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# Carol McArdle Art Newsletter

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## Spoonbill Madness!



"Roseate Glow"  
Oil 20" x 16"

*"A  
Painting is  
a Feeling  
Seen"*  
Carol McArdle

All the new paintings in this newsletter are of roseate spoonbills! They are always so pretty! Lighting up anywhere they land with their pink plumage and big beaks, and they always looking like they are smiling. I especially love to see them at sunset time when their pink starts to glow. When the sun is so low in the sky the rays hit everything sideways and often the occasional translucent feather just lights up like neon.

In "Roseate Glow" I added a lot of washes with drips and abstract elements in the

background. The bird's feathers have texture as they are painted with a palette knife.

In the "Spoonbill Splendor 1 and 2" I also used washes and dripping in the background and finished off with an iridescent glaze. You can't really see it in these photos but they actually shimmer, depicting the water at sunset time.

I hope you enjoy these 3 new paintings. All are for sale and prints are available too. Just pick your size and contact me to order.



[“Spoonbill Splendor 1”](#) and [“Spoonbill Splendor 2”](#) Acrylic 18” x 16” and 20” x 16”

## Needs a Good Home - Featured Painting

Here’s another featured painting.

[“Idyllic Afternoon”](#) Oil 24.5” x 20” \$2,600, with this gold frame \$2,750.

I named this painting such because it was! An idyllic afternoon that is. I went to Estero Blvd. near New Pass Bridge, here in Ft. Myers, FL one afternoon and it was a beauty. I took lots of photos of the mangroves,

the big white clouds, the water as it reflected everything and the mud flats that showed because the tide was out.

Back in the studio I played with the photos in Photoshop and ended up with this composition.

Want a closer look? I can email you a higher resolution image if you are interested.



Please feel free to forward this newsletter and share it with your friends! Thank you!

As always, prints are a great choice for those who love art but are on a budget. Click here for the [Art Prints catalog](#). Newest paintings are not included in the catalog yet but they are available in prints.

I look forward to hearing from some of you, seeing some of you and answering any

questions you may have. Call or email anytime.

Best wishes,

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