

Creativember 2022

This is the 4th Creativember!!

What is it?

A few years ago, 2019 to be exact, I was running the ISZAF Inktober group. I loved drawing every day and I wanted to keep the momentum going. I mentioned this in the group chat and I got some excited responses. After some discussion we decided to open it up to interpretation and not limit it to drawing, or ink, or something else. At first it was very much like Inktober with daily prompts. Then the next year I added weekly themes as an option instead of daily prompts. The 3rd year it became the official ISZAF challenge. I changed the focus to be about creation of an art piece and not a daily image. It has changed every year and this year is not any different.

How will this year work?

1. You are going to create two completed art works in 30 days. You choose the medium and you choose your muse.
2. The WeChat group. Although we are not creating something similar daily, we still need to post progress shots, ideas and planning, and finished pieces in the group on at least a weekly basis. Also be active and help support the other artists with suggestions, tips, and praise. Basically, be awesome.
3. Other social medias. Feel free to post things related to Creativember. Add the #creativember2022 and #ISZAF (also #thecreativemberexperiment for old times sake) so we can like and share. Also share your insta handle or other social media handles so we can follow each other.

But...

Yeah, I get it. You might want a little more help, so I have 2 themes for this year: People and Emotion.

Yeah, but....

You aren't ready to commit to a finalized artwork because reasons. If you want to create daily images, I suggest finding prompts online. I personally have been enjoying looking at WTPrompt on Instagram and use it on drawing prompt days in the classroom. There are a bajillion prompt lists out there, I know you can figure it out.

Feel free to share it with like-minded friends.

Anything else?

Glad you asked! Challenges like this work best when the members taking part talk to each other and encourage continued efforts. So, I must stress that being an active group member is a must! I will remove people that are not participating in the group. No lurkers.

Participate in the Challenge! What does this mean?

- o Post weekly by the dates above (Saturdays during the challenge)

- o Post your progress and ideas behind your work
- o Give constructive feedback on work that is posted
- o Share any art-making tips or processes
- o Share your ideas and thoughts behind the challenge
- o Encourage other artists in the group by doing the above

What it doesn't mean:

- o Unrelated conversations
- o Blistering "Helpful" critiques
- o Spamming things of any kind
- o Weird friend requests without talking to people first. I mean who becomes friends with the weirdo that runs up out of nowhere and yells, "BE MY FRIEND!" Nobody, that's who.

What about the usual disclaimers?

Thanks for asking, you guys really are great!

We live in China, so work must be appropriate and respectful of this. Work created during the challenge should not show, refer to or demonstrate explicit subjects of any kind. This may include full frontal nudity, sexual acts, drug paraphernalia and/or consumption, excessive alcohol consumption or illegal activities. It cannot be highly political, nor should it offend our host country of P.R. China. If any participating artists have any questions about the subject to be explored in the work, they are to contact Michael Williams or Gloria Carnevale with such questions.