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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.

sunday, october 29, 2006

100 Mail-Art Blogs

The number of Mail-Art Blogs I encounter keeps on growing. The link list I have found sofar is 100 blogs large. What I discover is a new mail-art goal. People send mail-art to the owners of the blogs just to have the material published. This way every blog itself has become a mail-art project. Some Mail-Art blogs are started with a specific goal. Online galleries on specific subjects. For some it has to include the sending of snail-mail. Some also accept digital contributions. Because of the speed of electronic mail, the mail-art world is growing fast...

Ruud

posted by ruud janssen at 12:27 pm | [1 comment](#)

Old and New Mail-Artists

Mail-Art means something different to everybody that works in this field. Some have experienced the changes over the decades, were in contact with the first generation who started it all. Some have only discovered Mail-Art a few years ago and start to discover the many aspects of it.

The basic aspect is that people have the need to communicate and to create. The process of sender and receiver, the use of communicationforms. The 'old' generation always communicated with the snail-mail system, maybe integrated with the FAX and telephone. Computers only became available end of the last century, and the experimenting started. The 'new' generation grows up with computers and discover this almost anarchistic art-form called mail-art. The 'unwritten rules' that mail-art follows have been written down many times, but every newcomer can write his own rules. The essence is that he/she will become the center of the new created network of which he/she will be part.

When we talk about 'the Network' we sometimes forget that everybody means a different network. My network is limited by the people I know and the information I get. That is a different network compared to the one my correspondents know.

That is probably the charme as well of the Mail-Art network. Through every contact you are able to discover a new aspect of the Network, and follow the path you find. Mail-Art is a discovery-path.

Ruud

about me



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Ruud Janssen, Mail Artist, publisher of mail-interviews, founder of the IUOMA & the TAM Rubber Stamp Archive, and basically all that has to do with mail art...

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thursday, october 26, 2006

Mail-Interviews online

On the site created by Jas W. Felter:

http://jas.faximum.com/library/lib_tam.htm you can find most interviews I did. The site was offline for a while, and therefore I also created a mirror-site of the mail-interviews at:

<http://mailinterviews.blogspot.com/>. In this last site I also included the coloured hard-copy covers of some of the booklets that were published.

Ruud

posted by ruud janssen at 6:47 pm | 0 comments

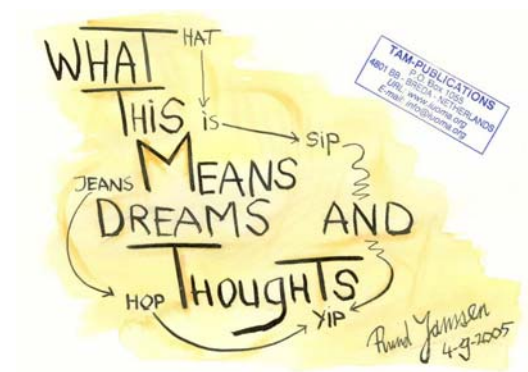
monday, october 23, 2006

Mail-art during one week in Germany

Isn't it funny. Only one week I was in Germany, and back in Breda I emptied the P.O. Box and found out that mail-art is still alive and kicking. When I find the time I will scann the mail and show you some of the things I got last week. Yes, qpdb sent his card to the right address, and so did many others.

posted by ruud janssen at 9:04 pm | 3 comments

Card for qpdb - USA



This word-play I made back in 2005 and sent it to qpdb in USA. He published it on his blog with a nice comment.

posted by ruud janssen at 8:54 pm | 0 comments

saturday, october 21, 2006

In Germany

Yes, suddenly in Germany again. Actually the complete last week. Visiting with family and also off course in connection to Fluxus Heidelberg Center. In these Internet-cafes one can so easily check the e-mail and off course, place these online messages on a blog.

posted by ruud janssen at 3:10 pm | 0 comments

friday, october 13, 2006

More Mail-Art BLOG's

The link-list is updated again on 13th October 2006. Already **90 online**

November 2005
December 2005
January 2006
February 2006
March 2006
May 2006
July 2006
August 2006
September 2006
October 2006
November 2006
December 2006
January 2007
February 2007
March 2007
June 2007
August 2007



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
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9. The TAM-Rubberstamp Blog
10. Nobody's Blog
11. Nobody, Litsa & the Men
12. Tomato Times
13. Mail-Art Projects Overview
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links to other blog's related to mail-art:

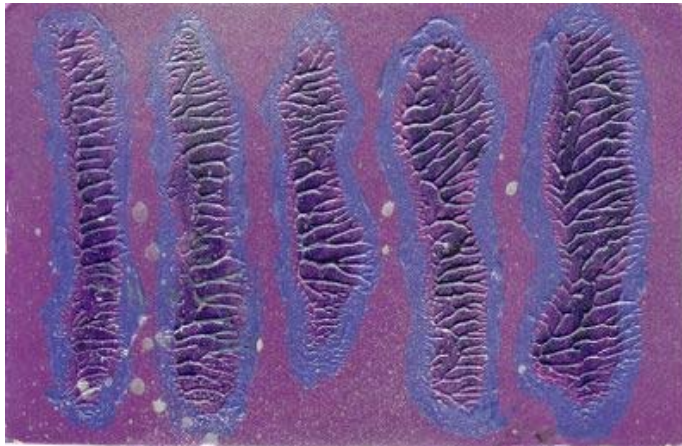
1. The A1 Mail Art Archive
2. Ed Giecek - USA
3. Flobberlob
4. NOBODY's Blog
5. Exile on Mainstreet - Buz Blurr
6. Kiyotei
7. Hazel
8. ex post facto

blogs connected to mail-art. I believe some artists even send out mail-art to the owners of these blogs just to get published. A nice surprise was to find & see the blog of Dan Waber. He not just published the mail-art he gets, he also makes an online archive for each person. If you know of a blog on mail-art that isn't on this list, please send me an e-mail at r dot janssen at iuoma dot org.

posted by ruud janssen at 6:51 pm | 0 comments

wednesday, october 11, 2006

Mail-Art to Ruud Janssen from Mail-Art Florida - USA



Mail-Art from Mail-Art in Florida - USA. Acrylic painting on the card where you can really feel the structure....

posted by ruud janssen at 9:07 pm | 0 comments

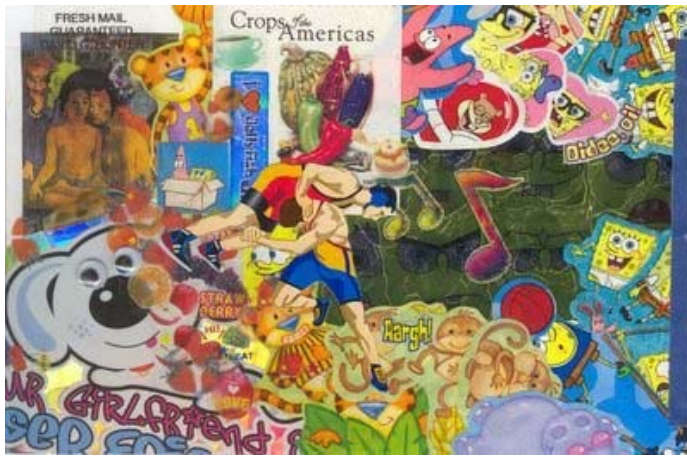


Adress-side

posted by ruud janssen at 9:06 pm | 0 comments

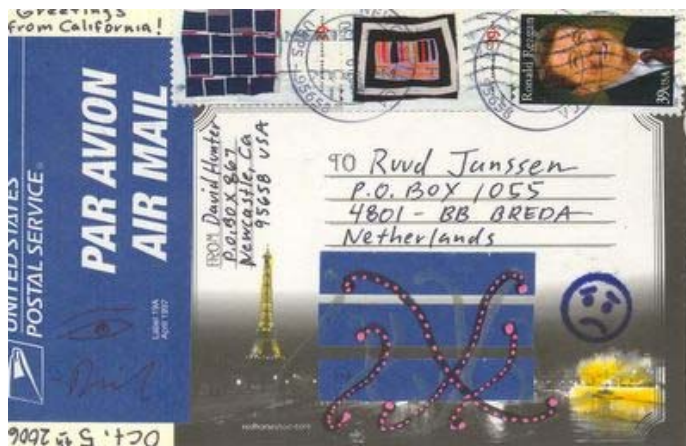
David Hunter - USA

9. [Honorita](#)
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. [Syvia 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 Linear Poetry](#)
27. [Anabasis](#)
28. [Crag Hills Poetry Score](#)
29. [Qpidoremix Photothong](#)
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. [Cresent House BLOG](#)
44. [The Post Secret BLOG](#)
45. [Jennifer Barger - FROG and TOADS](#)
46. [Elektronic 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](#)



Card from David Hunter in USA. Lots of colours!

posted by ruud janssen at 9:05 pm | 0 comments

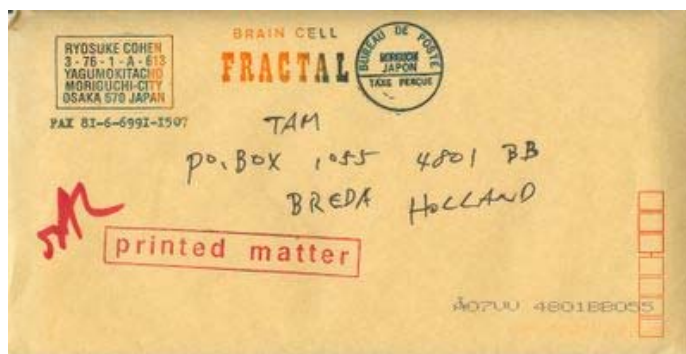


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posted by ruud janssen at 9:04 pm | 0 comments

tuesday, october 10, 2006

Brain Cell - Japan



Another Brain Cell from Ryosuke Cohen arrived.

posted by ruud janssen at 7:57 pm | 0 comments

Mete Sarabi - USA

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 \(France\)](#)
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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 \(1983-1986\)](#)
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87. [The Monster Mail-Art Swap](#)
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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](#)
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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](#)
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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](#)



Letter from Mete Sarabi, USA. Sometimes the cover also reveals bad news.....

posted by ruud janssen at 7:55 pm | 1 comments

Vittore Baroni - Italy



The latest publication by Vittore Baroni, Italy: Stickin' Glue.

posted by ruud janssen at 7:52 pm | 0 comments

saturday, october 07, 2006

A Dream

- 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@iuoma.org.



This is something I wanted to do for a long time. An animated film. There are almost 200 drawings made for this. Each frame put together in an .AVI format, and then the texts are added in the program Movie Maker. It all works on a fast computer. The ending of this short film is ofcourse to support the Tomatoes.

Ruud

posted by ruud janssen at 6:54 pm | 0 comments

friday, october 06, 2006

TAM was HERE - Tomato Version



Special animated version of the <http://tamwashere.blogspot.com/> sheets made to remember the TOMATO

posted by ruud janssen at 11:13 pm | 0 comments

thursday, october 05, 2006

Statistics

I know that not all like statistics. I actually do, maybe also because I am somewhat familiar with the mathematical sides of it.

*This blog is measured since: **2 oktober 2004***

*Total number of pageviews till now: **19.967***

*Busiest day till now: **2 april 2005** with **134** pageviews*

*Pageviews today : **13***

*Pageviews yesterday: **23***

So somewhere tomorrow I expect the 20.000th visitor here after about 2 years of blogging. How time goes by....

Ruud

posted by ruud janssen at 10:49 pm | 0 comments

wednesday, october 04, 2006

Géza Pernecky: Network Atlas

Just found online the two publications that Géza Pernecky (Koeln, Germany) wrote about the mail-artists he discovered in his longtime research. In the publications he gives a lot of information on who is who and which projects they have done over the years. Quite fascinating these publications, since they give a great insight about what has happened in mail-art is the last 40+ years

www.c3.hu/~pernecky/mail.art/Atlas/Letter_S/LAtlas_1.pdf

www.c3.hu/~pernecky/mail.art/Atlas/Letter_S/LAtlas_2.pdf

They are PDF-files. So easy to save and to print.

Ruud

posted by ruud janssen at 8:08 am | 0 comments

tuesday, october 03, 2006

Hello off line

That happens too. When you have new images scanned, the software you need to place things online doesn't work. It makes me think of other details in this online blogging. We all use servers that mostly use this service to place things online. The databases row, and the space to keep things online does cost money. How will they start to ask us for money. First steps are the placing of advertisements on the free websites. Will Blogger do the same?

Another detail is the archiving of all those texts and images. Does everybody have their own 'back-up' of all these data? I wonder.

A saying that goes in the world of computers is that in another 100 years the new generations will discover that they don't know what happened in the past century. When the power is gone, all data gets lost....

Ruud

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

sunday, october 01, 2006

Mail-Art from France



Mail from Fabrice Fosse, Mavlevrier Ste Gertrude, France.

posted by ruud janssen at 9:18 am | 0 comments

Old mail from Joki - Germany



Contribution from Joki (Minden, Germany). He cut out a part of the wall and opened the windows. Adding his stamps, but most of all creating a surreal landscape that is awaiting us in the nuclear ages. As Joki did often: he integrated the postage stamp in the artwork and sent this contribution as a card. Wonderful work. Joki died years ago on a boat-accident. His work lives on. Just published this work on the new blog: <http://tamwashere.blogspot.com>

posted by ruud janssen at 9:16 am | 0 comments

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