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CMCArts Exhibits Bernard S. Clendenin "Fine Art Concepts –Works of St. Croix Native Son"



^[1] Caribbean Museum Center for the Arts (CMCArts) presents the artwork of the late Bernard S. Clendenin. The exhibit is titled "Fine Art Concepts –Works of St. Croix Native Son," and it opens at 5:30 p.m. on Friday, Oct. 18, at the museum on No. 10 Strand Street, Frederiksted. The exhibit will be in the downstairs gallery and consist of over 30 oil paintings and prints.

Bernard Clendenin was a fifth generation Crucian. His father, grandfather, great and great-great grandfathers were born on St. Croix. His older brother, Aage B. Clendenin, was born in Christiansted before his father moved to N.Y.C. Bernard S. Clendenin wanted to be a pilot in WWII, but his path changed when at age 16 he was awarded a scholarship to the prestigious

Art Students League of New York. Clendenin spent three years in the Army but he returned to the school where he studied with the finest artists of the time, i.e. William McNulty, Jon Corbino, Robert Beverly Hale, Julian Levi and Frank Reilly to name just a few. Even Norman Rockwell asked Clendenin to spend a summer with him.

Clendenin worked as a graphic designer with major corporations like Prince Matchebelli. Moving to California, he joined Douglas Aircraft, starting their long running art shows and their Technical Art Department for missiles and satellites. Four years later, he was asked to start a Technical Art Department concerning top secret projects for Aerospace Corporation. After four years, he left Aerospace and became the audio-visual supervisor for Naval ships at Litton Industries. Clendenin still found time to paint, and his oil paintings have been exhibited in major shows and galleries, garnering awards throughout the United States.

^[2] The exhibit will run through Nov. 11. CMCArts is open Thursday through Saturday, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., all cruise ship days, and by appointment on other days. Educators interested in visiting the Museum with their students are encouraged to call 772-2622 to make an appointment.

CMCArts is a non-profit Museum Center dedicated to serving and promoting the art and artist of the Caribbean. On Saturday, October 19, CMCArts will host a fundraiser with Trio Camaleon out of Puerto Rico



from 6-8 pm. Enjoy an evening of Caribbean Rhythms, [REDACTED]
Latin Jazz, Boleros, Bossa Novas and much more.
Admission is \$10.00 and you can make reservations by
calling the Museum 772-2622 or visiting our website www.cmcarts.org [3].

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