

## Trade fair at the Training Day

*We have a great pleasure to introduce three Finnish artists to you at the Training Day. Lena Gates and Maritta Laitinen are Finnish Euma members. Marja Haavisto is a former executive assistant of the bank Nordea, and today she runs an art gallery of her own. Tuula Laukka is a designer of ceramic art, jewelry, statuary and dishes. Below there are short introductions of the artists or links to their web pages for an overview of the collections. There will be a small exhibition of their works during the Training Day, and art is also for sale. What an attractive idea to return home with a piece of Finnish art! The most common credit cards and Finnish bank cards are accepted. Also cash is welcome.*

### Lena Gates

After graduating from the Swedish high school in Tampere and the secretarial programme from the business college in Tampere, Lena Gates took employment first in Sweden and later in Switzerland and the UK. She has been working as assistant to the Rector of Hanken School of Economics in Helsinki since 2002. Urged by her friend, Lena Gates started painting in oils in 1996 and has since then attended numerous art courses in oils, water colour, charcoal and ink a.o. Helsinki Summer University, Helsingin Taiteilijaseura and various Adult Education Centres in the Helsinki region. Although her main focus has been on oil painting her latest passion is Chinese brush painting which she has been studying under artists Kaili Fu in the UK and Wang Liuhuo in Kauniainen. Lena Gates has participated in joint course exhibitions as well as privately, the most recent one of which was held in Art & Book Gallery in Porvoo in August 2009. Lena Gates is member of Kirkkonummen Taideyhdistys and the Chinese Brush Painters Society in the UK.



*White peacock* by Lena Gates

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### Maritta Laitinen

Maritta Laitinen has beside her work studied fine arts, and she graduated in graphic arts in 1996. During the next two years she took an extension course and held the exhibition of graduation works during that course. She has taken various courses and made several trips in fine arts yearly starting from 1978 in Finland and abroad, taught by many artists. Her techniques include graphic arts, water colour, charcoal and pastel drawing, oil colour, glazing and tiffany, ceramic clay sculptures (porcelain, red-burning and white clay).

Since 1993 Maritta has held private exhibitions and taken part in group exhibitions in Finland, and in Denmark and Hungary she has participated in group exhibitions. Her art works can be seen in various places in Finland and in private collections in Finland, Sweden, Denmark, Germany, England, Switzerland and Italy. Her publishing includes the illustration of the collection of poems by Kerttu Saarinen: "Poems to my love ones".



## *Orchid and saffron* by Maritta Laitinen

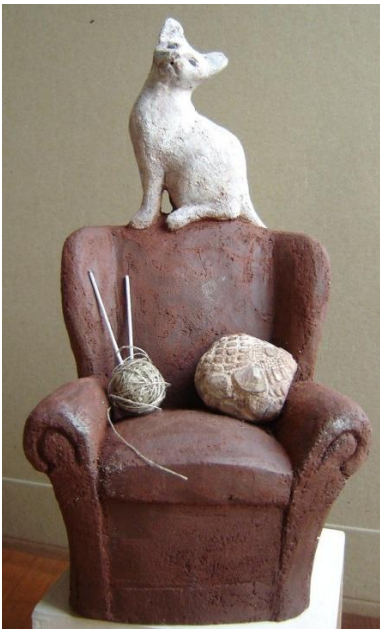
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### Gallery Maria

Marja Haavisto will show sculptures of Maarit Lassila at the exhibition. The small sculptures are created of ceramics of ecological materials which Maarit Lassila finds in the woods and by the sea in the beautiful Inkoo where she lives and where she keeps her atelier.

Also some other pieces of art will be shown at the exhibition. At the home pages of the gallery there is a summary in English, and under the Finnish section "Myyntikokoelmat" you can find pictures of some of pieces of art.

[www.galleriamaria.fi](http://www.galleriamaria.fi)



*Time to relax* by Maarit Lassila

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### Tuula Laukka

Tuula Laukka's ceramics are innovative, handcrafted pieces. The glowing colors and individual forms bring color to the darkness of winter and peace in the chaos of life.

[http://www.tuulalaukka.com/engl\\_paasivu.htm](http://www.tuulalaukka.com/engl_paasivu.htm)