

Website Art Hunt: Flood at Granny's

Visit Historic Arkansas Museum's online collection to find this artwork and answer the following questions.

Who is the artist?

What year was it painted?



ABOUT THE ARTIST: This artist signed her work Josus- a nickname given to her as a child by her grandmother. She was a founding member of the Mid-South Watercolorists. The people of Newport and the White River Region served as her inspiration in her artwork. She coined the term “suggin” to describe the people of the region. She had several shows throughout the South as well as in New York and D.C.

FAST FACTS: The two worst floods in Arkansas's history are the Flood of 1927 and the Flood of 1937. The Flood of 1937 was the subject of Johnny Cash's 1959 song “Five Feet High and Rising.”

ENGAGE: While we are practicing social distancing there are some activities that we can't do- like go to a ball game or visit a museum. What are some activities that you miss? _____

EXPLORE: Take a closer look at the painting. What do you notice at first glance?

What activities are still going on even though it is flooded? _____

VOCABULARY: Suggin (soo-gin)- term used playfully and lovingly to mean “a somewhat uncouth and unsophisticated person living in a rural area or small town along the White River.”

Frameworks: R.1.VAA.4, R.2.VAA.2

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