes."

Landscapes, lakes, streams, florals, and what Ann calls tabletop settings are her most frequent subject matter. She finds painting on location and direct from life the best way to learn to see. Ann also enjoys painting abstractly using inks, acrylics, collage papers and charcoal in combination with watercolor to create impressionistic and multimedia compositions.

A teacher of watercolor for 12 years, Ann is an exhibiting member of Bon Air Artist's Association in Richmond, Virginia.

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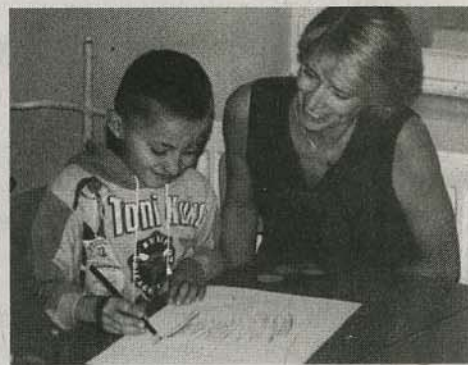
Children and Adult Art Classes

Art Connects Us is offering summer art classes with Dianne Tennyson in Mt. Pleasant. Tennyson believes we are all artists, "The act of creating stimulates our inner artist so the other areas of our life are enriched and enhanced. Imagination and creativity facilitate the exploration of our personal identity, increase our self-esteem and ultimately support the choices we make towards a positive life-style."

Week-long summer art camps for children are available for three different groups. In the Mother – Toddler group, mothers and children enjoy the creative process while using art projects to develop eye-hand coordination, self-expression, and communication skills. Classes for 4 – 6 year olds are designed for this stage when children are full of imagination and love to tell stories by encouraging them to be uninhibited and free to express themselves through art. And the 7-12 year old group helps to build confidence and self-esteem through using art to explore concepts of realism and abstraction. Classes are based on mediums such as painting, drawing, printmaking, sculpture, mixed media and more.

Dianne also offers individual instruction and group classes for children year-round. Adult Classes are offered on a weekly basis for individuals or groups from beginner to intermediate levels in a variety of mediums.

Dianne Tennyson, MAT, ATR, is a professional artist, certified art teacher, and a registered art therapist in private practice in Mt. Pleasant. For information, call 843-881-1799 or visit ArtConnects.us. See ad on page 27.



Bail Out Business Owner for MDA



Brandon Acker, owner of MIGUN Thermal Massage Beds, needs help "getting out of jail" for the Muscular Dystrophy Association. Brandon along with other volunteers in the community is raising funds for MDA. He plans to raise at least \$2500 by July 13 with the help of friends and contributors like you. Brandon says, "This year, I have the honor and pleasure of participating in MDA's West Ashley Lock-Up to help 'Jerry's Kids®.' To reach my goal I need your help! Your donation would help MDA continue the important fight against muscular dystrophy."

MDA serves people in our community with neuromuscular disease by providing clinics, support groups, assistance with the purchase and repair of wheelchairs, braces and communication devices, and summer camp for kids. MDA also funds research grants to help find treatments and cures for some 43 neuromuscular diseases that affect people of all ages, right here in our community.

The Muscular Dystrophy Association is a voluntary health agency—a dedicated partnership between scientists and concerned citizens aimed at conquering neuromuscular diseases that affect more than a million Americans. MDA combats these diseases through programs of worldwide research, comprehensive medical and community services, and professional and public health education.

For more information on MDA, visit MDAUSA.org. If you would like to help get Brandon out of lock up, call 843-571-5282 or visit MIGUN Thermal Massage Beds at 1890 Sam Rittenberg Blvd., West Ashley and get a free massage! See ad on page 18.