



alumni UPDATE



Refresher Courses

Saturday, July 12
Starting at 9am

Back by popular demand are
The Art Institute of Fort Lauderdale
Alumni Refresher Courses:

Photoshop CS3
Hosted by Ms. V

Illustrator CS3
Hosted by Scott LeBlanc

Sketchup/AutoCAD
Hosted by Bilal Ajami

There is no cost for alumni. These courses are organized learning experiences designed, planned and intended to meet educational and industry standards. Current instructors carefully coordinate the courses to enhance previous knowledge with current methods, theories, and practices.

Please contact the Alumni Association at 954.308.2618 or aiflumni@aii.edu to R.S.V.P. Seating is limited.

Sweet Success



The Art Institute of Fort Lauderdale is proud to highlight Bonnie Lalky-Seibert in this edition of the Alumni Newsletter. A 1985 graduate of our Ad Design

program, Bonnie has created a triumphant career. She has been a professional illustrator for over 20 years now. Her background is in traditional studio media, and sculpture was always a favorite. Mostly, she has focused on a 3-dimensional collage style, with a humorous viewpoint in her works. To view samples of great work, please visit her website at www.blalkyseibert.com.

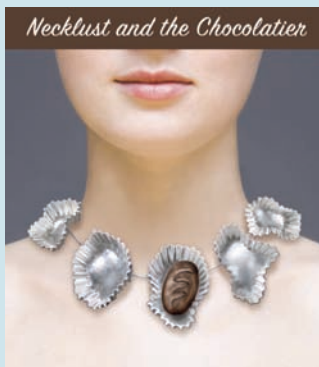
During her time at AiFL, Bonnie's favorite teacher was Paula Gillam. "With her, anything was possible," she says.

Bonnie has received several awards for her illustrations from the Society of Illustrators in New York and Los Angeles, The American Advertising Federation, and The 3-Dimensional Illustration Exhibition Annuals I through IV. As well, large humorous creature sculptures, rendered in fabric soft-sculpture, have been included in fine art exhibitions, including the Hortt 30th and 33rd Exhibitions at The Museum of Art Fort Lauderdale.

Fortunately for the art world, Bonnie understands the importance of continuing her education. Her love of sculpture led her to develop crafting skills in silver jewelry. One of her recent pieces, titled, what else, but "Bonnie's Bon Bons," became the lead display at the opening at Florida Craftsmen Gallery this past March in St. Petersburg, Florida.

There is passion in her work and her advice to young designers is to, "Do what you love, you will find a showcase for it."

Have a great success story you'd like to share?
Email: lthurman@aii.edu for submission details.



A Message from the Alumni Coordinator



The mission of The Art Institutes' Alumni Community shall be to serve The Art Institutes and its alumni in a manner that enriches the lives of its members and promotes The Art Institutes' mission of being the leading educator in the arts through our recognition of alumni success and focused approach.

Through the Alumni office, we create a forum for you to continuously reconnect with your artistic roots, advance your careers, and redirect your voices to a new generation of students. We'll be a part of your success by celebrating your accomplishments at each phase of your journey. Please feel free to contact the Alumni Coordinator:

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Stay Connected Online

Have you moved since you graduated from The Art Institute of Fort Lauderdale? Do you know a graduate of The Art Institute of Fort Lauderdale who isn't getting our newsletters?

For us to stay in touch with you, we need you to stay in touch with us! The easiest way to stay connected is via the Alumni Connections Online Community. If your contact information changes, whether an email, phone number, or address, please update your information at www.alumniconnections.com/artinstitutes. To access the site you must first register. It's easy. To locate your file only type your last name and pick from the list of names that comes up. Alumni can access the site approximately 90 days after their graduation.

It is the mission of The Art Institute of Fort Lauderdale's Alumni Association to promote relations among The Art Institute of Fort Lauderdale, its alumni, faculty, and current students for the purpose of supporting growth through networking, mentoring, continuing education and community awareness. Our services include reunions, refresher courses, newsletters, alumni seminars, alumni merchandise, career resources event's calendar, recognition awards, guest speaking opportunities, gallery exhibition, and judging opportunities. Keeping your contact information up-to-date will allow us keep you informed!

Features of the website include:

Online Directory

Search for former classmates

Events Calendar

List events occurring at The Art Institutes nationwide

Class Notes

Share personal and professional news about your life and career or view notes of others

Permanent E-Mail

Personal e-mail address that will never change and includes a forwarding system

Career Center Services

Job and resume postings, information for career development, and find or become a mentor

Yellow Pages

Find products and services advertised by fellow alumni and members or post your own listing for FREE

Member Services

Password, user ID, and review the member agreement

We want to see your Face

Are you on Facebook.com? So is AiFL. Become a Fan! Search for The Art Institute of Fort Lauderdale Fan Page and spread the word.

Need a Transcript?

Visit our website at www.artinstitute.edu/fortlauderdale, and click on Alumni followed by request a transcript for further information. PLEASE NOTE: The cost for an official transcript is now \$10 per transcript.

Want to Give Back?

EDMC Scholarship Foundation offers a unique and easy way for AiFL Alumni to help the next generation of creative talent.

The foundation provides scholarships to current students. These students are carefully selected by a committee made up of faculty and staff in order to assure the student selected is in need and shows promise in their chosen field. You may even select the program you would like to donate to. Please feel free to share this information with your employer, too.

Your generosity is appreciated. Please mail contribution by check to Kim Farmer in Accounting. All donations are tax deductible. Please make your check payable to EDMC Scholarship Foundation.

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Continuing your Education

In a global economy, designers need to stay ahead of the competition. If you want to learn more about the software you use or learn more than you already know, we have a couple of useful suggestions for every budget and timeline.

Bert Monroy, a renowned digital arts maven, brings to life easy-to-follow tips for anyone that wants to learn more about Photoshop and Illustrator. PixelPerfect can be found online at: <http://revision3.com/pixelperfect/> anytime of the day or night.

Another great tip involves getting your boss to pick up the tab on your education. Quality tradeshow events often have seminars scheduled into the event that include courses on how to use new equipment, software, and technology. For those of you that would like to put your education on the boss' tab, visit the website below for some helpful tips on how to convince your boss to cover the expense. These tips can be used for any conference!

www.howconference.com/convince_your_boss.asp

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