

Artist: Meaning of life is 'seeing'

By Anita Stork

"The meaning of life is to see, really see," according to Frederick Franck, speaking on the "Zen of Seeing."

Appearing in the Nebraska Union Ballroom Wednesday, Franck's talk was part of the Symposium on the Wisdom of the West, sponsored by Union Program Council's Human Potentials Committee.

"Humans are starved of seeing," Franck said. "We rush around looking at familiar objects but we never experience seeing or life."

Franck, whose drawings and paintings are displayed in permanent collections of museums throughout the United States and abroad, said painting was his way of "seeing."

He said he realized this talent several years ago while conducting a drawing workshop in Australia.

Till it looks back

"I threw away the formal text of what I was going to tell the class," Franck said. "Instead I had them walk through the college grounds and draw a bush or dandelion. I told them to look at the object till it looked back at them."

"When this happens," he said, "you are seeing."

Author of 18 books, the Dutch-born artist moved into a refurbished gin mill near Warwick, New York about 16 years ago. Across the river from the gin mill he built a chapel named "Pacem in Terris," and with the help of a \$2,500 grant from America the Beautiful Fund, it became a year-round arts center in 1973.

Artist is inside

Franck said there is an artist within everyone that is not killed by schooling but "merely shrivels up." He said someone can spend years looking at the world, but not seeing.

"Then suddenly you become immersed with what you see," Franck said. "You become one with the world and the artist within is resuscitated."

The first step to "seeing", Franck said, is to take a walk in the country.

"You should walk alone or with someone you love if you make a pact not to talk," Franck explained. "Ban all thoughts and be all eyes. Otherwise, images will come up in the television screen in your mind. Those thoughts keep you from the here and now and from seeing."

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The International Club luncheon is today at 11:45 a.m. in the Lutheran Chapel, 1510 Q St. Cost is 75 cents for students.

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The Gay Action Group is sponsoring a Gay Coffee-house Dance Sunday at UMHE Commonplace, 333 N. 14th St., from 9 p.m. to midnight.

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The Undergraduate Psychology Organization's last meeting of the semester is tonight at 7 in the Union. Election of new officers is scheduled.

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Because of conflicts, Lambda Tan, the Pre-Medical Technology honorary society, is cancelling its annual tour of three Omaha hospitals.

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A make-up initiation for invited members of the Alpha Lambda Delta freshman honorary society is today at 5 p.m. in Union 216.

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The Union Program Council will interview applicants for the Black Activities chairperson post. Application forms and an interview sign-up sheet are in Union 115.

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J.B. Kinsinger, head of the chemistry division of the National Science Foundation in Washington, D.C., will speak today at 3 p.m. on the relationship between basic research and the economic health of the nation. The session, in Hamilton 104, is open to the public.

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The ASUN Environmental Task Force meeting is tonight at 7 in Union 337.

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UNL Marketing Club is sponsoring a talk by Bob Godfrey, chairman of the Marketing Dept. at the Union Pacific Railroad, today at 3 p.m. in the College of Business Administration auditorium. A "Think Drink" at Duffy's Tavern follows the presentation.



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