

The Man Behind It

Welcome to The Stick Insect Hunter

After a 10 year break in the numbness of the real world, I have decided to become an artist again. Since then I realized that I have never really ceased to be an artist. I was just a little constipated.

So now I am an artist again. Or, as my friend Dick would put it: "ART is a great justification, giving higher meaning and value to just fucking around and having fun." Right? You're not just being a silly dimwit, you're an ARTIST. And I couldn't have put it better.

If I don't party my ass off somewhere in the world, I spend most of my time painting, sculpting, drawing, printing and taking photos. In order to keep up with today's accelerated lifestyle and shortened attention spans, I decided to document my work in real time. And there isn't a better tool than a website to reach people in real time. So my website is now my all encompassing, slightly ridiculing classifier.

May I introduce to you:

The Stick Insect Hunter
<http://www.dont-touch-my.com>

A blog, an artist's diary where I post my daily thoughts, desires, fantasies, doodles, artworks and stories, documenting my life by way of one new exhibit every day.

Everybody has a computer and even fewer people are using them to look up art on the Internet. Therefore I created this magazine, the website you can bring to the bathroom and read it there.

I hope you will have just as much fun reading it as I had creating it.

I would love to hear from you so please send me your comments and personal insults to you-can-look-b@dont-touch-my.com

and don't forget to check the website for some new art and fun every day.

The Stick Insect Hunter
and heavy user of really cute art
paraphernalia

Hunting for stick insects is more than a job. It is a devotion.

We stick-insect-people fondly call our little proteges "sticks". In the new world they call them "walking sticks". Germans politely address them as "Stabheuschrecken" and Filipinos call them: "kahoy-kahoy", although not many would know what you are talking about if you mention any of these to the average person.

Basically they all refer to the same thing. Long, thin, stick-like bugs that spurt out a lot of slimy, green stuff when you step on them.

That is not exactly the scientific description of those creatures but it illustrates it well to the layman, which I assume you are since there are not many of us stick insect hunters. I only know of a few spread across the world.

There are many more stick insect breeders.

There are even fewer stick insect hunters who perfected the hunt to an art form.

This is the point where I very cleverly wove stick insect hunting and art together.

There will be more.

Between other things, art is creativity with a concept and it is also completely useless. And so is stick insect hunting. But both are a lot of fun.

As the name implies I go out and hunt for stick insects.

For this purpose I usually seek out virgin rain forests in the far flung corners of Asia. The hard part is to find a virgin forest not too far from a reliable supply of cold beer. That pretty much narrows it down. Many places have beer. But there is not much forest left in the world and there are fewer countries where you will even have a hard time finding virgins.

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