

ruud janssen - iuoma & tam

THE INTERNATIONAL UNION OF MAIL-ARTISTS IS WHERE THE IUOMA STANDS FOR, BUT ACTUALLY IT IS ONE OF THE ASPECTS OF THE MAIL-ART THAT RUUD JANSSEN HAS PRODUCED IN THE LAST 27 YEARS. A LOT HAS BEEN WRITTEN BY HIM IN THIS PERIOD AND IN HIS BLOG HE WRITES ABOUT THE MOST RECENT VIEWS AND THOUGHTS. FOR SNAIL-MAIL WRITE TO: TAM , P.O. BOX 1055 , 4801 BB - BREDA , NETHERLANDS.

wednesday, december 22, 2004

Do you want a 25-years card?

Because the 25-year jubileum year is coming closer (25 active years in Mail-Art) I prepared some of these 25-years cards. Normally something is changes compared to the normal number 25. If you think you are entitled to one of these cards. Let me know why. Maybe you'll get one



posted by ruud janssen at 11:44 pm | 8 comments

tuesday, december 21, 2004

MailArt Man has gone a-travellin' and an artistamp has been issued to commemorate his trek.

Unfortunately, he left without packing his overcoat, and word is there's a Blue Norther headed our way. Please keep an eye out for MailArt Man's overcoat.

These daze, one must ALWAYS wear protective gear.

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about me



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Rubber Stamp Archive, and basically
all that has to do with mail art...

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posted by ruud janssen at 7:30 pm | 0 comments

Experiment: Who wants this card?

O.K. Here is an experiment. I made this card, and it is ready to be sent out. Who wants to receive it? Tell me what you will do with it when you get the card. In the comments below this entry you will find out what happened with this card and where it went. 



posted by ruud janssen at 7:22 pm | 8 comments

Card made for Geof Huth (NY-USA). He was in Chicago recently since he send me a card from there. This will be a surprise for him (if he doesn't discover it here first) 



posted by ruud janssen at 7:20 pm | 1 comments

Card sent to Roy (NY-USA). Another in the 25-years series. 

November 2005
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links to other sites:

1. Interested in Mail-Art?
2. Fluxus Heidelberg Center
3. TAM-Publications Blog
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5. Fluxus Heidelberg Center BLOG
6. Fluxlist Europe
7. Mail-Interviews Blog
8. Painted CD's
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10. Nobody's Blog
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12. Tomato Times
13. Mail-Art Projects Overview
14. TAM was HERE, Mail-Art project 1983-1986 by Ruud Janssen

links to other blog's related to mail-art:

1. The A1 Mail Art Archive
2. Ed Giecek - USA
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4. NOBODY's Blog
5. Exile on Mainstreet - Buz Blurr
6. Kiyotei
7. Hazel
8. ex posto facto



posted by ruud janssen at 7:19 pm | 0 comments

Today the card that Roy Arenella sent me. Not really mail-art, since it is a personal New Years card from Roy and Martine to Litsa and me. But like always, Roy prefers the Photomail format. Lately I have noticed lots of cards by Roy in the different BLOGS. Nice to see how active Roy is. Somehow he should succeed in exhibiting all his cards somewhere. 🖼️



posted by ruud janssen at 7:17 pm | 1 comments

monday, december 20, 2004

Artistamps from Mike Dickau - USA

Another envelope from Mike Dickau arrived today (152E 40th Street, Sacramento, CA 95819, USA) , e-mail: captbio@aol.com. Again filled with wonderful artistamps. So, instead of scanning the envelope I scanned one of the sheets so you can see what he makes. A great gift from Mike. Will have to find time to send him an answer. 🖼️

9. Honoria
10. JC Synthetics
11. Jonathan Stangroom
12. Frips
13. 5.000.000 Copies
14. Digital Mail-Art
15. Dadavark Photo Log
16. qbdp BLOG (Geof Huth)
17. Roger Stevens
18. Obscure Reactions
19. Sylvia Sometimes Blog
20. The Poetry Postcard Project
21. Painted CD's by Ruud Janssen
22. Jukka(-Pekka Kervinen) BLOG
23. Bentspoon - Ross Priddle
24. Pelican Dreaming
25. Ed's Project 64 years Dylan
26. Non Lineair Poetry
27. Anabasis
28. Crag Hills Poetry Score
29. Qpidoremix Photomailing
30. Mark Bloch - The PanModern
31. BLOG by Pierpaollo - Italy
32. R.F. Cote - Canada
33. Nico van Hoorn - Mail Art
34. Special BLOG for Joseph W. Huber (DDR)
35. Mail-Art by Jassy Lupa
36. The Sideshowpost BLOG
37. The Fluxus Blog - Allan R.
38. Vanessa Holt
39. New Art Blog
40. Bern Porter International by Sheila Holz
41. Geert de Decker - Sztuka Fabryka
42. Pippoburro
43. Crescent House BLOG
44. The Post Secret BLOG
45. Jennifer Barger - FROG and TOADS
46. Elektronik Engel Project for Guillermo Deisler
47. Jenny de Groot's BLOG
48. Ray Johnson Blogspot
49. Mail Boxes BLOG
50. Crispin Webb Vlog - with audio and video
51. Latuff's Blog
52. Curios Things by Michael Leigh (UK)
53. The Dream Project - by Pierpaolo (I)
54. Alan Bowman Ramblings
55. Chopped Livre
56. Snail Mail-Art wanted by Troy
57. Jim Leftwicht - TExt Image Text
58. Visual Poetry Clippings by Geof Huth



posted by ruud janssen at 5:20 pm | 0 comments

The new drawing for FHC

Today a large envelope from Heidelberg arrived. In it the latest drawing made by Litsa Spathi for the Fluxus Heidelberg calendar. You can access it straight at: <http://www.fluxusheidelberg.org/nov2004c.html>. This is already the 12th drawing of the series. Going through the calendar is quite a challenge. The collages and drawings are mixed, and also there is a link from every drawing straight to a part of the site connected with that month.

Ruud

posted by ruud janssen at 5:13 pm | 0 comments

Mail from Lancillotto - Italy

Again mail from Lancillotto (Italy). He sent me some colour-copies, and this small paper with samples of the many rubberstamps he has carved. he also confirmed receiving of my two envelopes of which he sent digital images by e-mail. 📧



posted by ruud janssen at 5:13 pm | 0 comments

sunday, december 19, 2004

Mail to Nico

A card I made for Nico van Hoorn, who runs the www.trashlog.org blog. Found out he lives in Nijmegen, so this card will reach him soon. 📧

59. [False Address Blog](#)
60. [Fat red Ant](#)
61. [Lara Barletta](#)
62. [The Artists Books overview](#)
63. [Toner Works by Reed Altemus](#)
64. [Carla Cryptic](#)
65. [Friour Magazine \(Guido Vermeulen\)](#)
66. [Fluxlist BLOG!](#)
67. [Nobody, Litsa and the Men](#)
68. [Jean-Noel-Potte \(France\)](#)
69. [Maxi Boyd Blog](#)
70. [LezBag Blog](#)
71. [Mail Art Gallery by Carmen](#)
72. [Blog of Fluxus Heidelberg Center](#)
73. [Blog by Lois Klassen](#)
74. [TAM Rubberstamp Archive](#)
75. [Sidney Tome - Brasil](#)
76. [Thierry Tillier - Belgium](#)
77. [Po Brutus - Belgium](#)
78. [The postman always rings Twice - Renee Wagemans](#)
79. [Serendipityart Blog](#)
80. [David Baptiste Chirot Blog](#)
81. [Ashley Walker Mail-Art Blog](#)
82. [Sanarena-Arenasand](#)
83. [Mail-Mania 2](#)
84. [Benoit Piret \(Ben Tripe\)](#)
85. [TAM was here project \(1983-1986\)](#)
86. [The MARS Project](#)
87. [The Monster Mail-Art Swap](#)
88. [Confess Your Sins Project](#)
89. [The blog of Dan Waber - USA](#)
90. [Hans Braumueller - Germany](#)
91. [Alyonka - Russian Mail-Art](#)
92. [Stamp Collecting Round Up](#)
93. [Incredible Green Cat](#)
94. [Rico di Parigi](#)
95. [What About Croxhapox](#)
96. [Jean Noel Potte - De Spookrijder](#)
97. [Share your Wisdom](#)
98. [Valeria Zunzun](#)
99. [Bolletino Mondo Mail-Art](#)
100. [Albatroz Blog 4 Ever](#)
101. [Poste Resistante - Finland](#)
102. [Alyonka Mail-ART Project](#)
103. [Mr. Potani's Blog](#)
104. [Wimplet Blog](#)
105. [My Land Snake](#)
106. [Art Sanatorium](#)
107. [Goddessy-Art LiveJournal](#)
108. [The Sorting Office](#)
109. [We Are One Human Family](#)
110. [Teachers for Mail-Art](#)
111. [William A. - Brasil](#)
112. [Bad Words and Wacky Stuff](#)



posted by ruud janssen at 8:36 pm | 0 comments

Surreal Cafe - New York

Envelope I made for the Surreal Cafe, a mail-art project started by Joel Cohen, New York, USA.



posted by ruud janssen at 8:34 pm | 2 comments

saturday, december 18, 2004

My reply envelope for the Museum of Temporary Art. The content.....
Maybe you will see it on their site.



posted by ruud janssen at 5:25 pm | 0 comments

Photo of Shozo Shimamoto. I met him & Ryosuke back in 1990 in Koeln, Germany. They were participating in the NET-run event then. His bold head was used by Shozo to do his performances.

113. [Godelijke Gladiolen \(NL\)](#)
114. [ATC Room.](#)
115. [Tricia Burr - Russia](#)
116. [Magenta Raves](#)
117. [Andreas Hofer Project](#)
118. [Handy Postcards \(A1\)](#)
119. [Let your Postcards do the walking \(A1\)](#)
120. [Socks Blog Germany](#)
121. [Guerrilla Art Blog](#)
122. [Sharon Zimmer's Blog - Mail-Art Network](#)

linklist updated: 12th August 2007.

If you know of a blog on mail-art that isn't on this list, please send me an e-mail at [info at iuoma dot org](mailto:info@iuoma.org).



posted by ruud janssen at 5:18 pm | 0 comments

TRASHLOG mail

Got a nice card from Nico van Hoorn. He runs the www.trashlog.org site that is highly praised by mail-artists because of the original concept. A pit he didn't leave a snail-address. There isn't one on his site as well, so I can't sent him something in return



posted by ruud janssen at 1:13 pm | 0 comments

front side of card by trashlog (Nico) 



posted by ruud janssen at 1:12 pm | 0 comments

Mail from Jim Hayes

Jim Hayes sent a nice photo of an original RUUD furnace. He writes the photo didn't work out that well, but still I enjoyed it very much. You can

reach jim at jim.jimhayes@gmail.com The photo was taken backstage at a club called the Drunken Unicorn in Atlanta on December 5th 2004. Even before I started the BLOG of TAM and RUUD findings at <http://tamruud.blogspot.com>




posted by ruud janssen at 1:10 pm | 0 comments

Mail from Ed Giecek - USA

Ed sent me one of his typical collage envelopes again. Lots of stickers on the outside. Even so many that the postal workers didn't find the postage stamps to cancel. Ed is making PR for his blogs now as well in the snail-mail world, and he included lots of calls for his Bob Dylan project. Yes, will pass them out and will try to send him something as well.



posted by ruud janssen at 1:10 pm | 0 comments

Ed's envelope front side 



Gik Juri sent me a nice envelope again. He started with making collages of the mail he receives and sends out these computer prints. On this one I am included and also a still of the Russian National TV, they showed a fragment of the exhibition of Gik Juri and TAM that was held in Moscow recently. I hope Juri gets a chance to send me the press-coverage soon, because then I can finish the catalogue I made of the TAM Rubber Stamp Archive. I want to include this press-coverage so it is complete.



posted by ruud janssen at 1:08 pm | 0 comments

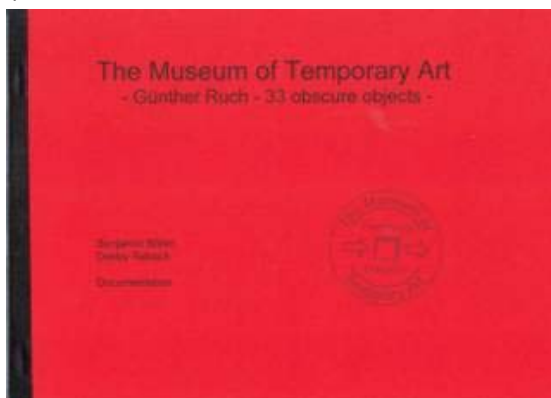
Two cards by Jukka arrived today. I already saw them on his blog, but now I can see how the postal office did the cancellations. 📧



posted by ruud janssen at 1:07 pm | 1 comments

Museum of Temporary Art - CATALOG

Benjamin Boehm and Debby Rebsch started the Museum of Temporary Art. They sent me the very well done catalogue of a special exhibition they held at their museum with 33 obscure objects by Gunther Ruch. A very nice set indeed, of miniatures of some famous mail-art publications. A lot I recognize because I have them in the TAM Archive as well. Please visit the museum and maybe send them something as well. Go to: www.museum-of-temporary-art.com A sweet note included as well by Benjamin. Yes, will say hello to Litsa for sure and expect another contribution for your museum soon.




posted by ruud janssen at 1:06 pm | 0 comments

Ryosuke Cohen has been very active with his BRAIN CELL project. Because I sent him the poster of the TAM Rubberstamp Archive exhibition in Moscow I automatically was included on the print and the address list. This project is very loved by the mail-art network, especially because with every 2 weeks a new sheet is produced. And that since 1985, quite an achievement. I know Ryosuke does this at the school he works for. I included the address-list here. If you send something to Ryosuke you are automatically included with a next print, so it is a nice experiment for you as well. The address-list is also used by all the others to reach out for new contacts. I must have about 300 of those sheets in my archive. Including that #1 with which it all started.






posted by ruud janssen at 1:05 pm | 0 comments

the envelope from Ryosuke Cohen. Click on it to read his address if you want to contact him. 



posted by ruud janssen at 1:04 pm | 0 comments


tuesday, december 14, 2004

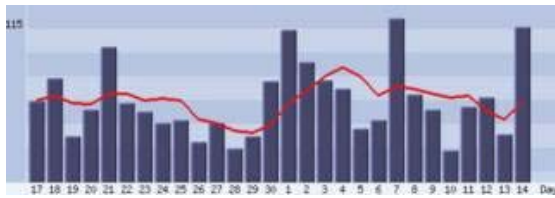
Ed received the envelope that came from him, was sent to A1. A1 (Michael Leigh) sent it to me, and I returned it to Ed. The recycling of an envelope. What will Ed do with the envelope now? Have a look at his blog (link in the linklist beside this text) 



posted by ruud janssen at 11:28 pm | 0 comments

Metafilter


The link from: www.metafilter.com/mefi/37803 caused already a lot of hits. Someone there wrote an article on mail-art and it causes reactions on all these sites as will. Here below you see how the statistics are till now, and the day has still about one hour..... 

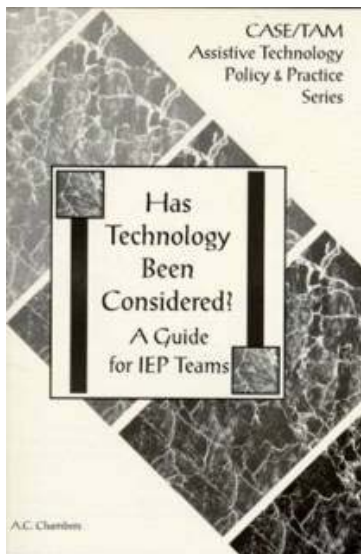


posted by ruud janssen at 11:12 pm | 0 comments

monday, december 13, 2004


The collection grows quickly

A great succes of my new blog at <http://tamruud.blogspot.com/> , already more then 50 entries of TAM and RUUD findings are registered. And that in only one day! Send me more at r.janssen@iuoma.org 



posted by ruud janssen at 7:05 pm | 2 comments

sunday, december 12, 2004

Another 25-years envelope is ready and goes out tomorrow to mIEKAL aND in LaFarge, USA. 



posted by ruud janssen at 6:36 pm | 1 comments

TAM and Ruud findings.

And there is another interesting finding of TAM. It seems is it also short for "Techniques of Alcohol Management". It seems like TAM (=Travelling Art Mail) is in good company. These two recent findings have got me

started. I will prepare a special BLOG with all these images. If you know of any, please inform me and I will start to collect.....

See:<http://tamruud.blogspot.com/> (it took me only 15 minutes to make, interlink the new BLOG and fill it with the first visuals). 🖥️



posted by ruud janssen at 2:29 pm | 0 comments

Always funny to find out that there are other things called "Ruud" out there. Actually it seems I am a brand for a Water Heater. It can't get any better than that. 🖥️



posted by ruud janssen at 2:27 pm | 0 comments

saturday, december 11, 2004

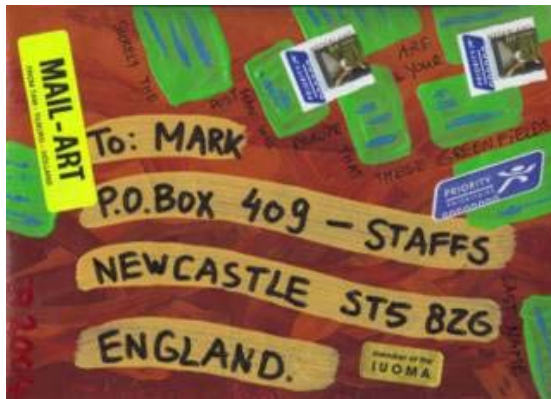
Links and growth

The BLOG's are growing on the internet. I have again updated my link-list with mail-art related blogs and there are now already 27 links. Also a specialk section to links of sites I am webmaster for, and the funniest list of links is the specially generated list that shows from which sites visitors came the last 24 hours. This actually works quite well. If somebody links to here, you can trace them. Ans also when you jump from my blog to others, it will be registered there. So actually you can see who is surfing from where to where. I am quite fascinated by these statistics....


Ruud

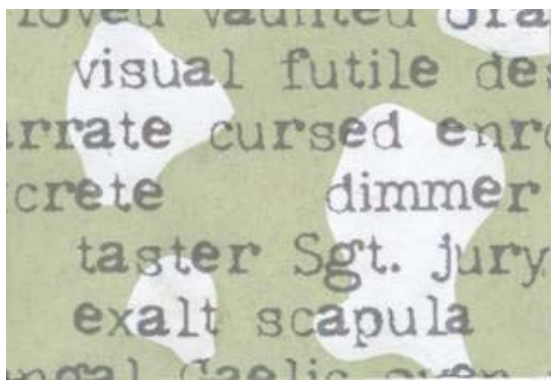
posted by ruud janssen at 5:54 pm | 3 comments

Mark (Greenfield) gets this envelope next week. I replaced his last name by green fields on the envelope. Any clever postman/postwoman should understand that! 🖥️



posted by ruud janssen at 5:34 pm | 0 comments

The front-side of Jukka's postcard. On his own BLOG Jukka publishes a lot of his cards as well. have a look at: <http://mailxart.blogspot.com/> 




posted by ruud janssen at 5:32 pm | 0 comments

Another card from Jukka arrived today. This is the backside. 



posted by ruud janssen at 5:31 pm | 0 comments

Yet another of those 25-envelopes. This one goes to Keith Bates in the UK. 



posted by ruud janssen at 5:30 pm | 0 comments

Lancillotto Bellini in Italy will receive this surprise somewhere next week.



posted by ruud janssen at 5:28 pm | 0 comments

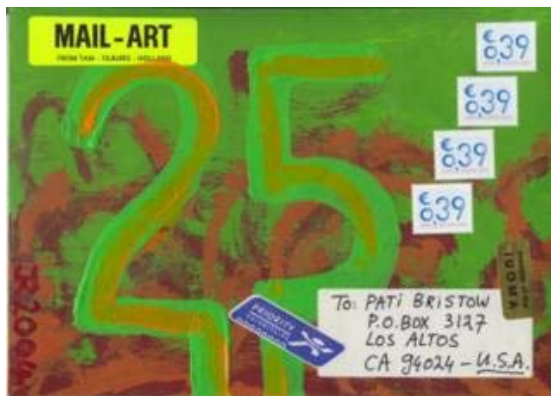
Made this envelope for Guy Bleus in Belgium. Still have to fill it with a letter and some other things. Will send him a second mailing next week which will contain my large contribution to his latest mail-art project.



posted by ruud janssen at 5:27 pm | 0 comments

The IUOMA-card that Pati Bristow sent me is signed (see previous entry). I prepared this envelope for her to send it back, together with some other bits & pieces. It is another of those 25-series envelopes. Just because in less than 3 weeks I will be active in mail-art for 25 years.





posted by ruud janssen at 5:25 pm | 0 comments

thursday, december 09, 2004

Another IUOMA-card arrived and is now signed. Pati Briston printed this one. Expect it back soon. 🇺🇸



posted by ruud janssen at 6:24 pm | 0 comments

Another typical envelope from Mark Greenfield arrived. He sent me his La Boheme - latest issue. Contact him at: P.O. Box 409, Newcastle, Staffs. ST5 82G, England, UK. He always uses the received mail-art to illustrate his magazine. 🇬🇧



posted by ruud janssen at 6:21 pm | 0 comments

A visual poem included in the same envelope from Argentina. 🇦🇷



posted by ruud janssen at 6:18 pm | 0 comments

concept for artistamps included in the mail from Argentina. Funny to see that it is signed for 2005, while actually I get this beginning December. The time-factor again. 📧



posted by ruud janssen at 6:17 pm | 0 comments

Letter with content (see other images) that I received today from Buenos Aires, Argentina. 📧



posted by ruud janssen at 6:15 pm | 0 comments

An envelope with Copies

This envelope came in today from Eric Langloff (2, Rue de la Mairie, 27930 Emaleville, France). It contained copies and add & pass on papers. I am no great fan of those and only now and then participate in

those. (I rather like colour). So the papers end up on a pile of copies which I sometimes send to people who DO enjoy those. 📧



posted by ruud janssen at 6:14 pm | 0 comments

Registering all incoming mail-art

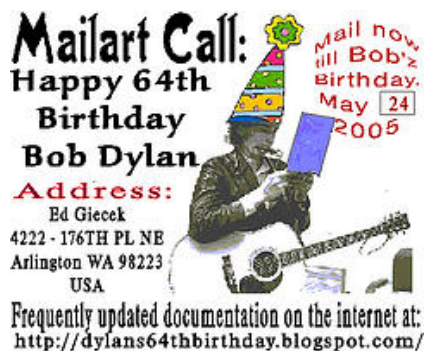
Well, documenting all isn't possible of course. For a few weeks now I have documented already a part of what comes in and comes out. Somehow I am forced to select there as well. When I would document all I wouldn't find time for my job, nor the time to answer any of that mail. Answering all the mail-art I get is also a problem. Just can't do that. I just do my best and select. A problem any mail-artists is facing after an active period. Still, I enjoy every piece that I get in. A nice change to the over 600 e-mails that come at me every day.

Ruud

posted by ruud janssen at 1:54 pm | 0 comments

tuesday, december 07, 2004

Ed's new project also is instantly documented on his special blog for the occasion. I placed the link on the linklist besides my BLOG. So if you are a Bob Dylan fan, send something to Ed on this address. 📧



posted by ruud janssen at 11:07 pm | 1 comments


Mail from Mike Dickau

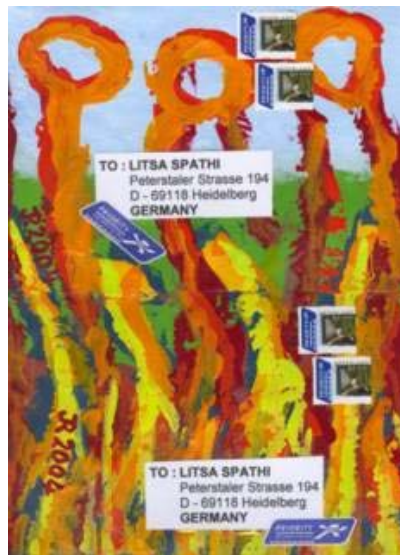
Today I received two pieces of mail from Mike Dickau. One was a card, and the other one this envelope in which he included several Artistamp-sheets. He promised to send me more. Some sheets were collaborations with John Held Jr. (USA). The sheets will join my collection of over 2000 sheets, for which I still am looking for a good home. 📧




posted by ruud janssen at 6:47 pm | 1 comments

Another serie goes out.

Latest serie (B-11) that goes out the coming days to Litsa Spathi, Germany. 




posted by ruud janssen at 6:44 pm | 0 comments

Letter to Jukka, Finland, sent out on December 7th 2004. 




posted by ruud janssen at 6:43 pm | 2 comments

Jonathan (right) & Robin Crozier (Left) and his wife. Photo received from Jonathan Stangroom. Taken 24-3-1996. 



posted by ruud janssen at 6:42 pm | 1 comments

Envelope sent out today to Jonathan Stangroom. 




posted by ruud janssen at 6:40 pm | 1 comments

Envelope that goes out today to Geof Huth, USA. 



posted by ruud janssen at 6:40 pm | 1 comments


monday, december 06, 2004

The statistics till today. After the 107 hits in one day the amount of hits decreased. Probably in the weekend visitors don't come. But on the workplaces it is easier to surf the web..... Am I right? 



posted by ruud janssen at 7:44 pm | 0 comments

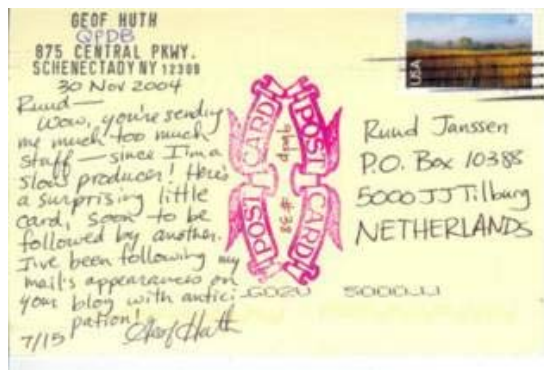
Finally I get a chance to scan one of Michael Leigh's envelope. The original came from Ed Giecek, and as Michael requested, I will add to

this envelope and will pass it on to Ed Giecek. So for the next shape of this envelope you will have to be at Ed's Blog! 




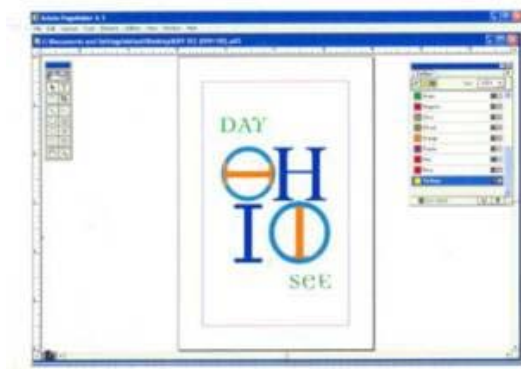
posted by ruud janssen at 7:07 pm | 2 comments

The backside of the card that I received from qbdp today! 



posted by ruud janssen at 7:05 pm | 0 comments

card from qbdp (front side). Now I know which graphic programm he uses for his visual poetry. He must like Litsa's work as well. Did he already see it on the Fluxus Heidelberg Center site? 



posted by ruud janssen at 7:04 pm | 0 comments

This envelope came in today from the person that runs the bentspoon blog (see linklist beside this text). 



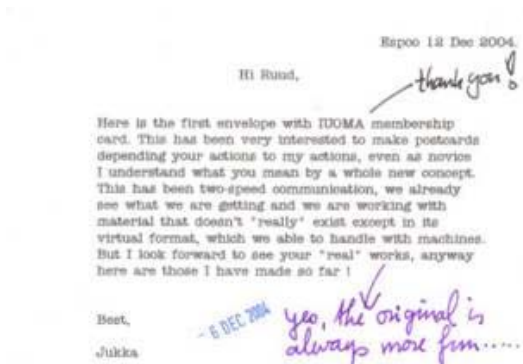
posted by ruud janssen at 7:02 pm | 0 comments

This was included in Jukka's envelope as well: the membershipcard he printed and sent to me. Here is already the signed version. Will follow as soon as I find the time to send out the answer. 🗨️



posted by ruud janssen at 7:00 pm | 0 comments

The letter by Jukka in the envelope I received today, with my comments. 🗨️



posted by ruud janssen at 6:59 pm | 3 comments

Jukka's letter finally arrived. Notice the postage stamp and the cancellation. 🗨️




posted by ruud janssen at 6:58 pm | 1 comments

sunday, december 05, 2004

This is what mail-art can turn your home into..... Actually these two photos came from Stangroom after he visited Robin Crozier in 1996. The Archive is now on another location. Does anybody know the specifics?



posted by ruud janssen at 4:58 pm | 1 comments

The covers of those mail-interviews, I made about 50 different booklets in the years 1996-2001, are gradually being placed at the TAM-Publications BLOG I have online. All publications will be documented there. Find the link on the side-bar. This interview was done with Mark Greenfield - UK. Cover. 

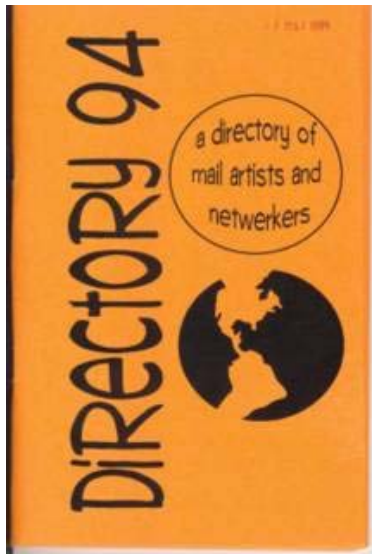


posted by ruud janssen at 11:07 am | 0 comments

saturday, december 04, 2004

This is an old booklet, published by Ashley Parker Owens (SF - USA).

This 65-pages thick directory of 1994 contained thousands of contacts. After Ashey stopped with Global Mail she left the mail-art network. What will she be doing now? Anybody out there who has a clue? 🖥️



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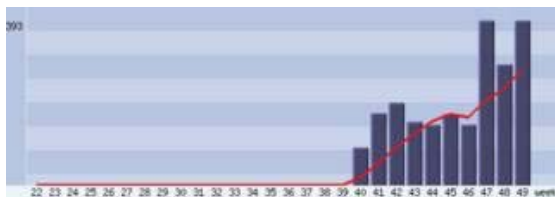
New entries today

Today the entries in this blog are a bit different. If you check the photos you can actually trace what I have been doing today. Travelled to Eindhoven, Breda, did shopping in Tilburg. Three cities that are located in the south of the Netherlands, where I live. Also prepared some envelopes for Jukka, explored the statistics today and shared them with you, and more interesting for some maybe: added some covers of publications I made at <http://tampublications.blogspot.com>. If I get positive feedback there I might start to scan things I have been producing in the last decades.

Ruud

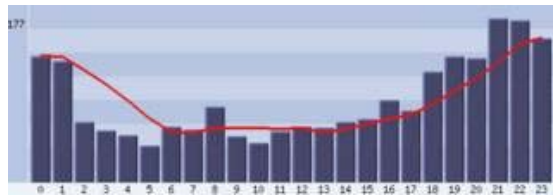
posted by ruud janssen at 3:54 pm | 2 comments

It is now almost the end of week 49. For 10 weeks now the statistics of this blog run. You can see how many visitors there were each week in that specific starting periode. How will this develop? 🖥️



posted by ruud janssen at 2:57 pm | 0 comments

The visitors to my blog come scattered over the day. This is the statistical chart of on which specific hour of the day (local time) the visitors have come during the last two months. 🖥️



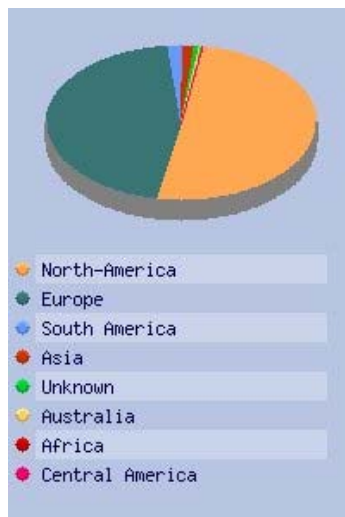
posted by ruud janssen at 2:56 pm | 0 comments

The countries the visitors of my blog come from 




posted by ruud janssen at 2:54 pm | 0 comments

The continents where the visitors of my blog come from..... 



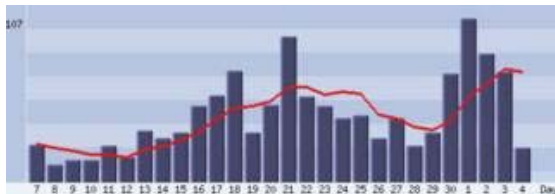
posted by ruud janssen at 2:53 pm | 0 comments

Here you have a small glimpse on my library. As you can guess, a lot of books on quite specific areas. This part contains a lot of fluxus books. 



posted by ruud janssen at 2:49 pm | 0 comments

The stats of this blog up to just this minute. On December the first 107 visitors on one day. The last days it stayed busy. Today already 23 visitors, and there is still the afternoon and evening to come. 🗣️



posted by ruud janssen at 2:42 pm | 0 comments

And tomorrow this envelope will go out to Jukka. It is an envelope that contains a print of Jukka's last mailing to me (not arrived yet), where he also includes my answer (not received by Jukka yet), and also contains the first card as image on it (which I didn't receive yet as well). So this envelope is quite futuristic and distorts many time-lines. 🗣️



posted by ruud janssen at 2:35 pm | 1 comments

No mail-art in my P.O. Box today. Also the card from Jukka still has to arrive. I had printed the card from Jukka's blog though, and made now an envelope of it which I will fill and goes out today to Jukka in Finland. Will check his blog on whether he has sent me something as well. 🗣️



posted by ruud janssen at 2:32 pm | 2 comments

There goes my privacy. After returning to Tilburg I went straight to the supermarket around the corner and bought the things on this list. Diner is on the list as well..... 🇳🇱



posted by ruud janssen at 2:30 pm | 0 comments

In Breda I bought a large packing of teabags from Twinings. The Earl-Grey. It is actually my favorite. That package though I bought from someone else. A present. Hopefully the one it is for doesn't read my blog. 🇳🇱



posted by ruud janssen at 2:27 pm | 2 comments

In Eindhoven I actually bought two tickets. One for going to Heidelberg in 2 weeks, and a reservation so I am sure I can sit in the IC train from Duesseldorf to Heidelberg. After having bought the ticket I went back to Tilburg, and from there straight to Breda. 🇳🇱



posted by ruud janssen at 2:25 pm | 0 comments

Just bought a ticket to go to Eindhoven. Why? To buy there another ticket to go abroad. The Dutch NS has made it difficult to just buy tickets to go abroad..... 🇳🇱



posted by ruud janssen at 2:23 pm | 0 comments

friday, december 03, 2004


Great tip from Geof Huth

Now my blog is getting larger the commenst to the entries are everywhere. Geof Huth recently also placed one and I told him it was so difficult to trace back to which entry he reacted. He gave me the golgen hint: just click on the link placed at the bottom of the e-mail (one gets an e-mail of every comment!). The link isn't just to the BLOG, but to the specific PAGE of the BLOG. Other BLOG-users shloud know this. A BLOG is a great communication-tool as well

Ruud


posted by ruud janssen at 8:34 am | 0 comments

thursday, december 02, 2004

Most mail-artists haven't seen the large collection of mail-art Litsa and I have been exchanging. Here are two more envelopes which go out today. She has gotten about 400 letters this year, and I have gotten the same amount in return. 




posted by ruud janssen at 11:43 pm | 0 comments

This is getting a real concept. The card which I still have to answer is on this photo. The reply I sent to it also. The reply this card will get is also already visible on Jukka's BLOG. You can see it, and that while still all three cards still haven't arrived to the destination..... 



posted by ruud janssen at 11:40 pm | 0 comments

This is the stamp that Tamara Wyndham (P.O. Box 1116, Knickerbocker Station, New York, NY 10002-0620, USA) bought. She wonders what it means. If you know please help her. Post it here as a comment, but even better: send her a card or letter explaining what this stamp is about! 



posted by ruud janssen at 8:29 pm | 1 comments

A bunch of booklets from Tamara Wyndham (USA) came in today. Still have to go through them. She included a letter with a funny and interesting story about a rubberstamp she saw, after a few days she bought it. Now she wonders what it means. I will post an enlarged image so people can help her. 📧



posted by ruud janssen at 8:27 pm | 0 comments

Sounds like a nice project. I will send them something. Now you can too (enlarge the image by clicking on it) 📧




posted by ruud janssen at 8:24 pm | 0 comments

This is fun. The card Jukka is working on and already placed on his blog, I published on my blog. At College where I work I printed the image in colour, and at home I made this card for Jukka which I will mail today. So I am actually already sending a reply to a piece of mail-art before I get it, and still include an image. This is a whole new concept. JC will love this, and hopefully Jukka too. 📧




posted by ruud janssen at 8:21 pm | 4 comments

wednesday, december 01, 2004

Aha, Jukka is working on a special IUOMA-card. He already published it on his BLOG (see link in previous entry) and now I have to wait to get it.... 



posted by ruud janssen at 11:39 pm | 0 comments

MixNoise.jpg: Life on the streets of Bucuresti 2 weeks ago | Photos by Zon Wakest Collage by mIEKAL aND 



posted by ruud janssen at 11:37 pm | 0 comments

Last 10 visitors - and a record today!

A log of the last 10 visitors. It all happened in the last 40 minutes. Seems like today this blog will be visisted for the first time by more then 100 visitors on a single day.

Last 10 visitors

1.

1 December

21:35

ElisaCom Oy, Finland

2.

1 December

21:37

Tiscali, Netherlands, The

3.

1 December

21:41

Tiscali, Netherlands, The

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1 December

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ElisaCom Oy, Finland

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1 December

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Tiscali, Netherlands, The

6.

1 December

21:51

Midwest Tel Net, United States

7.

1 December

22:01

Tiscali, Netherlands, The

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1 December

22:01

ElisaCom Oy, Finland

9.

1 December

22:05

JP PTT Srbija, Serbia and Montenegro

10.

1 December

22:06

Tiscali, Netherlands, The

posted by ruud janssen at 10:07 pm | 0 comments

Depending on our digital hosts

Yes, these BLOG ´s all depend on the availability of our hosts and their software. The Hello/site was inactive just now, and therefore I couldn´t upload two new images. One from Jukka, who placed that on his new BLOG (see link list below, or look at: <http://mailxart.blogspot.com/>), the other one a test by mIEKAL aND, who just sent me an image which I wanted to place here. Bad luck today. Maybe more luck somewhere in the future....

Ruud

posted by ruud janssen at 9:57 pm | 0 comments

Dangerous question from mIEKAL aND

Date: Tue, 30 Nov 2004 16:15:17 -0600

From: mIEKAL aND

Subject: Re: FLUXLIST: TOO much mail art

RUUD:

Do you put email art on your blog too?

Answer:

I don't limit myself to one communication form.

I do want to prevent that people just send me art to be registered in the BLOG. So my blog is a personal one where I comment on the mail (which form it might be) that reaches me and the one that I send out..... Just try me, and you will see what I do with it.....

Ruud

posted by ruud janssen at 6:38 pm | 0 comments


What is Mail-Art?

Don't expect a definition from me here. I only know that too often mail-artists after years of practice start to form their own definition and try to claim that they are right. That is a real problem. There are of course also the older ones among us who claim to know it all. That only provokes new reactions and new ideas. So actually, not bad at all. Mail-Art is evolution. Once one has formed the own definition the danger is that one doesn't change the views because that is very difficult to do. Mail-Art is much more then just the projects, the producing of rubberstamps, use of rubberstamps, artistamps, ATC's (new for the old generation and embraced by some or many). Internet, Groups, BLOG's, CD-documentations, catalogues published on the Internet, Mail-Art for sale at Ebay, A whole generation of dead mail-artists who can't react to the views of the new generation.

Yes, the times are changing, but surely these are exciting times.


Ruud

posted by ruud janssen at 6:38 pm | 0 comments

On this envelope from PWK you can see how he integrated his designed artistamps with the envelope. Nice text too: "Don't fish 4 compliments, fish 4 new MailArters". A very clear message. 



posted by ruud janssen at 6:37 pm | 0 comments

Content of the envelope I received from PWK in Switzerland today. 



posted by ruud janssen at 6:33 pm | 0 comments

posted by ruud janssen at 6:31 pm | 0 comments

Recent envelope I received from Litsa Spathi, Germany, that contained the Fluxus Heidelberg Calendar. 



posted by ruud janssen at 6:29 pm | 0 comments

December started - some thoughts

December started, and as you saw by my previous entries, it seems it is a month where a lot of mail-art is still being sent out. I'll see how much I will be sending out, because the time & money problem always comes up when the amount of mail increases. I also wonder how the BLOG's and the Yahoo! groups are functioning. The groups are loosely and everybody places messages, photos, files, etc. Everybody can react. On a BLOG mostly only one person has the control and publishes things. Reactions are limited to comments which also could be blocked. So more of a central role of the owner, and not so much a group. It allows the visitor to see what the person finds important, but the playfield is narrowed.

Ruud

posted by ruud janssen at 9:42 am | 0 comments

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