

## February Newsletter

From the studio of Maria Iva



The Warmth of Winter Light. 16X20. Oil with a palette knife

Half of the winter is already gone, however, not without some losses. I did the above painting with my left hand since I could not use my right hand after I had slipped on ice and fractured my right wrist a couple of weeks ago.



Since I am not a person who would relax and wait until my wrist heals before returning to painting, I started using my left hand and surprisingly it worked!

Actually, it is not a complete a miracle that I could paint with my left hand. I was born left-handed and was trained to use only my right hand at the age of 6. Since then I have always written, eaten, played tennis, and painted with my right hand. However, it seems my left hand has not completely lost its ability. Slowly and a bit messy at the beginning, I started painting with it and after the third painting I felt pretty confident! Below are two more paintings that I did with my left hand.



Winter Shadows. 18X24 Oil with a palette knife

When I paint winter scenes I like them to look warm. The sunshine on the snow, the warm glow of sun on the bark of the trees, the glow of sunlit dry grasses, there are so many ways that a painter can create warmth in a winter scene.



Killarney Fall 16X16 Oil with a palette knife

Other than my fractured wrist, January was uneventful.

Winter is the time when I usually work on my new collection which will be first shown at my **Open Studio on Sunday, March 31, 2019 between 11 am and 2 pm.** The address of the studio is **412 Winfield Terrace, Mississauga, ON.** I will put some of my new work on my website ([www.mariaiva.com](http://www.mariaiva.com)) one week before the open studio. Let me know if you are planning to come. Come to chat, have some wine or coffee/tea, see my new work and tell me what you think. I am not expecting any purchases, however, if it happens, all purchases will receive 20% discount.

And the last piece of news. Those who would like to practice or learn how to create a **WARM** winter scene in pastel are invited to attend my **Pastel Winter Scene workshop** on **February 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2019 at 10 am at Franklin Carmichael Art Group, 34 Riverdale Drive in Etobicoke** . You can find more details on their website <http://www.fcag.ca/workshops.html>

To register call their office at 416-740-6520. The office hours are:  
Tuesdays: 10:00am - 2:00pm  
Wednesday: 11:00am - 3:00pm  
Thursday: 9:00am - 1:00pm

Keep warm and safe,

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