

Carol McArdle Art Newsletter

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Colorado News

What a whirlwind of a wonderful trip to Colorado the last two weeks have been!

It was a very productive "workation" with many days starting at 4:00 a.m. and involving lots of driving, hiking, photographing and plein air painting.

Here is a link for you to check out the NEW page of [Western Paintings](#)

On the right is the painting I did of DM Ranch on the first day of the Fairplay Plein Air Festival. The ranch has 13 historical buildings and is surrounded by beautiful mountains. A river runs through with trout, beaver dams and other wildlife. An otter swam across right in front of me as I sat there painting.

Awards!

I am proud to tell you that this piece won the Southwest Art Award of Excellence, judged by Kimberly Moore,



Marketing Manager of Southwest Art Magazine; and also won the Town of Fairplay's Award of Excellence which means it will be purchased by the town to become a part of their collection and will be used for the poster for next year's Plein Air Festival.

"A
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Tina Darrah is the person who organized the whole event and I cannot say enough about how well she treated us all and how thoughtfully things were planned. I am going to do everything I can to participate in next year's festival which will be even bigger. Many of the participating artists already had friends and relatives who they say will be a part of the next one.

Here is a link to the town of

[**Fairplay's website**](#)

I am sure it will be updated soon with pictures and news about the event so check back to find out more.

What the website is not able to convey is the absolute charm of the town and the incredible history that is preserved in their buildings. The local fare is as trendy as any larger city with much more personal charm and service. It is a place I would highly recommend to visit. I could not even begin to see and appreciate all the wonders and sights of nature on a grand scale and the real history of the West that is there in the two weeks I had.

Another of the three pieces I did at the plein Air Festival, "Windows to a Bygone Time" won the second day's Best Painting award. It is of the Historic Paris Mill, a mining company that was a part of the gold rush at the beginning of the 20th Century all through the West.



"Windows to a Bygone Time" Oil 9" x 12"



"Aspen Patterns" 14" x 11"

Thank You!

This whole trip to Colorado is due to Betsy and Rim Bishop suggesting I use their cabin in exchange for a painting!

Huge thank you to Betsy and Rim!

Their cabin is charming, cosy, comfortable and has every modern amenity you need to feel very comfortable in the middle of nowhere among the mountains, aspen and fir trees. There was even a mother and fawn deer coming through their backyard every day. Keep it in mind for renting when you want to visit there, here's a link to their rental information <http://www.vrbo.com/316236>

Their neighbors, Ann and Ruben Halbower loaned me their car for the 2 weeks, also in exchange for a painting, which turned out to be a graphite drawing of the aspens right outside the cabin's balcony. I put quite a few miles on their vehicle and could not have had a successful trip without it.

Thank you so much Annie and Rubin!

'Season' is Almost Here!

As many of you know, we have two very distinct seasons here in FL due to the influx of people who spend their winters down here but go back north for the summer. That influx is just around the corner and things are gearing up already in the way of shows, workshops, plein air festivals and other events.

Other than our regular Art Walk at the Promenade in Bonita Springs on the last Thursday of every month, the first two little "warm up" shows for the coming season will be;

1. Audubon Country Club, 625 Audubon Blvd. Naples, FL 34110 on October 21st, 10:00 a.m. - 2:30 p.m.

2. November 6th 9:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. at the UU Church of Ft. Myers, 13411 Shire Lane, Fort Myers, FL 33912

I will keep you posted with the schedule of coming events.

Prints for the Holidays

Yes, it really is almost that time! So please start thinking about what prints you want to order for the holidays to make sure that I can get them ordered and shipped to you within plenty of time. These next few



"Garden of The Gods" 9" x 12"

months are going to be busy so I need plenty of time to fill your orders! Thank you!

I look forward to hearing from you and seeing some of you again soon.

Have a beautiful day!

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P.S. Yes I will be painting more of Florida's beautiful 'scapes and wildlife!

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