

Wali Neil, our first presenter, is one of our newest members. What an impressive artist, he is! And, talented in so many ways. He paints



murals, portraits, T-shirts and he is inspired by Euclid Art members to paint landscapes without faces! He says "faces just show up in my art". Take a look at his most recent painting, completed just before this meeting...can you count the number of faces that appear? In the winter he does a lot of pen and ink drawings, which he turned into a beautiful coloring book...each picture having its own story. One of Wali's very favorite paintings is the one he did of a dog. But, his most recent 30-foot mural of a cityscape, which can be seen on the Krush building near Marco's Pizza at 228th and Lakeshore Blvd,



caused controversy with the City of Euclid's Architectural Review board. Thanks to his friend, the Mayor, the mural is staying. Wali's next artistic endeavor is fantasy art.

Wali started painting and drawing at a young age, drawing pictures of Snoopy and Frankenstein with 'dreadlocks'. He says he has no formal art training! During his high school years in Columbus, OH, he would just sit and watch his friend, Elijah Pierce carve wood. Wali also makes jewelry and music and is an excellent housekeeper and cook. He says that going from one subject to another is "like changing the channel!" Lastly, he played the 'Kalimba', an African thumb piano and sang us a song. Amazing! Love that art on your pants, Wali....

