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## Videos, videos and more videos . . .

If a picture says a thousand words, a video must say a few more than that. We posted our first video in April, but it remained our only video until late June. It's an attempt to demonstrate our Pump Pens the way I show them at pen shows – how they work. Unfortunately, I didn't have time to show how you work with them. The rule of thumb is to keep videos under five minutes. I corrected the oversight by creating three new videos that show me drawing and sketching various subjects. I intend to provide more videos soon, especially videos of other people working with our Pump Pens, for calligraphy, fine art and art work I don't do as well as others. Yes, I do use my pens. I also use other pens – can't get enough of them. I hope you can't, either! If you make a video of artwork you create using our Pump Pens, we'll post it on our site and link it to your web site.

## Three New Videos

There are three new videos - the first video (left below) demonstrates pure inking in – one of the great advantages of the Brush Pump Pen. I squeeze out puddles of ink, then smush the ink around to make a solid black form. I'm a fan of silhouette artist Kara Walker, but don't want to work with scissors. Another technique is to ink in solid black backgrounds – very compelling. The second video demonstrates the Osmiroid Nib Pump Pen and two Brush Pump Pens to line, ink and wash the drawing of a couple. The third video (below right) demonstrates the Double Ended Pump Pen, which was introduced in the previous newsletter. I sketch a lion in two poses using one end of the Pump Pen to draw lines, then flip the pen and use the other end to ink in areas using a brush.

