

Carol McArdle - New Paintings, New Events, New Techniques, New Website Pages!

Lots of NEW!

August 2011

“Passageway to Paradise” 24” x 10” Acrylic



“Polka Dot Pretty”
14” x 11” Oil on canvas

Hi Everyone,

How's your summer going? Here the kids are back at school already and I am just a few weeks away from going to Colorado early September. Where does time go!?

Creative Techniques

I am having a lot of fun being creative and exploring new techniques on both new and old subjects.

For "Passageway to Paradise" I built up layers of acrylic paint using lots of thick acrylic gel to create texture. I also did some rubbing out and scraffito (scraping back layers) to reveal the colors underneath). I will teach some of these in upcoming workshops.

I have never been able to get excited about painting still lifes -- until now! I am enjoying plein air or 'alla prima' (wet on wet) still lifes.

As always, these are available as a [giclee prints](#), and [embellished giclee prints](#) and of course the originals are available for purchase.



"DM Ranch Oil 16" x 12" Owned by the Town of Fairplay, CO

Colorado Painting Trip 2011

It is almost fall and time for my second trip to Colorado to participate in this year's Plein Air Competition. Yeah! This time I will be staying at the historical DM Ranch which is the where I painted last year's winning piece. The owner's have kindly agreed to let me stay there in exchange for a painting or print.

Take 5 minutes to watch [this Youtube](#) by John Buyer, the owner of DM Ranch. Your soul can't help but be warmed by the beauty and valuable history of this great country.

The painting in CO is Sept. 7 - 10. Each evening there will be an exhibit of the day's work. I hope some of you can come! Call me if you need details Cell (239) 849 4745.

Website Changes

I now have a new main page for my [paintings](#) with links to different



Prints in Living Room

I have my customer's permission (thank you!) to show this photo of her living room wall where she created a beautiful focus point with the 3 giclee prints of my Florida paintings.

categories. Have a look around and if you want painting or two over your sofa, the bed, the kitchen etc. what's stopping you? Perhaps I can help?

Also the Art Prints Catalog is updated with some new pieces. [Go to the download page here.](#)

New - Open Studios

Finally let me mention something I am going to start in October. I plan on doing monthly open studios that you are invited to! You can see my schedule [here](#). I have invited another artist to join me so there will be the work of two of us to view. **I hope you will come, socialize, have a glass of wine and take advantage of special offers, new paintings and even a great line of framing at excellent prices that I have arranged.**



“Tied in a Bunch” Oil 7” x 5”



“A Miami Morning” Oil 8” x 10”



“Tropical beach Hues” Oil 11” x 14”

Here are some paintings for your enjoyment.

I look forward to hearing from you soon,

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