



Draw and Paint In Your Pyjamas!
The Complete Art Course

Rules and Guidelines e-book for the

DrawPJ.com

Annual Online Art Competition

*Encouraging and nurturing the love of art skill development
in an aim to ultimately provide
freedom of expression through the creation of original art.*

Artworks by DrawPJ.com Graduates



Title: 'Ducky's Honour'
Artist: Tannis Trydal



Title: 'Magnolias'
Artist: Lyn Donald



Title: 'Aden'
Artist: Brigitte Back



Title: 'Daisy'
Artist: Debbie Race

Our Mission:

Through the *DrawPJ.com Annual Online Art Competition* we aim to bring recognition to outstanding people who uphold the qualities and virtues that we encourage at *DrawPJ.com*

At DrawPJ.com our goal is to provide a nurturing environment where people from all around the world can come together with a common interest; to share their love for the development of art skills in a nurturing environment. No expectations whatsoever are placed on anyone and we all understand that learning to draw is a very personal experience and we all learn at a different pace, for different reasons.

We respect everyone's ability regardless of how advanced or how early their skill development currently is. We are humbled by the fact that every single one of us was also once a beginner. Being a member of DrawPJ.com is all about supporting and nurturing each other right from the very start, through the very tiny baby steps that need to be taken before we can go on and achieve our dreams of becoming great artists and being able to really and truly draw and paint once and for all!

On DrawPJ.com the development of art skill is just the beginning; it is the foundation that ultimately provides freedom for the aspiring artist to then be able to express their own ideas and to find their 'voice' through art.

Where and When:

The *DrawPJ.com Annual Online Art Competition* is exclusive to members of DrawPJ.com and will be held annually online at DrawPJ.com. Winners will be announced on the last day of November each year. The very first competition will be held in November 2011.

Cost:

There is no cost. This is a *free competition* for all current members of DrawPJ.com

The Judges:

Two Professional Gallery-represented Artists will be invited from outside of the DrawPJ.com community to judge the competition each year. These people will be introduced sometime later in the year. New judges will be invited each year to keep the judging fresh and diverse.

Prizes:

There will be prizes in the form of professionally printed Certificates and Trophies sent to all winners. Trophies are great to display in your home or studio; to celebrate and share your successes in art with family and friends.

One major prize of a full year membership studying in the mentored level with Cindy Wider valued at \$USD1095 (not redeemable for cash) will be awarded to a winning participant chosen by Cindy Wider as *The Most Promising Artist* in Section A. The first Prize winner from section B will also be awarded a twelve month mentored level membership studying with Cindy Wider valued at \$USD1095 (not redeemable for cash.) All prize winners will be listed on our site under a page titled 'DrawPJ.com Hall Of Fame' or a similar title.

Grand Prize Winner: DrawPJ.com World Champion Artist

There will also be a Grand Prize awarded to the most outstanding artist of the year on DrawPJ.com selected from the three finalists in Section B (see pg:4 for more information) and the title given to this winner will be the **DrawPJ.com World Champion Artist**. There will be several prizes given to this

person and most importantly they will be awarded the prestige of a position on our **Drawpj World Champion Shield**.

The Shield (which will be awarded as well as a trophy) will remain the property of DrawPJ.com and will be sent out to the winning person each year. This winner will take possession of the shield for ten months then return it to DrawPJ.com in Australia at the end of the ten month period. The Shield will contain the name of the winner and a small flag to symbolise the country of their choice (birth country or country the person is now living in.)

This year our Shield will be sent out to our very first **DrawPJ.com World Champion Artist** with their name and country Flag alongside. There will be a special web page dedicated to the DrawPJ.com World Champion Artists and their country will be listed alongside their name.

We are seeking sponsorships from businesses:

We are currently seeking sponsorships for the trophies from businesses. If you or someone you know owns either an internet based business or distributes products from a business in the real world (on a world-wide basis) and would like to tell us all about it at DrawPJ.com please contact Cindy Wider cindy@drawpj.com for details on how your sponsorship can help us learn all about your business. Please write 'Business Sponsorship for DrawPJ.com' in the email subject line.

Alternatively if you know of a great business that you love dealing with and you would like us to contact them in this regard please feel free to nominate them. There will be a wonderful promotion opportunity for those businesses that sponsor our trophies such as a web page specifically designed with their business logos listed on it (and will remain on our site for ten months with the right to sponsor again the following year) links to their websites and the business name engraved onto the trophies awarded. Contact Cindy Wider for more information.

Competition Details:

There will be *two major sections* for this annual online competition;

Section A: Open to all current members of Drawpj.com

This section is for final projects created from the DrawPJ.com art course and drawings or paintings created in Donna Duquette's Monthly Drawing Challenges. This section is open to all current members of DrawPJ.com who are **currently studying (or have previously studied) the DrawPJ.com art course** whether in live art tuition classes, or in the online forums (either on Drawspace.com or DrawPJ.com.) You can enter up to four images for judging in this section. Entry forms will be available later in the year.

To be eligible to enter this first section, you must be a current member of DrawPJ.com and you must also have set up at least **one of your galleries** on your DrawPJ.com profile page, containing the images you wish to have judged and as many other images as you like. The titles of your nominated images will be written on the entry form and also emailed to Cindy Wider, later in the year along with your entry form.

If your membership has expired you can renew your membership (providing that you haven't been away from DrawPJ.com for more than 12 months.) The cost to renew your membership and become an alumni member (to be eligible to enter our competitions and access the Artists Café, your profile page and three of your own galleries) is \$USD50 per year. Everybody who is currently studying the DrawPJ.com art course is already a member. If you are currently studying in Drawspace.com with Cindy Wider and would like to become a member of DrawPJ.com please contact Cindy to arrange

your complimentary membership. Everyone studying on Drawspace.com with Cindy Wider is automatically entitled to complimentary beginner level membership for the period of time they are studying on Drawspace.com

Please note: Drawings that were created from the drawing challenges will not be judged as original artworks (regardless if they were completed while studying in the mentored level) as they are a derivative of photographs taken by Donna Duquette, however awards will be given for other aspects of the drawings you have created in the drawing challenge section such as; creativity, good technical skills etc and these drawings will be considered alongside the major project pieces.

Prizes in the section A will be awarded in various categories (still to be confirmed) but may include topics such as; most promising talent, most outstanding technique, most consistently positive attitude, most improved, most dedicated, (for people who have consistently submitted their work on a weekly basis to complete their course in a timely manner) most persistent, great encourager to others, most important contributor to our online community (for people who consistently encourage their fellow course participants) etc. These are all the attributes we encourage here on Drawpj.com and several of these attributes and characteristics may be grouped to form one prize. Specific categories will be mentioned later this year.

Section B: First prize will be awarded the ‘DrawPJ.com World Champion Artist’

This section is a juried section of the *DrawPJ.com Annual Online Art Competition* for all *current Mentored Level course participants, Instructors and Instructors-in-training only.*

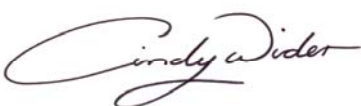
You are invited to submit *four of your best completely original artworks* to be eligible to enter. These must be created from your own imagination and reference materials including your own photographs. A panel of two professional art judges from outside of DrawPJ.com will then select 10 finalists who will be short-listed into a group of the final 3 Artists of The Year for 2011.

The final three artists will be considered the most outstanding course participants for 2011 and will be placed in either a first, second or third place depending on various criteria including art skills, attitude towards their work and fellow course participants, artistic accomplishments outside of DrawPJ.com ie: if any art competitions or exhibitions were entered into etc. The first prize winner of this section will be announced as the *DrawPJ.com World Champion Artist* for 2011.

Final words from the Course Founder; Cindy Wider

Wishing you all the very best for a wonderful and exciting time as you prepare for our *DrawPJ.com Annual Online Art Competition*. Always remember that competition is healthy; it helps us understand what to aspire to and it gives us motivation as well as a chance to be celebrated for our skills. Consider this competition not between one another but within yourself. Aspire to improve and to become a great artist just for yourself; for the love of art and respect for high quality art skill development. Most of all, enjoy the journey, the destination will take care of itself if you just show up at the table!

Warm wishes,



Cindy Wider