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## Artist of the Month: David Bader

by Karen Beal

A decade after Ohioans David and Pam Bader got a taste of salt water and sunshine they found their way to the Florida Keys. Here they found community and a home.

Education and a career in engineering might have slowed his growth as an artist in the early years but Bader was always drawn to the visual arts. As years passed, he took seminars from an accomplished artist and friend, Robert Warren, to lay a foundation for working in oil medium. It is still primarily his favorite but he is not above dabbling in acrylics and watercolor.

The couple travels whenever and wherever they can in an 18ft. RV. The past 6 years included multi-month excursions throughout the US and Canada. "I usually take my plein air kit with me, but space is limited. When we travel overseas, only my camera accompanies me. I think my stock of "paint this someday" photographs is up to a few thousand; no shortage of inspirations."

Currently president of the Art Guild of the Purple Isles (AGPI), Bader is an ambassador for the group. "AGPI is a great opportunity for local artists to get involved, mingle and share work

with like-minded artists. It has motivated me to paint topics I might not have done on my own."

Bader's art can be found in the Key Largo Art Gallery (MM 103) and often on exhibit at the Key Largo Library. "Two years ago, I exhibited a science-fiction themed show there, and this February will be portrait works in an exhibit titled, "Faces \* No Places." That show will also feature portrait photography by Marcia Brito."

Bader says, "I try not to overthink it too much because the image in your head is always better than what ends on the canvas; better to paint more in the moment and let it turn out better than you hoped."

"Green Turtle Flat" is a plein air painting done during one of the Art Guild's outings. It will be exhibited at AGPI's Judged Art Show at the Dolphin Life Hospital (MM 82.7) starting Feb 18th.

This recent painting of Gene Hackman was done using Gene's own oil paints from his estate in Islamorada. It will be exhibited at the February "Faces • No Places" show at the Key Largo Library.

"Doing an art project is mainly a way for me to get that stirring vision out of head, but which is quickly occupied by the next inspiration."

"The Nymphs Are All in Tears" is an example of a watercolor, which seemed fitting for a sea nymph. This work will be exhibited at the History of Diving Museum (MM 82.9) from January 21st to April 15th. It is based on the story of Lycidas (1637) by John Milton.

"Pappy" is one of several pilot-series paintings that will be exhibited at the KL Library show. And no, Pappy does not look like Robert Conrad!