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From Nana's Back Porch: The Story of I Drew It Then I Knew It

Hello, this is Nana from my back porch. Thank you for joining me today. You are all artists!

Hello and welcome. I'm Nana and I have a story to tell you today. It is a very true story and it comes straight from my heart. Most of you have heard of our teaching tool I Drew It, Then I Knew It. It is a very catchy phrase, isn't it? I'm not the original author, but I am what I see as a messenger. And this is what happened.

I really like to sit on my back porch. And funny, I can't remember what time of year. If you're not southern, this is season wise, so I don't know what season it was. But it had to be warm enough to come out here. I don't usually sit here in the winter months because it's about 40 degrees and rainy.

I must have been working on art concepts. Even with over 700 video lessons, there is always a need for new lessons. Anyway, I was working away, and into my brain popped this "I Drew It Then I Knew It" as clear as a bell. Now it wasn't a voice, it was an instant recognition and understanding. I wrote it down in my big gray concept book and called my daughter.

She understands and appreciates these suggestions that are a product of my fertile and very active brain. And she was just as supportive and excited by this fun play on words as I was! And she took the ball and ran with it (excuse the football reference here). She took the ball and ran with it in a fabulous advertising blitz to announce our new tool to teach art and education combined.

The concept is so simple. The lesson on George Washington can become really—I'm sorry—it can be a snoozer. All of his battles for the establishment of the new country, dealing with the British armies, wearing his wooden teeth. But if the student draws a pastel painting of our beloved first president, then all the facts, like the battles, speeches, the establishment of the government, armies and navies, printing the money, the court system. My goodness, so much to

remember. But the student does remember taking those pastel chalks and drawing the president as we have seen for years.

How about Gilbert Stuart's portrait? The most famous painting of Washington rescued by Dolly Madison while the British were marching down the street to set the white house on fire. Well, the student gets excited and wants to share all the information that was just discussed while drawing the peaceful face of Washington.

Pastel chalks are an accompanying partner in our lessons, reinforcing those facts in the young and the old minds. Pastels have gone on lessons about moon missions, sailed on the Mayflower, have been on epic journeys to Narnia.

They have stopped by the woods on a snowy evening with Robert Frost. Stood in the afternoon sun at the Roman Colosseum, helped to carve David with our friend Michelangelo, painted the Mona Lisa with DaVinci. Our pastels have been swimming with sharks, fought with Darth Vader, forged trails westward with Lewis and Clark. All these learning experiences because of a stick of colored chalk in eager hands.

I'm a believer. I believe this was laid on my mind and heart during a time, to bring education home again for those who are the best of a child's teacher. Who are the best but the parents? So believe those still small ideas that you get from time to time and let your skills be honed quite simply because you Drew It, Then You Knew It.

Thank you. And I hope that you will go right now and get a chalk pastel and paint something with your child because You ARE an Artist!

Love, Nana.

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"There are no mistakes in chalk pastel art!" - Nana