

2009 World Drawing Day Aims For One Million Drawings

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World Drawing Day is an online art event supported by online art communities that encourages people around the world to drop everything and draw. In its second year, the event aims to get close to its goal of one million drawings in one day.

Online art communities are working together for the second world Drawing Day - an online event where art and social networking communities are working together for the sake of art. For Drawing Day, artists both professional and amateur are being asked to visit the Drawing Day website at <http://www.drawingday.org/> to see a list of supporting websites where you can participate on the day.

It is completely free and simple to get involved. Drawings can be created via any graphics software or by simply scanning drawings created on paper. Participants then submit these drawings to any of several online art communities or social networking websites listed at <http://www.drawingday.org> [drawingday.org]. If you prefer a more interactive approach, there will be various websites listed that will be hosting online drawing events that allow you to create drawings directly in your browser by using a mouse or drawing tablet. Some artists are even recording videos of themselves drawing and posting them on YouTube. Participants are then encouraged to spread the word by sharing these drawings with their friends. The website also offers tools to help spread the word, such as banners and buttons to place on your website or blog.

2008 was the first year of our Drawing Day initiative. Websites such as Facebook, YouTube™, Flickr™, deviantART and RateMyDrawings.com had great success in encouraging artists to participate. Founder Mick Gow has high hopes for the 2009 event. "From the response and constant emails we receive, we know that Drawing Day is something the art world really needs and loves. One million drawings in a day is a huge goal and we'll keep aiming for this magic number," says Gow.

If you'd like more information about Drawing Day 2009 or want to learn more about getting your social networking website involved, contact Mick Gow via <http://www.drawingday.org>.

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About Drawing Day:

Drawing Day is an online art initiative created by a collaborative effort of online art communities. Founder Mick Gow heads up the initiative and can be contacted via DrawingDay.org

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