

## NITRAM FINE ART CHARCOAL

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# Nitram Charcoal, The Mennonites & The BBQ

It has taken nearly a year to build and put the final touches on the new Nitram manufacturing facilities in Mennonite country.

A steak BBQ seemed appropriate to thank all those involved. The many Mennonite builders and trades people that were involved were joined by the staff from Nitram's office.



I wanted to especially thank Brian Padfield - a local Real Estate broker I had met many years ago. I called him to help me find property to build the Nitram plant.

He actually came up with the idea of Nitram partnering with the Mennonites to manufacture the charcoal. I am grateful to him – it certainly made the entire Nitram set up a lot easier. As you can see Levi (left) was busy watching the ducks.

We all ate well and toasted the new facilities with a terrific homemade herbal tea that Peter's wife Fern made. The homemade pies (apple, blueberry and three berry) were just marvelous. It was a lovely way to spend a Friday afternoon.

### **Newest Retailers**

We have many new Nitram retailers to welcome.

Meininger Fine Art Supplies

Rhinebeck Artist's Shop

499 Broadway
Denver, Colorado 80203
www.meininger.com

Forstall Art Center
402 Palisades Blvd
Birmingham, Atlanta 35209
www.forstallartcenter.com

56 East Market Street Rhinebeck, New York 12572 www.rhinebeckart.com

The Art Supply Store
2429 Central Avenue
St. Petersburg, Florida 33713
www.artsuppliesstpete.com



And last but not least is the latest addition to the Nitram family.

#### **Lawrence Art Supplies**

36 Kingsthorpe Road Hove, BN3 5HR

Tel: 01273 260260 - Fax: 01273 260270 - www.lawrence.co.uk

At Nitram, we recommend that artists buy locally whenever possible. It saves time, money and the planet.

# Featured Artist: Stephen Bauman

Born in Memphis, Tennessee in 1980 Bauman's family soon after that relocated to Miami, Florida where he followed his older brother into the world of Graffitti. His early exposure to this art – the constant presence of paints and sketchbooks in his childhood home and frequent trips to local walls and warehouses—provided the younger Bauman with a strong foundation of the basics of design and drawing. But it was the years he spent from 2003 to 2009 studying and later teaching at the Florence Academy of Art, which enabled him to make a

tremendous leap as an artist.

Once graduated, Bauman continued to grow as an artist- closely examining the works of artists he most admired: Dagnan Bouveret, Jules Bastien-Lepage, and Andrew Wyeth, among others. Bauman is represented by The Grenning Gallery in Long Island, NY, Jack Meier Gallery in Houston, Texas, and W.H. Patterson in London, England.



Portrait of Anna-Lena Charcoal, pencil, and chalk on paper

Portrait of Joakim Charcoal and pencil on paper









**Jean d'Aire from the Burghers** Charcoal on paper

**Sculpture** Charcoal on Paper

Visit Stephen's website to view more of his work.

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