

River Alchemy: Recent Paintings by Daniel Anthonisen opens November 8

Daniel Anthonisen, whose recent work will be exhibited at Travis Gallery, 6089 Route 202, New Hope, is carrying on the legacy of the Bucks County Impressionists yet he is not an imitator. He works hard at developing his unique vision. Like many of the region's painters, nature is his muse. In large and small paintings, the effects of light, his unique perspective and his sensitivity to his surroundings are startling. Looking at an Anthonisen painting translates into instantaneous emotional involvement.

River Alchemy: Recent Paintings by Daniel Anthonisen, the artist's fourth solo exhibition, begins November 8, with an opening reception at Travis Gallery in New Hope from 5 to 8 p.m., continuing through November 29. Around thirty recent paintings and wood engravings will be displayed.

Anthonisen begins painting or sketching early each day in his studio or outside his home and is often seen near where he lives in Point Pleasant, or on the New Jersey side of the Delaware River, carrying his equipment as he scouts for scenes to paint. Anthonisen draws or paints on site what he sees in nature, but frequently takes objects found by the Delaware River to his studio where he studies and places these objects into riverscapes.

Lauren Travis, gallery owner and Director of Travis Gallery says "Daniel Anthonisen is a soulful painter. His sensitivity to subject matter and atmosphere create an intense response in the viewer. We are pleased to host this latest exhibit appropriately entitled 'River Alchemy.'"

"My recent works deals with the newness of life," says Anthonisen.

"My painting is as personal as a journal entry. Most of my paintings are intimate, emotional, personal experiences. The way I have been working is to let myself paint in the same way that I would write a love letter to someone."

"I am intrigued with how the river relates to consciousness and to the very basic movement of life. I am convinced there is a way to paint objects accurately and still maintain a timeless quality by painting things that deal with basic elements like fire, water, earth, air and light."

Anthonisen's work has been exhibited In New York at the Salmagundi Club, The Antique Boat Museum in Clayton, and in Pennsylvania at Muhlenberg College, James A. Michener Art Museum, Travis Gallery, Woodmere Art Museum and Bucks County Community College. His work is represented in private collections throughout the country. The James A. Michener Art Museum purchased his work for their permanent collection. In 2002, he was awarded a grant from The Elizabeth Greenshields Foundation of Montreal, Quebec, Canada

Gallery Hours: Tuesday through Saturday from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., extended hours on Sunday November 9 from 12 noon to 4 pm and by appointment. Information: 215-794-3903 (email: travisgallery@comcast.net).