

Migration of Junk Mail - an Ornithological Study

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Bird group

Besides being a married couple, **Cindy** and **Gary Iverson** also are mixed media book and paper artists and founders of *The Paper Studio*, a teaching studio and paper arts shop in Tempe.

Each have exhibited nationally and internationally. Both teach book arts, papermaking and alternative photography at *The Paper Studio*.

Cindy Iverson earned her master of fine arts degree in book and paper arts at Columbia College in 2004. She has taught book arts, papermaking and alternative photography at Columbia College, The Evanston Art Center and the Phoenix Art Center. She has received numerous awards for her work, including funding grants from the Albert P. Weisman Foundation and the Union League of Chicago. She is also a member of the eyelounge gallery in Phoenix.

Gary Iverson is an accomplished bookbinder and photographer whose work has been exhibited throughout the state. When he's not at his day job as a chemical engineer, Gary, who has his masters in business administration, can be found wielding a hammer or paintbrush at *The Paper Studio*.

Exhibitions at the United States Post Office highlight local artists working in a variety of media and themes. Space is located in the heart of the Mill Avenue district. Special emphasis is placed on work that is fun, eye-catching and unusual.

This exhibition is a virtual trek to the urban jungle of downtown Tempe. A close look may reveal a glimpse of savvy birdwatchers gathering to observe the summer migration of the "Migration of Junk Mail." According to artists Cindy Iverson, Gary Iverson, Chandon Thorell, Chris Weller and Lisa Takata, the migration of the "papyrus fluttersbyus" birds commonly known as the "junkmailbirds," begin their flight each morning from Tempe where they are released by blue uniformed employees of the United States Postal Service.

Observant birdwatchers with a quick eye can sometimes discover valuable bits of information hidden within the birds' colorful plumage. Many of these birds migrate to the Paper Studio in Tempe, where a team of talented artists transform them into the brilliantly colored works of art, made entirely of recycled paper. The birds continue their migration to nests made of shredded paper, where they can rest and raise their young while reading them bedtime stories from unique handmade books also created the artisans.



Birds reading junk mail.

About the Paper Studio

The Paper Studio is a teaching studio and paper arts shop created and run by **Cindy and Gary Iverson**, who are mixed media, book and paper artists. The mission of the Paper Studio is to build a strong book and paper arts community by engaging artists and all levels of learners in developing creative expression, building technical skills and finding inspiration through papermaking, alternative photography, printmaking and book arts. They teach classes designed to accommodate students at all levels of experience.

Learn more at www.paperstudio.com or visit them at 520 E. Southern Ave., Tempe.



Birds postcard