

Soul Works Foundation

For my thoughts are not your thoughts neither are your ways my ways. As the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways and my thoughts than your thoughts. Jesaja 55:8-9

Dear Friends

We are over and over again surprised about the roads God leads us down. ☺ Right now as I am writing, Bryan is driving back from Lithuania – instead of Estonia well, he will write about that adventure himself. The last months were packed with work and we desperately needed backing, so I prayed: Please send help! As an answer I lost my job at one-group, somehow a pity somehow ... but the next job is already waiting for me and I will start there on 1. November.

As mentioned, in lots was going on the last 3 month – about 1001 projects – and lots in the stage of planning aside to ongoing construction work. In the middle of all this it dawned on me: It's more about the "HOW" and not so much on about the "WHAT" and this is where I am thrilled about our team, that is backing up one another, making the most of each situation, putting so much heart into it ...and there is so much grace for the one other... and this I have seen also in other organizations as well. At the Arts+ Symposium end of August in Basel we enjoyed an open and warm atmosphere amongst the participants and there many were words of encouragement given. This lets me believe we are going forward on God's higher ways.

Hot from the press, I like to announce our Aspire Calendar 2007. Slice by slice I put together a first impression for you. Make sure you save one for yourself! >>>Thankful Mecky, the editor

Aspire Calendar 2007

12 Artists and Co-Workers involved with Gallery/Studio Aspire have put together a colorful calendar.

>>> can be seen on the web by mid October:
www.soulworks.ch

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Yes, the last three months were indeed very intensive work wise. Mid July for a start I had a week break and participated in the Summer Art Session in Thun, a Christian creative week with a variation of different seminars and plenum events. For me the week was very encouraging and particularly liberating. The non-cramped viewpoints of the people present towards the topic "Christians and Art" was refreshing and inspiring. Just a bunch of good bodies! With the workshop "web design" I was able to brush-up my dusty knowledge about the web.

After my return I started right away with the flyer „Angels and Monsters“ for the workshop of Daniela in Aspire. It was fun to create this flyer! In August I had to deal with other huge graphic project and then the flyers for the event of the Gilbert Groud-Evenings in Aspire. At the first event I participated myself. The story of the West-African was extraordinary gripping bringing Much of the dark side of their culture to the surface as well as the awesome grace of God.

End of August/ beginning of September it was my first time for me to work on Bryan's newsletter – just a big of a relief for him. Then with high pressure it continued with the Aspire Calendar 2007. A very nice project, well but very time-consuming. I tried to present the single artworks in the right light, something they deserve! The calendar war ready for printing just before leaving for my holiday that I was so looking forward to! My hope is that it will be a companion for many of you through the coming year.

BrigitteLife

GianniLife

For weeks I've been asking myself, what actually is driving me? Why am I doing the things I am doing and why am I doing them in certain ways? Am I not mostly driven by my wish to be loved by somebody

without having to perform or twist my personality? With God things are clear anyways: he loves me... but statements like "God loves me" or "I love you" are often said very quick and careless. Do I believe this? Do I understand what it means? For me it is as though this truth of Gods unconditional love is penetrating deeper into my heart, setting me free from seeking for love through my deeds. This helps me to develop relationships of a new quality.

>>> Note from the editor: In the recent month Gianni has done a fantastic job with his photography, amongst others for the Aspire Calendar and the exhibition in the Arts Room Riehen. More to see soon. Keep an eye on this photographer!



Heatherlife

Many new adventures began this summer with the start of the Summer Arts Session in July where I was teaching the Expressive Arts Workshop. I had a very large group and we explored different painting techniques. The results were

Shown in an exhibition at the end of the week in connection with the "Festival of Senses" in Thun. For this festival my group created a performance with interactive painting and designed part of the stage. The time at the summer arts session was very intensive and rewarding I made some great contacts for the future.



Another activity from the busy summer months was the moving into my new shared art studio with Nadine. Many people helped and made the move less stressful. In November we have the opening of the new studio with an exhibition throughout three floors of the building inviting working colleagues and guests to built connections.

In the beginning of September we saw in connection with a wedding the opening of a group exhibition in Art Room Riehen, which is a very established gallery. I helped to organise the show with 13 artists taking part and 80 art pieces to install. It was a large work and joined together different artists from Germany and Switzerland. We documented the artwork. Our hope is to develop the idea of a travelling show and to exhibit in different locations, watch this space.



Recently I went with the youth prayer team from Burgdorf to Lüdenscheid DE to visit the Prayer Mountain. Its a very creative place, a prayer walk is outside with different artistic symbols to inspire you and cause you to pray for the world issues. God felt so close to me during this weekend I came away feeling encouraged and released by the prophetic words that the team spoke into our lives.

While I was praying in the main prayer room I was moved by God to stretch myself out over the map of the world and Europe I lay there praying about the dreams I long to see become a reality.

Thank you that your kind support and prayers cause theses dreams to become living and breathing realities.

Heather



Aspire Aktuell

Angels and Monsters Daniela Stojic

Opening Show: 13. October | 19–22 h

Performance: 20 h

Exhibition: 13 – 28 Oct

MI – FR 19 – 22 h | SA 14 – 18 h

Latest photos: www.soulworks.ch

Outlook November 06 – January 07

Jürg Zurbrugg, Bern, with *WIRED*

Plastics out of Wire

In Aspire and its environment I experience my own personality like looking through a magnifying glass. I see the work here as a way of meeting with God. Or I could say, I see myself and the others from Gods perspective. Including the imperfections. Sometimes it's like an angle touching me at the dark point of my soul. This is very challenging.

The topic "Angels and Monsters" uncovers something, leading through highs and even beyond the abyss. I sense the fight. It is not over yet. Thanks for all your prayers that carry me.

With lots of greetings, Daniela

Aspirelife

You can support Soul Works in different ways:

Material: Metal, wood, paint (according to current project, please request information)

Voluntary help: Practical assistance with projects

Financial: One-time investment in current projects or in increasing the foundation capital.

Regular financial support for one of our artists.

Advertising: Talk about Soul Works Foundation. Maybe our neighbour would like to have a piece of art in his garden?

Prayer: Taking part at the regular prayer meetings or receiving our information e-mail.

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