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Date: 24 August 2002

Time: 1.30pm

Venue: Coffee Connection, Beach Centre (near Raffles Hotel)

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Pocket Artist

Reviewer: Henry Kong

Website: <http://www.conduits.com/ce/artist>

Cost: USD49.95

This past week I was delighted to receive in my email, a beta release graphic program from Paul Nolan called **Photogenics**. It is similar to the another Pocket PC graphic program, **Nfpencil** a paintbrush freeware by a Japanese programmer. Unfortunately, this is not available for StrongArm Pocket PCs.

As a result of running it through its paces, my interest in art programs were rekindled and I took a second look at Pocket Artist. For a long time, this is the only StrongArm art program for the Pocket PC. In my opinion, it is an excellent program that does everything one would desire, and then some.

Although a non-arty-farty person, I love to sketch and took several art courses. I find **Pocket Artist** by Conduits extremely easy and fun to use. While waiting for meetings to start, I discovered that making sketches of people who are sitting around the table, a great stress reliever. It also win me valuable points and extra support from these folks when I flatter them with my works of art.

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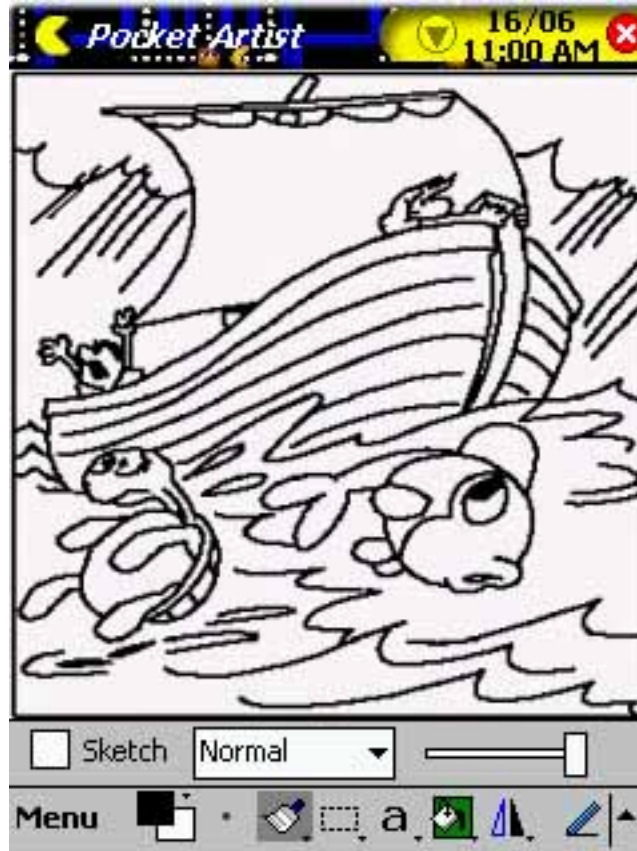


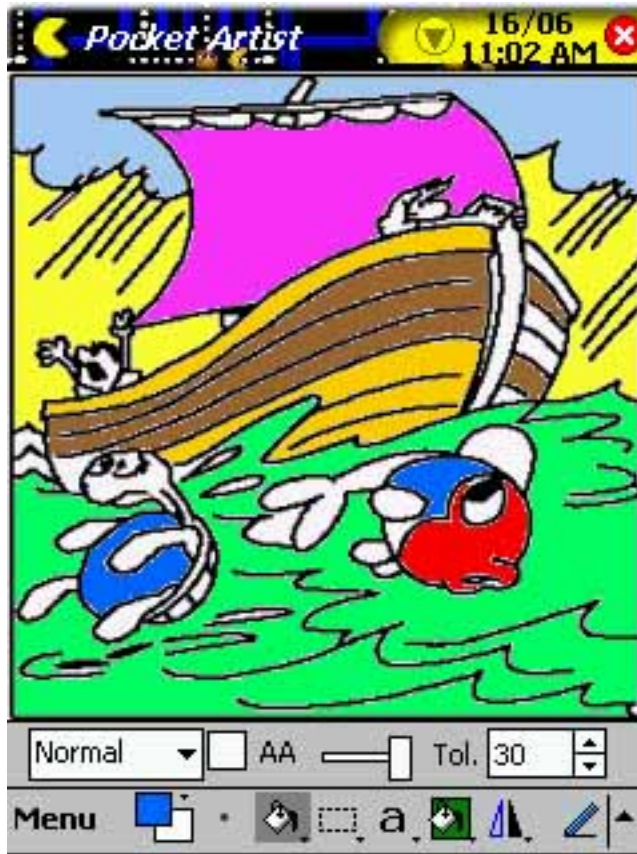
I find the filters lots of fun to fool around with. I liked the emboss filter as it gives 2-D drawings a 3-D effect. Also, it is the first screen snapshot with an adjustable display. Although it will not capture

some of the arcade games whose video has been highly souped up, it will capture a lot more screens of programs whose hard buttons have been disabled. This is very useful to me as a reviewer.



Since my iPAQ attracts all kind of kids to my side every time I pulled it out, it occurred to me that Pocket Artist can be a nifty little fill-me-in activity for them. I got hold of some simple Bible pictures; scan, resize and convert them to jpeg format. As you can see below, another use for the Pocket PC.





Make no mistake about it, Pocket Artist is no kiddie program. It is a feature-rich drawing program that is easy to use, nothing to learn and everything you can think of. For all your drawing needs, this program will meet and exceed all expectations.

Summary

For the arty-farty, this program is an artist's dream. In my humble opinion, it has too much features for the humble Pocket PC, but nobody is complaining. Try Pocket Artist out and get your creative juices flowing!

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