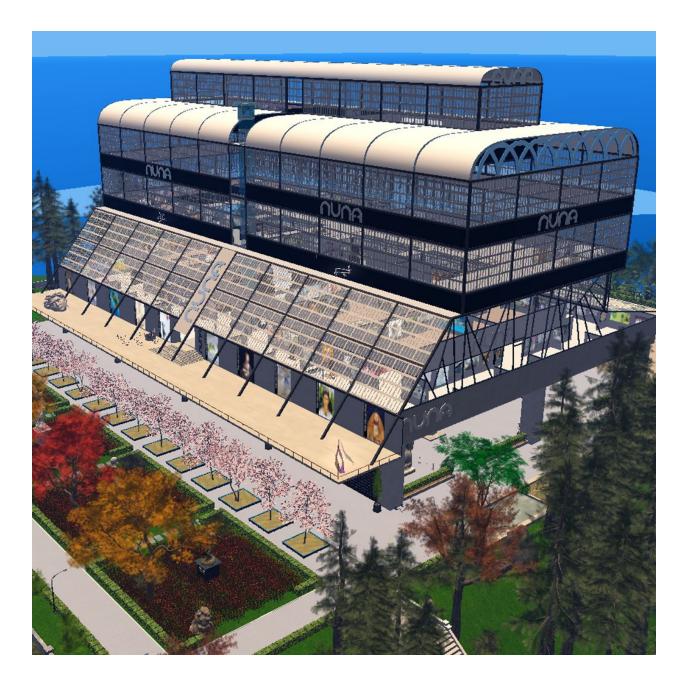


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2 On the Cover: The Nuna Gallery by Alia Soulstar



Alia Soulstar explains her innovative Guided Tour Option at the Nuna Gallery:

"The idea is to have guides on all the levels that you can activate if you want them. There is actually going to be a HUD so that you can control the NPC guide. It will have a pause, exit, and fast forward option. Eventually I want to put them on call so if you have a query about any work you can call up a guide to explain it."

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Below: Martin Glom (Staff Photographer)



Below: Sibbie Becker (Investigative Writer/Columnist)

However you celebrate the Season, may you find Joy. Love and Peace. Sending hugs across the Hypergrid!! Sibbie Becker



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6 That Christmas Feeling



Have you got that Christmas Feeling?

Merry Christmas or Happy Holidays? However you say it, it is that time of the year again. A time where children behave with just a mention of Santa coming to see them. All of us have different traditions as we share with our families and loved ones. Cutting the turkey and fighting over the wishbone, hoping it snows, drinking eggnog with family, having a drink with friends, opening gifts from under the tree, or even stuffing your face with cookies, one thing never changes... it is that it's a wonderful time of the year.

"Beginning in the mid-20th century, as the Christian-associated Christmas holiday and liturgical season, in some circles, it became increasingly commercialized and central to American economics." -<u>https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Christmas_and_holiday_season</u> Christmas is a wonderful time of the year, although for some it could be hard to get into the "spirit of the season", rushing from place to place, stressing over what to buy or what to serve for those holiday parties that we are off to.

With Christmas decorations and trees now up in stores (usually before Halloween) it drives me crazy, but I do find myself giving in and buying an ornament or two, or even singing carols. Sometimes trying not to turn my sim into a winter wonderland is a task. But no matter how hard we try, it has come. That wonderful, magical season of the year where we dawn gowns, suits, and our winter holiday outfits to go and party with those we see here everyday, or the people we haven't seen for awhile. One thing does remain the same, we can't avoid the season, and we certainly don't want to.

While I make time to plan those meals, put up the tree, wash the stockings, and watch those Christmas movies that everyone seems to watch every year (yes I still watch Rudolph) I may even add a new holiday movie or sit down to address Christmas Cards... does anyone still do that? Am I just that old because I still do. I'll also frequently pull up the calendar to make sure and have all the destinations we have to go to marked so that our plans are set.

Be sure to save a little time to hop around the Metaverse and see the winter sims, go to an event, make or buy a friend a Christmas present, or just spend a little 'you time' unwinding with friends and loved ones. Just remember that we are all here in this virtual world to relax and enjoy.

So on your trips around Digiworldz and the rest of Opensim, remember to smile and spread that wonderful Christmas feeling.

Merry Christmas and Happy Holidays to Everyone!

- Sibbie Becker

8 Driven to Create: Cataplexia Numbers



"....Every day - I am driven to create ... "

-Cataplexia Numbers

Ricky Maya (RM): This statement would certainly seem to be an accurate self assessment as stated to me by Cataplexia Numbers. Now that I've had time to travel around, see her multiple regions, attend her DJ events, watch her videos and past interviews and gotten to know some of her history here in Virtual Reality (VR), I'm a bit in awe of her seemingly endless output. Recently, I was able to catch her at a slow spot in her day, during which, we talked about her life and work in VR.

Cataplexia Numbers (CN): "I have been creating art for as long as I can remember both in the Real & Virtual worlds. I can never remember a time in my life when I have not felt driven to create. I have created and sold art outside of SL for many years as really more of a hobby artist than one in serious pursuit of an "artist's" career. I brought into Second Life a huge collection of scanned images of my real life art ranging from acrylic paintings, oil pastel, pencil drawings, watercolor, hand drawn PC mouse



drawings, digitally enhanced images, photo manipulations and some that span several types of creative medium to achieve the look or affect I want. After several gallery showings in Second Life, I began creating in-world art as well, beginning with several sculptures and moving on to photographic art and photo manipulations combining real life enhancements to Virtual World photo images. In January 2009 I had a show entitled "Avatars In Art" featuring these images and have been adding more to it each year. "

RM: I asked Cataplexia just how long and to what extent her involvement in VR has taken place, and how she had chanced to get involved with VR.

CN: "About 13 years now, and still making new and exciting discoveries all the time. As a resident of multiple virtual worlds since September 2006, I have worn many titles throughout- Artist, DJ, Designer, Builder, Entrepreneur, Teacher, Spiritual Guide, Wedding Planner, Model, Event Coordinator, Journalist and Editor and as of late, Grid Owner (alternatemetaverse.com:8002). I studied Commercial Art technology in St Petersburg and have been happy to put some of my knowledge of graphic arts into my magazines, Us in OS Magazine of OS Grid and VirtuoCity Magazine in InWorldz, in the past.



10 Driven to Create: Cataplexia Numbers ...cont.



About my initial involvement, I had seen something on the news about Second Life where they interviewed a woman who was a wedding planner. I was never aware that people actually married in virtual worlds or what it was really like, and I found the possibility of wedding planning in a virtual world a very interesting thing to do. I thought I should have a look around, and I was just blown away by all of the creative opportunities in the virtual world!"

RM: Assuming you may have started in SL or other individual realms, how did you find your way to OpenSim, and what aspects encouraged you to stay?

CN: "A former partner encouraged me to explore InWorldz and move there with him. I was there for several years and began exploring more as people suggested places, the next was Kitely, and I was amazed to see how you could hop around to various grids in OpenSim. I loved finding new worlds and soon made OpenSim my home. I do still have an SL Marketplace and avatar but Alternate Metaverse Grid, which I recently opened along with my husband Clifford Hanger, has become my true home, with some regions remaining on OS Grid as well."

RM: What OpenSim grids have you worked in and/or are you presently working in?



CN: "I've worked on many grids, Building, DJing, Teaching, and selling goods at one time. Those include Kitely, Genesis, Great Canadian Grid, Discovery Grid, Digiworldz, OS Grid, 3rd Life, Foundation, Lighthouse Point, Metropolis, Snikygrid, Dynamic Worlds, IMA Outpost Alpha, OpenSim Fest (where I am the entertainment coordinator) and my latest home, Alternate Metaverse Grid."

RM: How would you describe your present involvement here..what do you do daily as a rule within VR, and your present grid(s)?

CN: "My latest endeavor is starting a new class to teach new DJs. I still teach Chakra Awareness, Create Art & Builds, and lately creating a new grid, which has been a lot of work, but very fruitful as it fills with people and beautiful regions! I also have a few stores here filled with my creations and textures for free, as well as a gallery of my own free art."

RM: What have you learned of significance here that you would pass on to others who spend time here or are considering choosing an individual grid as a home?



12 More than Creative... Cataplexia.



CN: "There are many opportunities here for everyone to learn, teach, and grow and also to add to the beautiful diversity of the virtual world. Be yourself, trust in your abilities and nurture them. The hypergrid has many ways to give to us and make us lazy people with our hands out. It would be lovely to see more people sharing their creations as there are so many talents among us! Take time to teach those who are new here and a bit lost. They are more likely to feel at home and stay here ... we need that as much as they do!."

"Merry Christmas To All"

RM: Wise thoughts, and Merry Christmas to you. What are your plans for the future here. Are there projects ongoing or in your future that you would tell us about?

CN: "I will be supporting and encouraging the arts in OpenSim as I always have. I also plan to do a lot of teaching on my grid, from building to DJing, and whatever else I can contribute. I love collaborating with my husband Cliff, who is the technical genius behind our grid. I also enjoy my position at OpenSim fest, bringing talent both new to OpenSim, as well as established performers and DJs to blend with the residents here." RM: Anything else you would like to add?

CN: "Yes I do have something I want to say. Many people in the virtual world come here because they have disabilities in real life keeping them from doing some of the things they can't do in real life. I had the same issues, and was actually in a wheelchair a couple of years ago before having both knees replaced. This world brings us so many possibilities. Enjoy them all and find happiness in every day. Find peace in your life and in your hearts and be friendly and tolerant of others. Their road may be even more difficult than yours! Thank you for the interview and allowing me to share, Orb and Ricky! Your Magazine is a treasure to us all in OpenSim!"

As a closing, I'm hoping we all gain a bit of perspective hearing from Cataplexia. Her experiences and accomplishments are a testament to hard work and to trust in one's own abilities, and to make allowances for other individuals existing in their VR life.

~Ricky Maya



14 Masquerade Party: Speakeasy Swinghard



Cataplexia and Clifford are inviting all to come to the Official Grand Opening of **The Alternate Metaverse Grid**, on Thursday, December 5th 2-4 PM, a formal Masquerade party at the Speakeasy Swinghard Jazz & Blues Club, AMV Events region.

Paste the following into the map, and teleport:

alternatemetaverse.com:8002:AMV Events Upon arrival, you'll find an inworld teleport sign. Select Speakeasy Swinghard to get to the venue. See you there!





Avativa 15



Avativa is a new art project by Digiworldz artist Yen Solation For a preview please visit the Avativa installation Opening in 2020 in Noxluna's DarkMoon Bay Gallery: hop://login.digiworldz.com:8002/DarkMoon%20Bay/340/278/23

16 She's a Real Sweetheart



Her name is Sweetheart Baskerville, which sounds quite posh if you ask me. She's a lady with a lot of class who knows her way around the internet. She has been in virtual a good long while and she has a very poignant story to tell.

"I have been in Secondlife since early 2003 and was a beta tester there... so I have been there almost from the beginning. I have seen many wondrous things, some bad things, and have been through a lot. I remember when there were no attachments for our avie, just system stuff and that was it. I brought my sister over here, and few of my friends that would come, others came over later. I remember when I first came to Opensim, oh the glitches and the lag in the beginning, it was pure hell! So I left, but would come back again little by little checking it out to see if any changes were made. Little by little the changes allowed me to stay longer without all the lag and glitches. There is still some lag, and there are glitches, but not enough to bother me anymore. Then again there is lag and glitches in SL too, lol soooooo..."

In her real life she has had to deal with a terrifying condition and she faced it courageously. Sweetheart explains, "My real-world name is Juliea and I am married to a wonderful man named Rocky. I am in remission from stage 4 cancer now (18 months). A lot of people were praying for me, even the whole village of a preacher that I had met online many years ago. Prayers work, and I do believe in Miracles. I am just one of God's miracles."

Telling us about some of the things she enjoys doing, she mentions, "My favorite hobby is fishing. I use an open faced thumb control to catch largemouth bass and other types of fish. Usually I use crank bait, but I have caught my own bait using a net. Fishing to fill my freezer, not for the sport, just for the meat to eat. Some of my other hobbies are camping, walking, rubber stamping (making greeting cards). I am good at just about anything I put my mind to. My main interests in life are 'life itself' and helping to make my country greater than it already is."

Christmas

Taking us back nearly 40 years, she reminisces, "I started using a computer back in 1982, and two years after that I put my son on a computer (at age 2). Back then we did not have Windows, it was DOS only, and we used an old Commodore 64 computer with data drives and floppy disks. 1 mb of memory was a lot back then lol. My son learned early about how to build computers (by the age of 5), we had prodigy back then. We also had an AOL Internet dial-up connection Iol. Then Windows came out and I
bought my first computer at Radio Shack
for a whopping \$3k. Now I have a top of
the line computer with a T1 connection
and I love to play World of Warcraft,
Minecraft and my favorites... Opensim
and Secondlife."



Sweetheart tells us openly, "In the real-world President Trump inspires me with his spunk, Billy Graham with his religious beliefs, my siblings, my precious Mama, my kids, my family... with all the love they have taught me over the years. In the virtual world, for what I have learned from everyone I have met and continue to meet. I went from a very trusting person, to a person who now waits to see if they earn my trust."

18 Interview with Sweetheart Baskerville ...cont.

I can relate... authentic people who have integrity will be consistent, take it slowly.

In her travels Sweetheart has covered a lot of virtual territory, along the way she found DigiWorldz, and this is how it happened. She said, "I was out and about one day in Opensim. Looking around I found a LM from somewhere and decided to try it out. I was on another grid at that time, but wanted to see what Digi was about, so I made my character and love it here. Yet I had not told my sister because I was afraid she may think I wanted her to move from the grid we were on at the time. I knew she was not ready. Then things happened... and we were both ready, but she didn't tell me that she was trying out Digi.





She asked me to come look at a grid, so I went to see, then told her that I already had an avie on that grid and I would bring her in. Now we will never leave because we love it here in DigiWorldz and we plan on staying."

Sweetheart has a good point about what would make DigiWorldz a better grid, she said, "Hmmm, if I could change anything, I would try and get more people to join."

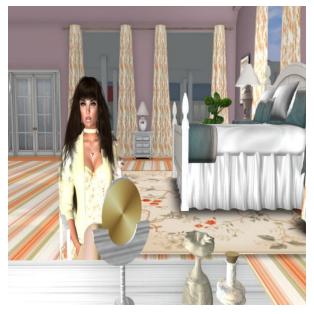
She wants people to know that she thinks the Support here is great. She added, "Any time that anything goes wrong, all I have to do is ask and it is taken care of. Or if anything breaks they take the time to fix it quickly." Another positive comment was... "People are friendly here and always willing to help." To sum it up she emphasized "Staying with Digi is the best decision my sister and I have made." She and her sister, Hope Fading, both came to DigiWorldz at a time where the code was soon to be updated and later issues had to be ironed out. The two ladies are patient and thrilled to be here in spite of some of those adjustments.

Some of her interests while in DigiWorldz include farming. She and her sister love working on the farm and taking care of the animals from their Satyr Farm system. Something she really enjoys is watching her sister build. Sweetheart also said, "I love to hear about my sister's travels around Opensim and I love being able to spend time with her here. I love making friends, talking in the groups when I can, boating, flying, and I love the connected grids that have no ban lines so we can boat or fly all over the vast regions. It is just awesome not to worry about being kicked from someone's land while we are boating, walking or flying... really is nice."

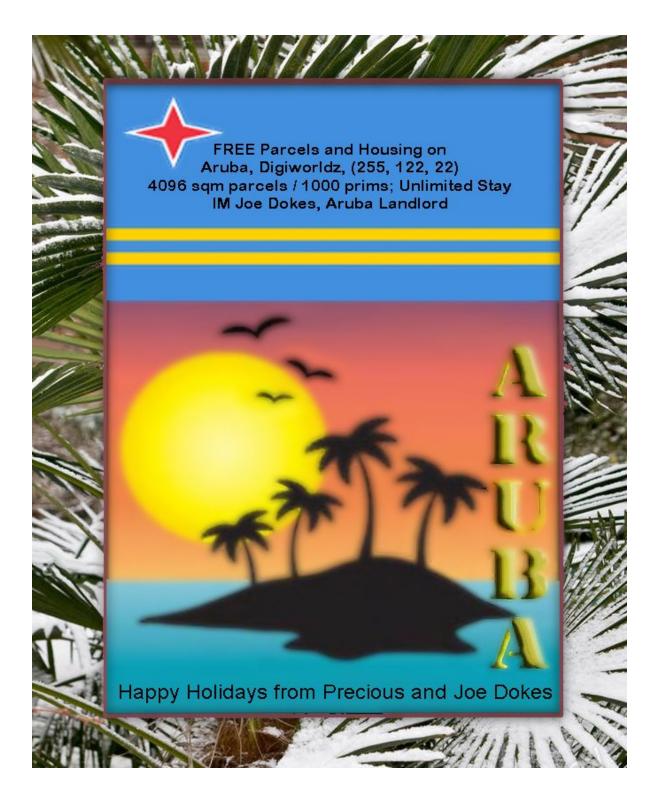
Some of the other things that she mentions she enjoys is the free stuff, and that she loves exploring all the awesome builds. She tells us, "I especially love to visit different farms to see all the things people have created with Satyr's Farming." She goes on to say, "I love to visit the different lands for different holidays and seasons of the year... just awesome."

Speaking about Opensim in general she'd like to see an improved teleport system and would like to go places without bans (due to stolen items). She said, "We all know if we really want to copy and item or items we can get a certain viewer and get anything we want from SL to here. I don't agree with stolen items, but most everything I have seen in Opensim is from SL anyways, they can't stop it."

What does Sweetheart Baskerville think of when she talks about her future in DigiWorldz? It's simple, she said, "To me it is looking like Digi is our forever home...*smiles* -Onc Emenald



20 Aruba: Parcels & Housing







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22 There's Always Hope =)



Santa's Lodge in Progress

Hope Fading is such a character (big grin) and she seems to enjoy building so much which is quite an inspiration to the community. She's Sweetheart Baskerville's sister (yes RL) and they are together working their magic in Kea. We've invited them both to tell their story and this is Hope's segment. Here's what she has to say...

"In RL, I reckon the computer is my hobby, it is my entertainment. But in virtual I enjoy building houses (mostly using other's designs). Now I'm working on landscaping, but never let me terraform, because we will all be in trouble if I do!" She recalls the time when she began using a computer, she said "Lordy, have no idea when it began, uhm maybe 40 years ago? I started in AOL, basically used the computer to chat and then graduated from there to here :)"

Her inspiration comes from a greater, deeper place, as she considers "This is a hard question, very impressed with the Lord God and try to follow him. In virtual life... I can't really answer that. I have met people here that I have come to love and respect, but to inspire I don't think so."



In her quest to find a virtual home she has found DigiWorldz here in the virtual universe, a bigger place than some may think. Hope and Sweetheart are here to stay. She said, "I have known about Digiworldz for a long time. I had heard bad things about it so never really took much interest in it, I have no idea what those things were now, memory left when I turned 50, and hasn't come back yet. I have found nothing wrong here, I love it here and the people I've come to know. I think that whatever was wrong has been fixed!"

The standard question asked of most everyone in HGZ Magazine is about what she'd like to see changed in DigiWorldz.





Her reply was "I don't see anything to change, although I get kinda perturbed when I try to go to certain places to shop, but that place has been banned for our protection, I understand this.... but being a shopper, kinda hampers my outings LOL"

She is a really good builder and seems to get so deeply involved in decorating her region. She said "I have been a loner for so long that it is hard for me to break those binds, but I like to build and fuss around in my and my sister's region, and I like to shop LOL. One day I will break those strings that hold me back and go out dancing and mingling and meeting."

24 At Home with Hope Fading ... cont.

We asked: What type of environment makes you feel at home in virtual? Which sorts of places do you like to explore? She replied, "Dang, you have hard questions... LOL but home is on our region and I very much enjoy the friends I have made here. Exploring, nah.... SHOPPING yeah!"

Another question was: What kinds of things do you want to see more of in Opensim? Which features would you like to see added to the program? She simply explains, "What to see more of... I have no idea. I pretty much go with the flow. But, which features would you like to see added, again I have no idea, although if I don't like something I will tell you, or will say nothing and enjoy it - hey, I'm a simple person. They rule the world, I play in it and will not complain LOL - My sister is the world changer and shaker :)"





Hope talks about her future here in DigiWorldz when she tells us, "My future looks like I'll be here forever or until Digiworldz dies, vanishes, goes away or someone really pisses me off..... this is home!" Lastly, she added that she enjoys meeting people and talking in the chat groups.

Hope Fading and Sweetheart Baskerville are a great addition to the DigiWorldz community and we're happy to have met them. We're looking forward to seeing what they build on their region and will stop in soon to catch up.

Visit Hope and her sister Sweetheart in Kea at the region named "Home of Hope and Sweet" in DigiWorldz.

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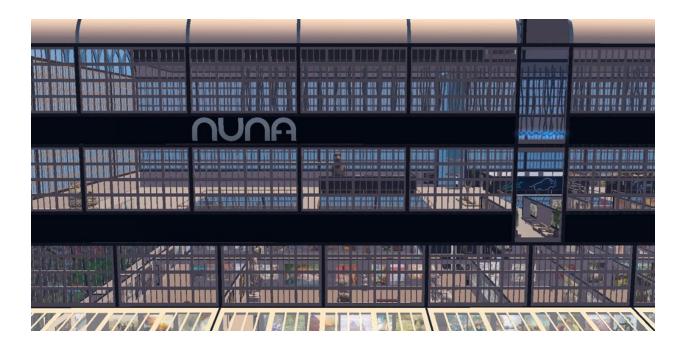
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It's going to be a super fun show and you're all invited... so please join us at our Winter Wonderland this December the 15th at 3PM and enjoy the Show as we light up the runway!

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28 The Nuna Gallery: Bringing Art to the Globe



Whenever I venture into a big city, one of the things I enjoy most is spending time in art galleries. In my virtual life, the "world" is right at my fingertips, and I can visit such places any time I wish. One of the most impressive and realistic virtual galleries, The **Nuna Gallery**, is located on the 3rd Rock Grid.

The name "Nuna" was taken from an ancient supercontinent that existed millions of years ago, when "the whole world was in one place," according to the gallery web site http://nunagallery.com/. (Have a look at the gallery map to get a good idea of the scope of coverage: http://nunagallery.com/map/. (Have a look at the gallery map to get a good idea of the scope of coverage: http://nunagallery.com/map/. (Have a look at the gallery map to get a good idea of the scope of coverage: http://nunagallery.com/map/. "The aim of Nuna Gallery is to tell a different kind of story of art, one that stretches from the first traces of human artistry, daubed on the walls and ceilings of caves in Borneo and France, to the present day. Here in Virtual Reality we can sew the continents together and explore art as a human product across the span of our species." "Nuna is an international gallery in international waters", and it's totally free to experience.

The virtual "you" can amble through the halls of Nuna just as you would a RL gallery, even stopping to sit on a bench and appreciate an especially inspiring work of art. You'll enter the gallery through the Basement, which is the Sculpture Gallery. The sculptures



have been made by staff members using Blender or sourced from the "Scan the World" project, which is a public domain project for 3D printing. Next, take the lift to the first floor, which houses Gallery 3—Modern & Contemporary Art. That's where I met with Alia Soulstar, one of the Nuna "curators" who showed me some of the features of the gallery. "The galleries are organized chronologically as well as geographically," Alia explained, "You move around the world as you walk around each gallery."

We then visited the Gallery Shop, where you'll find paintings and art books that you can copy for free to enrich your virtual home. Alia said, "We're basically publishing inworld books of parts of the Nuna collection according to theme. These books are very fast to rez because we've developed a caching system that preloads the images in your browser." Astro Balut is the scripter responsible for this feat, as well as many other amazing things at Nuna. "His work is phenomenal," said Alia, "and you'll see that when we ride his lift—all of the gears are exposed with spinning counter weights. It's a work of art on its own." Also on the first floor is the Tour Guide Desk, where you can sign on for an NPC guided tour of the gallery! Or, you can choose to browse at your own pace, stopping along the way to read the educational signage. "All of the captions are drawn from legitimate art analysis and art history, and the artwork is sourced from the public domain and creative commons, but I've optimized it for inworld."

30 The Nuna Gallery ...cont.



"I've verified the sources as not stolen and have listed attributions in the works, going to extra lengths ensuring everything here is free of copyright issues. This is very important to us in this gallery and on this grid—the gallery is a not for profit, and all of the works are legitimately sourced." (There is an informative notecard, Artworks and Copyright, available that explains this process in detail.)

The second floor of Nuna houses Gallery 2—Renaissance & Romantic, where you'll view classical and impressionist paintings. From there, we ventured to floor three or Gallery 1—Indigenous, Ancestral, and Prehistoric Art, then up to the Penthouse Gallery, which is an exhibition space for new works. But wait! There's also a satellite Sound Sculpture Gallery section which is quite amazing to view and hear. Alia showed me a "planetary" sound sculpture created by Lorin Tone, where you'll want to stop and relax, or perhaps meditate.

Nuna, I've found, is not simply a gallery, it's a place of learning and inspiration just like RL galleries. As you venture through the exhibits, or the associated web site (<u>http://nunagallery.com</u>), you'll find a wealth of information about the various eras and styles of art on display, so plan to spend lots of time.

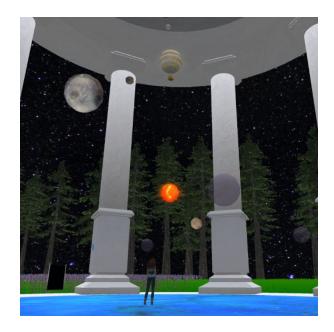


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One of the interesting possibilities in VR is the ability to partner with real life (RL) educational institutions in order to reach a broader geographical audience. Alia told me that the Nuna staff are presently talking to some German academic institutions about forming such a real world partnership. "The long term goal is to make penthouse galleries available to RL artists and have exhibition openings, workshops, etc. We aim to run this gallery along the same lines as any other RL public gallery and entice non-VR people in-world to attend our various events."

The Nuna website doesn't contain educational pieces about art history alone. There is an intriguing series of original essays, some of which relate to virtual reality in general, offering a great deal of insight for those who are not familiar with VR. If you've never participated in VR or just can't wrap your mind around it, have a peek. In particular, I enjoyed the essay by Aaliya Shakti entitled simply "Virtual Reality" (https://nunagallery.com/words/essays/vr.html), which also contains a link where you can create an avatar on the 3rd Rock grid in preparation for your visit to Nuna.





The Nuna Gallery is currently being remodeled and upgraded. Alia reports that while visitors can still explore the current gallery (via tp board at 3rd Rock Welcome), the new version is still under construction on a separate virtual region. The new Nuna will have a **Grand Opening Event on Sunday, December 15, 2019 at 9 am PST**. At the time of this writing, the URL/landmark for the new gallery is not available, but once a satisfactory site is established there will be heavy signage at the 3rd Rock Welcome landing zone with direct teleports to the gallery. <u>http://grid.3rdrockgrid.com:8002/</u>

Happy Holidays from 3rd Rock

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Samples of Art from origins spanning thousands of years contained in a multi-level 3d environment constructed by Alia Soulstar. Take a fantastic trip through time while enjoying a lavish display of historical masterpieces. Tour Nuna in 3rd Rock during the opening event. Fine art and entertainment under one roof, you won't be disappointed.















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The following are notes and descriptions from Alia Soulstar on the different aspects and areas of the Nuna Gallery.

Imposing Edifice – The main structure rises above a sculpture park set in hilly park lands. It comprises four floors of airy architecture. Each floor is themed: Modern art; Pre-20th Century Western Art; Ethnic and Prehistoric Art; Contemporary Art.

Avatar Friendly – The internal spaces with high stud ceilings and infinity perspectives are designed for easy navigation via avatar camming. A combination of Pre-Raphaelite art and classical sculpture are seen here occupying the foreground of Level 2.

Circumnavigation – The modern art gallery occupies the perimeter of Level 1. Viewers are invited to walk around the "world" with the artworks arranged by continent. An internal area contains a gallery store with free books, miniatures, posters and Nuna branded clothing. NPC guides can be activated to walk you around the galleries explaining works and offering insights into their creation.

Impressions – Modern art from New Zealand, Australia, Africa and America is framed by European Impressionism on the mezzanine above.

Art Education – All artworks are fully captioned, credited and annotated to put them in the context of their place, time and the movements that spawned them. Here the Italian Renaissance starts a narrative that leads the viewer to the Baroque and Mannerism and shows how these influences shaped Impressionism, the Pre-Raphaelites and modern Hyperrealism .

The Body Beautiful – The extraordinary sculptures of ancient Greece and Rome lent antiquity its reputation as the birthplace of western civilization. The Italian Renaissance was an attempt to recapture (to "rebirth") this moment in time.

Genesis – Modern art is a continuum that started with our ancestors painting on cave walls and leading to Banksy' painting on the walls of buildings. Nuna explores and unwraps the genesis of the human art story. A whole floor is dedicated to ancient and ethnic art, spilling through Egypt, Persia, Asia and Polynesia.

Penthouse – The Penthouse Gallery showcases the latest exhibitions by living artists in temporary exhibitions. Events include exhibition opening receptions, artist talks and workshops. Multimedia works are shown here and in satellite galleries placed around the Nuna region.

Happy HG Traveling! ~ Contessa Lacombe

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Terry Ford has been working long and late hours ever since he and his team had decided to embark on creating a new batch of code for DigiWorldz back in June of this year. His intentions with the update were to bring in a few new important features that would benefit us and thrust us into current standards in OpenSim. After the update there were a few glitches that needed to be ironed out. There are still some minor areas that need a fix and they are moving forward with those fixes as fast as possible.

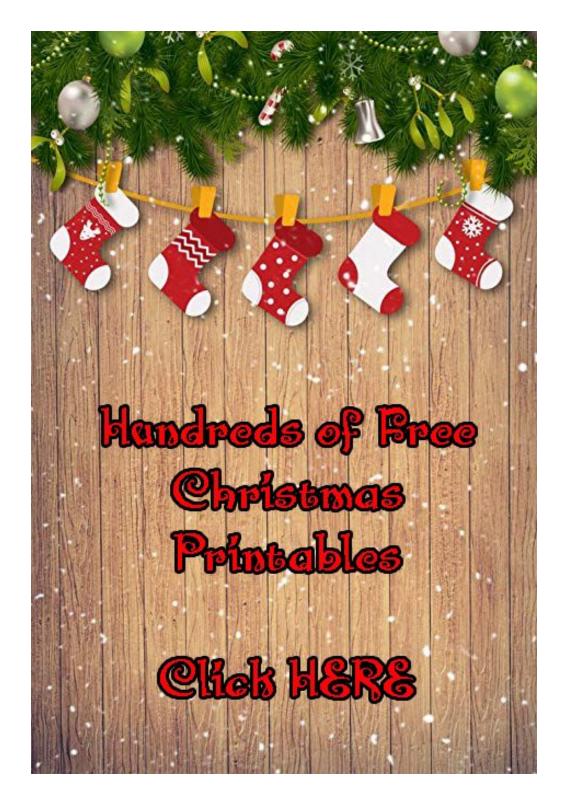
Some of us who have run into these glitches have sent in a "Support Ticket" and these issues were addressed immediately by Terry Ford himself. Some people just let issues fall by the wayside and if they go unreported it really doesn't help the situation. Since every bit of information, every detail that is related to the issue is important to identifying and solving problems related to the code, they should be made known in a ticket.

To report a problem go to <u>www.digiworldz.com</u> and login with your avatar name and password. On the left side of the page is a menu and there you'll find a menu item labeled "Support Ticket". Press that and fill out the form, all areas that apply, accurately and completely. At the bottom of the page you'll be asked to copy a few characters that you will see in a small box, which is to assure that you're not a "bot", and then press "Submit". You will receive a confirmation email shortly after with further instructions.

Thank you for your support of DigiWorldz. Each and every one of us matter to the community and just know that your ticket will be handled promptly and with courtesy.

Holiday Greetings to Terry Ford & Support Staff for all they do for us here in DigiWorldz. Thank you for making DigiWorldz a better place for the community and OpenSim!





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The people in Digiworldz are about the nicest around. They are always ready to help out in anyway possible. Now, with the holiday season upon us, we sometimes forget to take a break, breathe, relax and take some time to look around here for all there is to do. So if you are ready for the Season and looking for a place to get you in the mood, I have found a few really fun ones for you. They are sure to give you that wonderful holiday feeling.

The Wonderful World Of Nancy, serendipity (1489, 1417, 21) - Moderate @ <u>http://login.digiworldz.com:8002</u>

I headed over to Nancy Sinatra's place, "The Wonderful world of Nancy". When you first rezz in here give it a moment then take the teleport to Snowland. You will be transported to a winter wonderland. There are places to toast marshmallows with that someone special or other friends. Head into the house for a wonderful meal sure to fill you up with all those cravings that you have. Follow the path to the right... there you will find a pavillion where you can shake it up with Santa and Frosty as they dance the night away while you enjoy the great view. If you follow the Frosty path to the left you will find not only a few freebies but also a carousel to ride on.



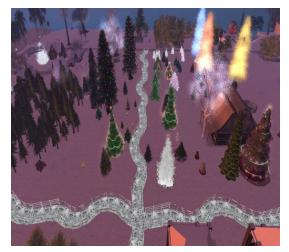
Wonderland Dreams, Wonderland Dreams (420, 321, 42) - General @ http://login.digiworldz.com:8002

The second stop I made was to Starry Sugarplum's sim , "Wonderland Dreams". You can find Santa's Stop and a sleigh ride to take you around this magical land. Wonderland Dreams is a full sim currently decorated for winter. Take a walk in the tranquil landscape to find so many nice little spots... from a cabin, to Santa's boat, to the snowman band and more. Make sure you head off in the other direction where the Christmas village is hopping with Santa's workshop, the candy shop and a Christmas carousel. Keep on walking to find the elf village and the reindeer barn and see what is up there.

The colors are spectacular, the builds unique and so enchanting that you're quickly lured into a fantasy of amazing winter wonder. But don't take my word for it, experience it yourself and invite your friends for a great adventure you're sure to enjoy.

There's a lot to look at and so much do that you won't have time to be bored this holiday season. What might be more exciting is to invite someone who has never been in a virtual environment before. Remember when you first found this magical realm? Why not share and give the gift of adventure today?

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Whatever, Starshine (428, 434, 22) - Adult @ http://login.digiworldz.com:8002

The next stop was to the Mizser's sim, "Whatever". Where you can ice skate (skates included), climb up Santa's hill to get your picture taken with him. Tucked back in the middle of the sim I found Snowman Central right next to some of the biggest candy that I have seen. Make sure you look around because I found some items that are free, there were also some that had a small cost. Moving away from the candy I was lost in a Christmas tree forest only to make my way out to some cozy cabins.

A good way to get inspired with your own projects is to open your mind to visiting other people's. Finding the time to get away for a little while will bring a new perspective and give you that little extra something special to fill your schedule during these festive times.

So if you are in the mood for some Christmas spirit or even just a "winter feeling" take a bit of time and head to the above sims. Have fun looking around because there is so much to see on each one. Please also keep an eye out for the notices that will be sent out on all the fun things that will be going on for the Season.

> Spread the Spirit of the Season - Sibbie Becker

Angelic's S.T.E.A.M. 41

As most of you already know, the thing I love most about HyperGrid Magazine is getting to know the community and Angelic Kisses makes this so much fun because she's personable, open and friendly. We hooked up with her in this heartwarming interview and asked her to tell us about herself. She mentions that she is a pretty quiet person, both in RL and virtual. She also tells us, "I have always been very interested in reading and learning about new subjects, this is what lead me to my career as an educator. I wanted to help develop young minds and impart to children that learning can be fun, as well as challenging. It's enjoyable to show how a subject can be part of the entire learning curriculum, especially the S.T.E.A.M. core (Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts, Math). My main hobbies are baking and reading, and I have been toying with learning to make simple outfits here in virtual. However, I have discovered that I am much more adept at shopping from all the wonderful creators in Opensim."

Angelic is like so many of us who have been online for a number of years. Also, like many of us, she was thrust into a whole different sort of lifestyle in a faction of society known as Second Life. She said, "I started using the computer at home as a toddler, and this continued



through school. I didn't venture into the virtual world until I was invited to take part in a survey about a newly forming platform. It wasn't until several years later that I began seeing ads for SL. One April evening, my curiosity got the best of me, and I decided to sign up. It was crazy from the moment I logged in. Talk about culture shock!"

We asked what her inspiration was, and Angelic reveals, "I differentiate RL & virtual, but there are certain aspects that I find very similar. In both RL and virtual, I am inspired by my wonderful Roffellos, who is an amazingly talented photographer, who is also very quiet and modest. He finds beauty in things that others fail to notice.

42 Angelic Kisses ...cont.



I'm always in awe of his work. Like him, I also like trying new things so that I can learn about this virtual world we live in. Roff knows how much I love shopping for clothing too, so he encouraged me to try creating my own unique clothing."

Their quest for discovery brought her and Roffellos to DigiWorldz and this is how it happened...

"Roff and I were living on another grid and used to go to the Hypergrid Travel Station and hop the trains to travel from grid to grid. We were teleported to DigiWorldz one day, landing at Welcome, where we were warmly invited to have a look around and enjoy our visit. We were surprised by how well developed Digi was. As we ventured around the grid, we encountered many helpful and friendly Digizens. We returned home, but were both in awe of what we had experienced in Digiworldz. Making a move can be nerve-wracking, but encouraged by our visit, we decided that the move to Digi would be beneficial. Three years later, I am still happy with our decision to settle into our 'home'."

When we asked if there was anything she wanted to see change about DigiWorldz her response was priceless. She thought it over then said "HMMMMMM... If I could change anything, I would have to say... nothing. I like to watch how the grid continues to develop and there are always changes with new growth. I just want to see that continued growth, and hope others will venture here, enjoy and decide to choose Digi as their home (especially people that make clothes so I can go shopping!!!!! lol)"

She enjoys this grid so much, and tells us more about the kinds of things she does here in DigiWorldz. "I am pretty laid back and relaxed. I like chatting with friends, shopping, decorating at home, and learning new skills. I have also modeled for several wonderful clothing and jewelry designers, and really enjoyed that. Who knows, maybe I'll be DigiWorldz' Next Top Model? Lol"

She and Roffellos have been together for quite a while now. They've been all over the MetaVerse and have settled here in DigiWorldz for good reasons and we're so grateful to know that they did. Angelic explains how they met as she enthusiastically divulges, "As most of us have, I started out on 'the big grid'. I joined, not really knowing what to expect, but was intrigued by the mention of museums, fashion, traveling and entertainment. I was wondering how that was possible in a virtual world, so my curiosity was piqued and I dove in.

"My first day was utter chaos, I had absolutely NO idea what to do, where I was and was overwhelmed, so I logged back out, thinking NO WAY! I decided to try again the next day, and a 'nice lady' teleported me to a beach to find decent clothes, but she poofed leaving me to wander alone. As I stumbled along, observing all the avatars, amazed at the different ways people had chosen to represent themselves, I was stunned. This 'world' was not what I had expected.

"I got an IM from someone who must have been watching me and they had decided to take pity on this poor 'boxy looking noob' with orange skin and a 'stick up the butt' waddle. He laughed as I tried to walk to him following his directions, because I was going the wrong way. Then he decided to tp me over. Imagine my noobie shock to find a man in a seated position, legs crossed in front of me, hovering in front of me.



44 More about Agelic (and Her Husband Roffellos)



I asked, "HOW ARE YOU DOING THAT?!?" and he laughed. After introducing himself, this thoughtful man took his time and showed me how to maneuver in this new world. He also introduced me to others and showed me places that made that grid unique.

"Over the next few weeks we spoke frequently. I had 'lessons and field trips', and as we explored together, we discovered that we had so much in common. We could talk and laugh about anything. Our friendship blossomed and we began looking forward to spending time together. I must admit, I was a bit confused when feelings developed... I mean, how was that even possible? We decided not to question the fates that brought us together, instead we embraced the gift we had been given... each other. Six years later, and each day still brings smiles when I see Roffellos. He doesn't even seem to mind when I leave boxes and shopping bags all over the place."

Angelic expands on her relationship and adventures with Roffellos...

"One of the things I enjoy is exploring with Roff; we visit the beautiful sims and regions, marveling in the varied creativity. So much imagination goes into creating these places. Sometimes I model for pics shot by Roff, other times I'll sneak off and buy the latest fashions while he's hard at work. I CANNOT resist the call of the mall and a pair of cute shoes!! We also love supporting live entertainment when possible, and listening to great tunes while enjoying lively conversation at the

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many clubs here in Digi.

"I look forward to each new day, and live each to its fullest, RL and in Digi. I can honestly say that I'm not sure what the future will bring, but I am excited to see what new things may happen, visit new places, learn new useful skills. Most of all, I look forward to spending much more time with my reason for being, Roffellos. I know we have many more adventures together in our future."



Together they have discovered many interesting places right here in DigiWorldz and they want to share them with you. We asked what some of her favorite places are and Angelic exclaimed, "Oh wow! Too many places to list! My most favorite places are Roffellos' galleries, because I can enjoy his creativity while relaxing at home. He's modest, but I love looking at his art. I must also reiterate that I like... no LOVE shopping, so most of my favorite places are areas where I can shop, but also places where I can pause to enjoy the beautiful landscape. It's also fun to explore and get immersed on sims that have interesting themes. Some of my favori numbers of my favorite can be a shopping themes.

DigiZoo (378, 134, 29) Ravenrun Library & Gallery in Eclectique (226, 615, 32) JS Design A-5 Stone Mountain Mall, Eden (681, 24, 21) Isle of Nightmares (132, 740, 22) Angelis Gloria (831, 433, 22)"

Nice talking with you Angelic, as always, happy holidays and happy exploring to you and everyone! ~ One Emerald

46 Angelic & Roffellos Kisses: A Romantic Winter



Holiday Wish by Angelic

Freshly fallen snow, so peaceful and serene, caressed by the soft moonlight, giving a magical feel to the night. Each snowflake a promise, a blessing, a chance to make the holidays bright. Our wish to you this holiday season is that you are surrounded by those you love, creating memories to be held dear. Celebrating the true meaning of Christmas; Peace, Joy and Love, not just one day, but throughout the year. Merry Christmas and Happy Holidays From Angelic and Roffellos Kisses

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I don't remember precisely when I first met Roffellos (and Angelic). I know that they always seemed a couple, appearing together, rarely one without the other, a testament to their love and devotion as partners. I do recall this past May, when the DigiWorldz Art Crawl came about, visiting their galleries and builds and finding what a wonderful and innovative artist Rofellos is, and how his dedication to his mate inspires him and brings out his fine character through that artistry. It is indeed fortunate that I now get to relate his story to our readers.

Ricky Maya (RM): Roffellos, can you tell us about yourself, such as: what your hobbies are, your skills and interests?

Roffellos Kisses (RK): "This is quite a difficult question to answer really. Normally people ask about pictures and projects. I rarely tell anyone about my real life. Where to start? (Don't expect a lot). I am English born and bred and still live in England. I retired from any sort of real work early enough to enjoy my retirement. With all this sudden spare time on my hands (that is such a misconception!) I took up a few things like photography and baking, yep, I bake cakes and cook a lot for family, friends, birthdays, that kind of thing. If I am not in the kitchen making a mess, I am out walking my border collies or tending to my menagerie of cats, 6 of them... 6 cats (not dogs)... only 2 of them.

48 Roffellos is a Quiet - Creative Man

"You ask for skills and interests, I am still trying to discover what my skills are. I love music (stock answer as most of us do). I really do love taking photos both here and out there. Mostly here though. In here, in these worlds within worlds we all run about in, I tend to be sort of distracted. I can chat though I am for the most part fairly quiet... there is only one exception to that, and that is Angel. Photography and more photography, not just taking them, but looking at the galleries that are here in Digi. At the moment I am trying to make snapshots more interesting. It's kind of easy to download a picture and tinker with it then upload it again but to take images raw and make them as interesting to me as I can."



RM: When did you first start using a computer and when did you first come online?

RK: "I was around to see things before the whole Internet took off. I can recall feeding computers with punch cards, whole sleeves of them, to input the coding needed. (It really was that... exciting, LOL) Not sure if you mean when did I discover virtual life, or when did I first log onto the internet? I first logged into chat rooms really via the usual email connections or friends telling me. It was here that someone told me about virtual worlds, and I thought 'mmm' why not? That was quite a while ago now."



RM: Who inspires you in Real Life? ...and in Virtual?

RK: "Angel ... and ... Angel.

"Was that too short? Well there it is, she is my inspiration. Ok, there are others, but in a different way. I get inspired by the passion I see in the creations others do. Not just buildings and landscapes but their avatars. If you want to run about in a basic one that's fine, it's your call. If you want to be a dragon, a wolf, a 3 toed sloth, that's great too, but seeing as you are a 3 toed sloth, can I take your picture?



"I should wax lyrical at this point about amazing photographers and artists, virtual and real and for your readers there are squillions of artists of every single driving passion you could think of. With a little thought and application you can discover them all. I kind of get the impression that's what you should be reading. I don't tell tales with my pictures: you like them, ...great, you don't... that's great too. We are all different and see things differently. No one is right or wrong, and none are better or worse than anyone else. I don't suffer for my 'art', nor am I in danger of being eaten alive by my ego. I am my own worst critic, which is also one of the reasons I can be quiet."

50 Maybe His Artistic Side is Not So Quiet



Roffellos Art: Isle of Nightmares

RM: When did you find DigiWorldz and where did you hear about it?

RK: "Had to check my profile to find out how "young" I am, LOL.. How bad is that? Not knowing my own age! So a few years ago, when we were deciding enough is enough of that other big grid, we did some checking, and we did create several avi in different places. So while we were busy getting busy with discovering, we found Digi while grid hopping from another one. We found it, we loved what we saw and went back, talked, and said 'Well, we are out... here let's go there.' So we did, and here we are, exploring not just Digi, but exploring worlds within worlds, ad infinitum. It's like having a ticket to see everything you ever thought of, and a lot you didn't."

RM: If you could change anything about DigiWorldz what would that be?

RK: "I don't have the technical know how to say 'hey guys this is wrong', so, based on what I do know, for me, as long as home is ok, and we can log in, then everything is going great. What would I change... nothing, the staff here are really helpful. They do work very hard to make life easier for everyone. Some might not like that idea that others still have to watch over us, but I am thankful for it, ...I won't reveal how many times I have blown up something I was working on."

RM: What sort of things do you want to do in DigiWorldz?

RK: "Explore, take photos of people places, work on other things: building projects and morphing imagery, more tattoos and poses, and on to whatever other projects appear. And maybe one day, learn the real 'ins and outs' of the dreaded Blender. There is a LOT to be learned, it's just a question of time and learning. Right now, I want to explore more about windlight and the built in viewer filters, and how these two together can create more interesting imaging." RM: When did you meet Angelic? What brought you two together?

RK: "Kind of odd but very true. I gave myself a time limit in the 'other place'. On the last day there, literally on the last day, I had given up my rental and decided I was packing that whole place in and looking for something else. I was exploring and she was nearby wandering about all over the place. She was definitely a newbie given she was crashing into everything and wandering around in circles.

"So I asked her if she needed any help and we spent a while exploring the basics, like walking without falling down or into things, LOL. She was and is very determined to learn things. She spent a night figuring out her doorbell and security and tv for a place over there. I was so impressed. So we both came back the next day and the day after, and so on, and talked and explored and laughed a lot and then realised that this 'virtuality' blurs into reality when emotions love, anger, joy, all of them can be prodded by moving pixels about, most of all of that of love. Who knew? I certainly didn't, nor was I looking to be loved or to love anyone. Life gets strange doesn't it? So all those years ago, 6 now and counting, we tied the knot and I became

Roffellos Kisses. I took her name and really did become Roff... it was my wedding present to her. I had another avis at the time, they are now gathering dust. Why do it? She is an amazing, warm, friendly, loving, intelligent woman who makes me laugh till tea comes out my nose, or makes me cry. Or lets me fall over the countless shoe boxes she leaves all over the place, LOL."

RM: What sorts of things do you and Angelic like to do together in Digi?

RK: "Everything, LOL. The End!

"Ok, we do like to listen to live singers and, if they aren't available, we do wander and listen to DJs or we explore. We do that quite a bit, it is one of the real blessings of being 'out here'. I work on things; sometimes they are inspired by a passing comment or something we see out exploring. Taking pictures means consulting the Modelling Agency to see who is available... that would be Angel, then. LOL. Poor Angel: she puts up with my madness and does a lot of 'modeling' for me. She has a wardrobe that would clothe a small nation. She sits quietly listening to my madness, and the music, and lets me just get on with it... and then she critiques me with the dreaded words 'thats nice'.

52 Roffellos Shares Some of His Favorite Places

(I am in so much trouble for that comment, LOL). Our 'home' is in a permanent state of flux, kind of like painting the Forth bridge as soon as we think it's done, we start at the other end again."

RM: What does your future look like in DigiWorldz?

RK: "How do I know the answer to that? I would hope to learn more, to explore more, and to enjoy the company of my neighbours. We have all, or most of us have, been in worlds that have simply vanished, like having the rug pulled out from under your feet. So my future here looks very bright for as long as Digi is running, or my dog chews the internet up."

RM: Can you give us some SLurls of places you'd like us to visit in DigiWorldz? (your builds, and/or your favorite places?

RK: "Angelis Gloria. You really only need to land in one place and go wandering or you could look for the strange looking vase teleporter. Tap that, and you can go anywhere, except for our actual home which is a parcel inside it. We do let people wander there too, but only when we are online and actually here, not just sleeping. Places to see, well... it's really about the people who made them and they vary a lot, there are so many here ... so here are a few to think about and look up:

Morticia Soulless' Isle of Nightmares - go here to enjoy the nightmarish visions of a very talented builder/creator.

Souzz souzz and her Digi Zoo are truly delightful.

Everything Kamira Sirnah works wonders ... (and, of course)

Nancy Sinatra has a multitude of talents, great pictures, and fun lands to explore.

Open the map.. look for what is nearby, and go have a look! It really is that simple, and for the most part people are very nice when they find you dropping in and wandering. Unless they are nakey of course, but that's understandable, lol."

Thank you Roffellos for sharing your story, and giving us a peek into your soul, so to speak. I'm sure we'll be seeing more of your fine work in the future.

-Ricky Maya



54 The Hypergrid Traveler: Hyper Holidays!



It's the time of year when many of us are looking for a bit of holiday spirit, and for those of us who like to spend time in VR there's plenty of spirit to be found. I've spent a good bit of time searching for some nice spots and here are my suggestions for your holiday journey in 2019.

Our first stop is ETERNAL ICE on the Kroatan Grid: kroatan.de:8002:Eternal Ice (When you land at Eternal Ice, you find yourself in a central square with several brick paths leading to various activities) Nearby, you can visit Santa and pick up some past gifts, but don't stop there. This beautiful holiday region is packed! One path will lead you to a Winter Market, where you can shop for more free gifts and take a ride on the carousel. Up on a hill near the central square is an easily missed Snow Saucer ride that is great fun, just watch out for those black wolves. While you are there, grab a set of skis and a sled to take home! Around the corner is an ice rink that looks out over the winter sea, complete with free ice skates.

Nearby, you can have a snowball fight with a friend. Take a trip through the snow to the dock you can see from the ice rink and take a boat ride, then proceed to the end of that path to the dance club. There is so much more...be sure to check every little nook and cranny of Eternal Ice. There are pretty scenes, photo ops, and attractions tucked in everywhere. For example, one rather remote spot is the observatory for which you'll need to take a ferry ride—and that's where the annual Advent Calendar is kept!

Eternal Ice owner Bink Draconia says she "wanted to build a winter region for hanging out, exploring, and also for visitors to find winter and Christmas decor that is free to copy or buy, especially after Selea Core left OpenSim a couple of years ago." One of Bink's main goals is to fill this gap for new OS residents so that they can find legit freebies with which to decorate their winter regions.

Not everything is free to copy. "Some decorations should be unique to Kroatan, and some things I purchased from commercial grids with restricted permissions." The big annual event that occurs at Eternal Ice is the annual Advent Calendar. "This year, I do it in cooperation with my friend Kiki Baily from KiWo Grid. From December 1st to 24th, 2019, there is a special advent gift each day, either at Eternal Ice or in the Season region at the KiWo grid (which will not be open until December). Kiki had the idea to rez 2 identical buildings – an observatory – and put the advent gifts inside. My



observatory is a little difficult to find, so I made an automatic driving ferry from a landing dock. It's a 5 minute ride there and 5 minutes back." Bink's goal, which will be achieved this year, was to have Eternal Ice on a better server so that it could be open 365 days a year. Mission accomplished! This is a great holiday region!

Next stop on our journey is CRYSTAL WIND CHRISTMAS VILLAGE on the Neverworld Grid: hg.neverworldgrid.com:8002

(I found that the best way to get there is to go to Neverworld, then type "Crystalwind" into the map and tp.)



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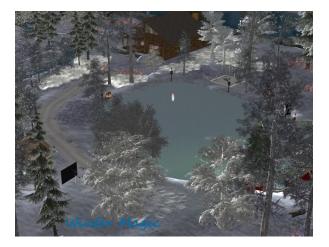


Crystal Wind is a large area on the map. Owner Pasha Theas said, "This region is a labor of love for me and soon I will be turning it all to winter and snow. A hidden area for the North Pole seemed right as I love Christmas, and yes it is there all year round to remember the Christmas Spirit. I am in the process right now of creating all new original items for the shops and should have them all there by Thanksgiving. I love having visitors and knowing that I can be a part of their Christmas and make them smile."

Wow. Need I say more? Pasha's love of Christmas and her gifts as a designer are evident at every turn. As soon as you get there, you feel like you've landed in the middle of a Thomas Kinkade painting. There is a most inviting Christmas Market with homey little shops where you can find beautiful gifts of holiday décor created by Pasha. There are gorgeous Christmas trees and wreaths, candles, and even "ugly" sweaters and snow boots. And my visit was before Pasha's expansion and new gifts! I can't wait to go back for a look at the finished region. This is truly a "winter wonderland" from your dreams. Thanks Pasha!

(Pasha is planning a Christmas Party for some time in December and everyone is invited, so keep watch at her welcome area!)

All aboard! Next stop—WINTER MAGIC at the Tranquility Grid: tranquility-grid.info:8002:Winter Magic



Winter Magic, owned by Chris Tranquility, is a cozy, well landscaped winter region with a huge ice rink. You could have a serious skating party here! There is also a dance venue, greedy game, and a winter lodge to explore.

Off to CHRISTMAS LAND on the Haven Grid:

thehavengrid.outworldz.net:8002:Christm as Land

This little spot is packed and lit up like...well, like a Christmas tree! It's owned by Bonnie Bebb, co-owner of the Haven Grid. There's an ice rink with free skates, a dance venue, and Christmas train. There are Christmas campfires where you can get all warmed up, gifts scattered about, and a Christmas pet shop.





The last stop on our journey is WONDERLAND at the Baller Nation grid: login.ballernation.us:8002:Wonderland

Now, this is an interesting stop, owned by Malani Baller2. It's Sort of Christmas meets Alice in Wonderland. It's very bright and cheerful, perfect for a holiday visit. Oh...and there's a secret door if you can find it.

And that's our Hypergrid Christmas journey. I'm sure there are many more wonderful winter and holiday regions on the Hypergrid. If you have or know of such a region, by all means let me know so I can visit! Until then, I'm wishing you warm and happy holidays and hope to see you in the New Year! Happy HG Traveling! ~ Confessa Lacombe

58 Brigantia Christma Ball - December 10th @ 3pm

Happy Holidays! from Brigantia!

Join Us for the Brigantia Christmas Ball

December 10, 2019, from 3 to 5 pm Grid Time at Brigantia Winter Realm in DigiWorldz: https://dwg/region/Hawick/85/162/1200 Music by Cataplexia Numbers

**Please help keep the party rocking by removing AO's and scripted items, and keeping avatar complexity as low as possible. Thanks!

Review: Austin Moore's @ The Marksman's Lounge 59



There was quite a nice turnout at the Marksman's Lounge with a lot of familiar faces showing up for the hearty event. In attendance (alphabetically) Austin, Ba, Bubba, Emmalena, Iona, J0hn, LeaNetera, Liam, nidawi, Noxluna, Orb, Phillip, Psy, Ricky, Sandy, Sera, Shirah, Summer, and Talia. Look for Austin's famed Neil Diamond Concert Coming in January of 2020! A new stage is being built for it... spectacular!!



60 Winter Holidays Fashion Show

Exquisitely Designed Presents

Winter Holidays Fashion Show December 14th 1Pm to 3Pm Grid Time 6 Designers in one show

hop://login.digiworldz.com:8002/Damour Enterprizes/250/123/1501 Men's and women's Holiday and winter clothing.

Exquisitely Designed Presents our biggest Fashion show yet. 7 Designers are participating. There is some amazing fashion that we will be showing you! Everyone is welcome to attend at: hop://login.digiworldz.com:8002/Damour Enterprizes/250/123/1501 Austin Moores and his Angels will be performing at the after party.

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The winners of the "Name the Snowman" contest will be revealed at the Core Productions "Winter Wonderland Fashion Show" See the Ad in this Issue!

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