

## SEND THEM THE TRUTH

(Advice sent to the  
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newsletter)

I remember seeing a baboon looking at me from a glass case in the basement of Picasso's house museum on a back street in Paris. Looking closer I discovered the eyes, nose, and forehead were the front end of a toy truck. The scrap-crafted smirk announced that the creature knew I had been tricked into thinking Picasso's thought, "You can trick your mind into thinking it sees what isn't there." Then his companion scrap fluttered through a window of my mind, "Art is telling a lie in order to tell a truth."



So all of us art-people start our lie with the expletive, "Wow, look at this! Did you notice the way the light smiles through that pastel pink petal,

or ribs the Ko`olau in aged wrinkles?"



Or maybe you want your viewer to think of the injustice of a homeless woman,

or the nostalgia of a rooster scratching  
around a banana shack,

or a child's delight with a frog,

or a building's lovely symmetry.



Whatever you see and want your viewers to see  
or think, do it, catch it, lead them to it,  
for you are their special eyes,  
and when their mind is tickled with your insight,  
they will have delight and want more.

Aloha,  
**Don Johnson**  
President WAG

