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Monologs Describe Famous Palaces, Give New Insights into Aztec and Chinese Cultures



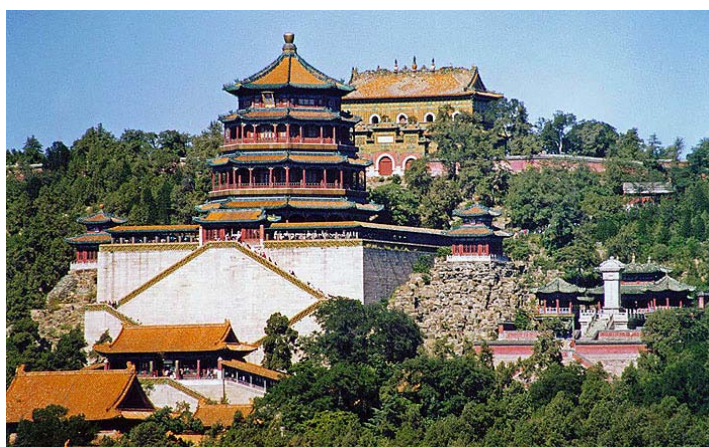
Tenochtitlan city center at its zenith, just before destruction by Spanish.

For more than a half century, George Stuart has described history in terms of powerful people and their times. His new monologs speak through the history of a culture's unique buildings.

Following the success of last summers' monolog about Hampton Court, Stuart is taking on Tenochtitlan, splendid island capitol of Mochtezuma II and the Aztecs. In 1524, the Spanish under Cortes ravaged the island city, forced the Aztecs to pull down their major temples and built a Roman Catholic Church with the stones. (More on Page 4.)



Xochimilco Floating Gardens are a tiny remnant of Tenochtitlan life.



Beijing Summer Palace was rebuilt after European imperialism.

Across the globe and 200 years later, the Manchu Emperor Kangxi launched construction of a Summer Palace not far from Beijing. Each year, the Manchu court was relocated from the Forbidden City to the cooler hills and large man-made lakes.

Like Tenochtitlan, the Summer Palace was doomed to destruction at the hands of foreigners. In the 1860's, an Anglo-French military expedition looted and later destroyed the site.

Unlike the Aztec city, the Chinese site was not overbuilt and was even somewhat protected. By the mid-1960's, the Chinese government launched a plan that has restored much of the palace and grounds.



The European Palaces have been left in ruins, perhaps as a reminder.

Beijing Summer Palace January Monologs

Afternoon & Evening Dates to be announced.
For tickets call MVC at 805-653-0323 ext. 29.

Figure Projects

Head Mistress Martinez Tops Off Workshop

For years, Mrs. Maureen Martinez has been a professional hair stylist by day and a figurative artist by night. In fact, she attended the Body Building Workshop last year.

For the recent Head Sculpting Workshop, Mr. Stuart invited Mrs. Martinez to apply the latest in styling techniques to sample heads and then share her knowledge with the other workshop attendees.

In a three-hour class Mrs. Martinez described the technology and artistry of hair dyeing, cutting and styling.

A DVD is now in development and will be added the 5-disc set (See article below).



Stylist Maureen Martinez demonstrated the latest in Workshop.



Kathy Henri discusses preservation techniques in Workshop.

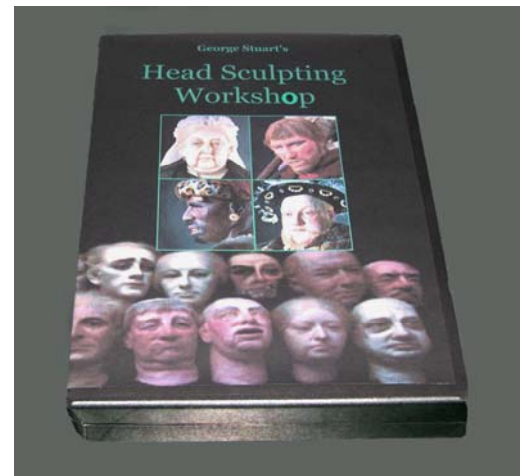
Vigilance and Science, the Cost of 100-Year Old Figures

Kathy Henri is a highly trained expert in preserving museum collections. So the Workshop students were particularly attentive when Mrs. Henri shared her expertise gained with the Historical Figures. Dangers discussed ranged from preventing pest infestation to selecting corrosion-proof materials. Packaging and storage techniques were described in detail. The students, all professional artists received the range of "how to" information necessary to assure that their work will be around in a hundred years or a lot longer.

Head Sculpting DVDs Capture Stuart's Techniques

According to George Stuart, creating the head is the most demanding and time-consuming task in making an Historical Figure. By striving for maximum realism, Stuart is constantly challenged to produce credible, three-dimensional portraits.

Documenting Stuart's work would not be complete without blue-printing his methods of sculpting heads. This summer, these step-by-step processes were video-taped along with Stuarts running commentary. The resulting documentary is captured in a new five-DVD set and associated printed materials describing resources and tools. Although Mr. Stuart's "how to" presentations are tuned to the needs of fellow artists, the DVDs should be of considerable interest to any admirer of the Historical Figures. Attendees of the recent Head Sculpting Workshop were the first users of these new teaching aids.



"The five-DVD set will be available in November.

Historical Figures News

Subscriptions Needed to Complete Photo Archive



Alexander Hamilton

American Founders and Russians await funds.

Your subscriptions sponsor the ambitious project to photograph all of the Historical Figures® possible. To date, more than half have been captured using the latest in digital technology.

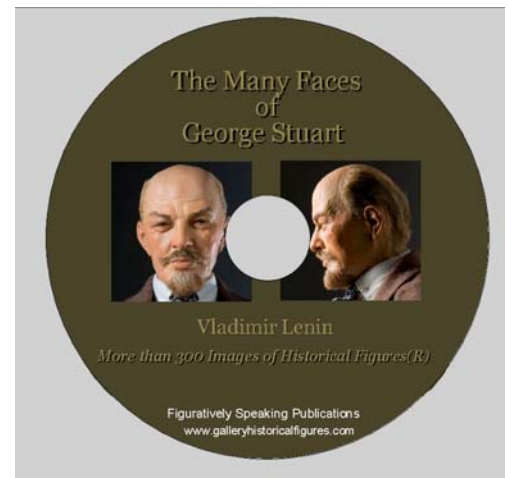
In November, the remainder of the collections of the Museum of Ventura County and the Gallery of Historical Figures will be in process. As funds become available, these images will be prepared for publication on the Gallery website.

Please renew your subscription today to assure this project and others are completed soon!

New Video DVD “Many Faces of George Stuart”

Workshop students were treated to a new video containing over 300 images of Historical Figure heads. In all, images of nearly two hundred Figures are included in the half-hour disk. Samples were taken from groups captured to date with digital photography techniques by Peter D’Aprix. Included are the Figures of the American Patriots and Founders, English, French and Chinese Groups from collections of the Museum of Ventura County and George Stuart. In addition, the disk contains several images from a private collection.

The video DVD will be made available to Figuratively Speaking subscribers in November. For more information, contact Leroy Becker by email at lbecker@galleryhistoricalfigures.com or call 805-641-3100.



New DVD features head shots of Historical Figures.

“The Russians” Episode Wins Arts & Culture Award



Thanks to CAPS-TV* and Newsletter subscribers, George Stuart’s monologs about Russian History have won a “CAPPPIE” for best Arts & Culture program on Community Access Television. This is the third CAPPPIE in three years for programs documenting Stuart’s entertaining and educational monologs.

Video production methods have been greatly improved for the Russians monologs. Under the guidance of CAPS Marketing Manager Rich Burlingham, the monologs were recorded with two video cameras. Post production has also been enhanced by CAPS staff. To date the first of eight episodes have been completed, with the others due by year end.

In “The Russians” Stuart begins with Ivan IV, the Terrible and ends with the totalitarian rule of Joseph Stalin.

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News & Events

Ventura Museum Features Aztec Figures

In concert with George Stuart's new architectural monologs (page 1) the Museum is exhibiting three Figures from the Aztec period:

Mochtezuma II ruled the Aztecs in 1521 when the Cortes expedition reached Tenochtitlan in 1521.

Aztec Warriors fought the Spanish, but were no match for European weaponry.

Malinche, a native of the Gulf coast, translated for the conquistadores and became the mistress of Cortes.

These Figures will be exhibited until January.



Aztec Warrior, Mochtezuma II, Malinche from Stuart Collection.

October Website Visits from 79 Countries

A screenshot of the website 'Historical Figures of China'. The page features a large image of several figures in traditional Chinese attire. Below the image is a grid of smaller images, each representing a different historical figure. The website title is 'Historical Figures of China' and the author is 'Gallery Direct'. The page also includes a description of the collection and a list of countries from which visitors have come.

China now has more people using the internet than the U. S., so it's not surprising to learn that a lot of Chinese are visiting www.galleryhistoricalfigures.com, our website.

Just this month, viewers from 78 other countries have also enjoyed the Figures: United Kingdom, Canada, Germany, Russia, France, Italy, Spain, Philippines, Australia, Mexico, Netherlands, Brazil, Ukraine, Chile, Poland, South Korea, Hungary, China, Denmark, Czech Republic, Argentina, Belgium, New Zealand, Ireland, Sweden, South Africa, Sri Lanka, Indonesia, Norway, Greece, India, Romania, Austria, Japan, Malaysia, Iran, Finland, Portugal, Turkey, Hong Kong, Taiwan, Latvia, Uruguay, Switzerland, Singapore, Thailand, Slovenia, Serbia, Croatia, Bulgaria, Bolivia, Lithuania, Senegal, Colombia, Egypt, Kenya, Ecuador, Slovakia, Peru, Israel, Nigeria, Saudi Arabia, Pakistan, Macau SAR China, Guatemala, Lebanon, Estonia, Panama, Vietnam, Trinidad and Tobago, Venezuela, Malta, Puerto Rico, Bahamas, Ivory Coast, Dominica, Azerbaijan, Ghana, Belarus, Qatar, Kazakhstan.

Historical Figures of China webpage.

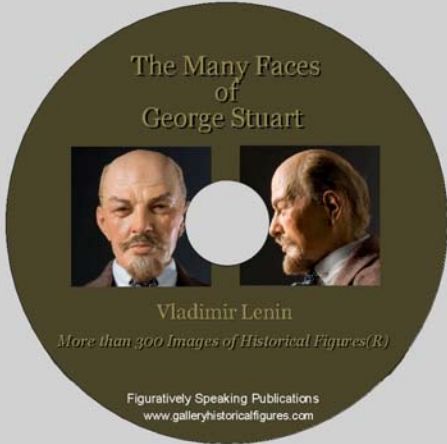
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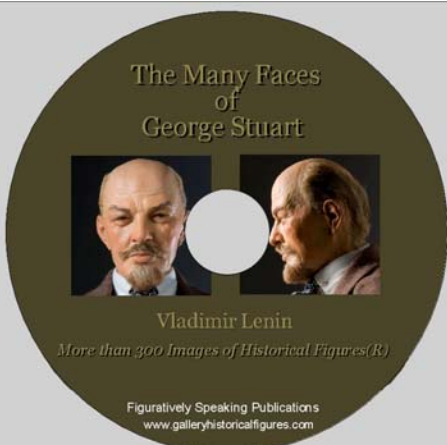
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