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The 2nd Annual
Plein Air Festival
June 3-10, 2018

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Boulder *Plein Air* Festival

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Art Making Outside!

The Boulder Plein Air Festival is a week-long celebration of remarkable landscapes, scenic cityscapes, unique workshops, and wonderful events from June 3-10, 2018.

2018 is the second year Open Studios Boulder has organized the Boulder Plein Air Festival (BPAF) and we are excited to offer even more chances for the public to interact with art making as well as opportunities for artists to create art in our amazing town.

BPAF week is filled with exciting events focused at getting people outside to make and enjoy art. We invite the public to join us at one or more of the many events occurring during the festival week. Please feel free to explore and discover *art making outside*, and maybe even try it yourself!

And don't miss the culminating exhibit - all work created during the festival will be on display at Rembrandt Yard Gallery and Event Center on Saturday and Sunday, June 9 and 10.

The featured image for the 2018 BPAF, "View From Coot Lake" was painted by Boulder County artist **Kathleen Reilly** at the inaugural BPAF in 2017.

Commemorative posters and notecards are available at all paint out locations and at the culminating weekend exhibit at Rembrandt Yard Gallery and Event Space.

See more of Kathleen's work at www.KathReilly.com

Basic Plein Air Watercolor Workshop

There is something so special about absorbing the beauty of nature thru painting. You see, feel and connect more deeply when you sit and paint in plein air. This workshop will cover the basics of watercolor and the necessary things to notice and consider when painting the landscape. Come join the fun and enjoy the connection to our beautiful planet.

This workshop is great for the total beginner **and** those with some painting experience and a desire to explore plein air artmaking. Registration for the workshop includes instruction and a complete plein air watercolor materials kit to use during the workshop and keep for future plein air forays!

OFFERED 2 TIMES during the Festival week:

Wednesday, June 6, 9am - 1pm

Blue Cloud Farms

6075 Prospect Rd, Longmont, CO 80503

Thursday, June 7, 9am - 1pm

Coot Lake

6247 63rd St, Longmont, CO 80503

Cost: \$40 for the class +\$20 materials fee

Register online at: www.BoulderPleinAirFest.com

About the instructor

Kathleen Spencer Johns is an award winning painter. Kathleen was born in Schenectady, New York, the fourth of ten children. Her stories of childhood are both humorous and intense. She has two wonderful sons, Curtiss and Kevin Johns. Kathleen has lived and painted in Boulder, Colorado for the last 34 years. You just may stumble upon her in the foothills as she sits joyously painting.



Kathleen is also a highly qualified and dynamic art teacher and runs classes and workshops at The Art Garage in Boulder.

www.kathleenspencerjohns.com

History of *Plein Air*

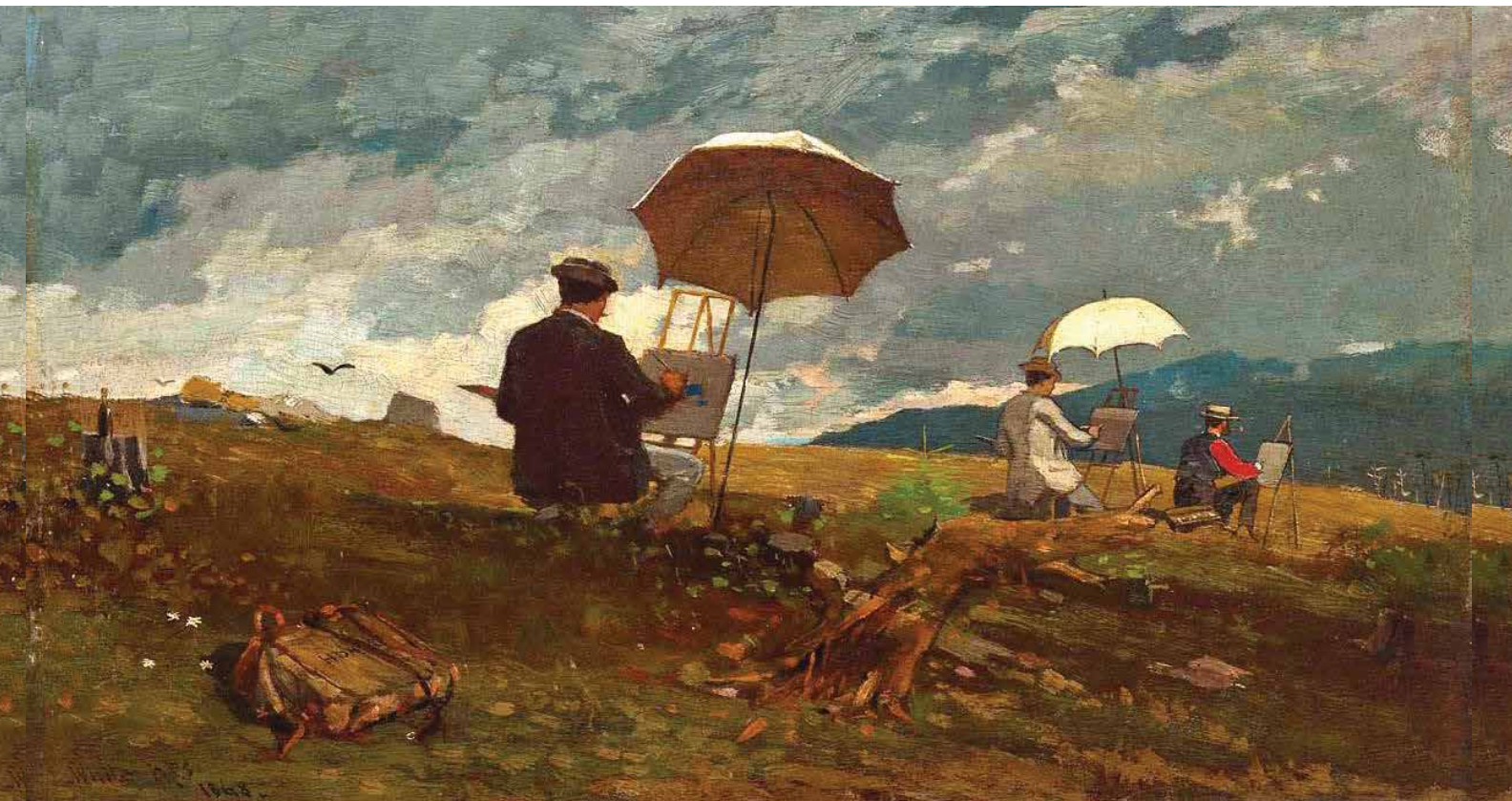
The term “plein air” comes from the French phrase en plein-air which is an idiom that does not translate directly, but simply means “outdoors.” Similarly, in Italian, the phrase is al fresco, and in Spanish it’s al aire libre.

The custom of working outdoors has been practiced for several hundred years, but it was limited to drawing and watercolor painting, as oil paints were not suited for use outside the studio until the early 1840s, when an American artist named John Rand (1801-1873), patented the collapsible soft-metal paint tube, essentially the system we use today. This light-weight, airtight container offered artists easy portability and by collapsing part of the tube with each use, the remaining paint stayed fresh and pliable.

The first painters credited with painting en plein-air in a systematic manner were the French artists of the Barbizon School. Originally a small group of Parisian artists who associated around Théodore Rousseau (1812-1867), they broke with French tradition by rejecting the pre-set conventions of the Academic manner that stressed studio painting, even when painting landscapes. In 1848, Rousseau led the group out of Paris to the Barbizon Forest, where they communed with nature and recorded their experiences by painting en plein air.

Following upon the footsteps of the Barbizon, the French Impressionists became the great popularizers of plein air painting. Their landscapes were distinctive for their natural color and convincing effects of natural light.

Winslow Homer, *Artists Sketching in the White Mountains*, 1868, oil on panel, 24.1 × 40.3 cm



Perhaps like no other artist, the plein air painter is mesmerized by natural light. The passion for light drives them to seek the genuine experience and paint it, regardless of climate, weather or natural impediments. Hence, it is as a plein-air painter that the landscape painter finds the ultimate reason for being, and at the same time, confronts their most rigorous challenge: to capture quickly the brilliant and fluid visual sensation of natural light at a specific time and place while facing the formidable constraint of fleeting natural light.

EARLY PLEIN AIR ART IN BOULDER:

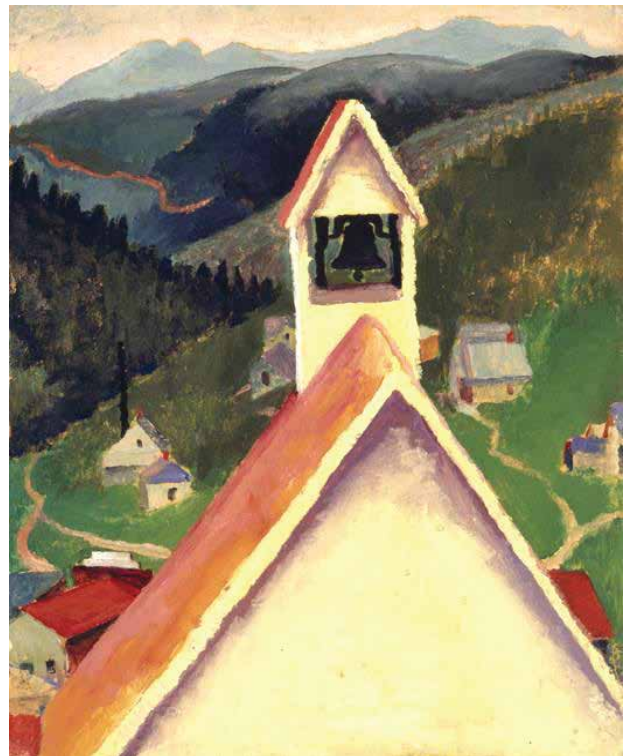
This painting style came to Colorado with the Westward Expansion and news of spectacular Rocky Mountain landscapes. Many noted artists of the eastern United States joined pioneer expeditions to record the grandeur of the new frontier.

Maybe the most famous artist to have painting en plein air in Boulder County was Georgia O'Keeffe, who spent a summer with her sister in Ward. A handwritten note from O'Keeffe to her Ward hostess in November 1917, which is part of the Boulder Historical Society's collection, speaks to the lasting impression Colorado made upon her.

"I just wanted to tell you again that we certainly had a most delightful time in your little cottage," O'Keeffe wrote. "Our trip home took us near Old Santa Fe New Mexico and we stopped there. I had never seen anything like it. The adobe houses were so quaint and funny. I couldn't decide whether I like Santa Fe or Ward best."

Noted artist Birger Sandzen (1894-1954) spent many summers living and painting in and around Boulder. He painted mountains and plains, and his work was exhibited at Chautauqua in 1939. Sandzen spoke at the Community House that year and declared, "Colorado is an artist's paradise. Material is so abundant here that it is fairly bewildering. It is the greatest sketching ground in the world."

This tradition continues today as artists all over the country come to Boulder to explore and capture the remarkable landscapes, charming towns, and scenic vistas this area is known for.



Georgia O'Keeffe, *Church Bell, Ward Colorado*, 1917, oil on board

Public *Paint Outs*

Artists from the community are welcome to participate in any of our 6 Public Paint Outs during the festival week at scenic spots in various locations in Boulder County. Daily registration includes a boxed lunch, on site hospitality with snacks, water, sunscreen, spot sitting for restroom breaks, a shady spot to sit and relax. In addition, registered paint out participants will be able to exhibit their art at the BPAF weekend exhibit at Rembrandt Yard Gallery in downtown Boulder and are eligible for select awards. Winner of the "Best Community" piece will get an automatic entry into the BPAF 2019 as a juried artist.

Register for 1 paint out: \$35/person

Register for 3 or more paint outs: \$25/paint out/person

Quick Draw Competition

Community artists are also welcome to join us at the exciting Quick Draw on the Pearl Street Pedestrian Mall! Registered participants for the fast paced, 2 hour quick draw competition are eligible for the quick draw award and show their art at the BPAF weekend exhibit at Rembrandt Yard Gallery in downtown Boulder.

Register for Quick Draw: \$25/person

Registration available at each Paint Out and our website:

www.BoulderPleinAirFest.com/PublicPaintOut



Monday, June 4, 2018

8:30am - 1:30pm

Wonderland Lake Paint Out



Monday, June 4, 2018

3pm - 8pm

Columbia Cemetery Paint Out

Public *Paint Outs*

Tuesday, June 5, 2018
9am - 12:30pm
(painting between 10am - 12pm)
Quick Draw on the Pearl Street Mall



Tuesday, June 5, 2018
3pm - 8pm
Ward Paint Out



Wednesday, June 6, 2018
8:30am - 1:30pm
Blue Cloud Farms Paint Out



Thursday, June 7, 2018
8:30am - 1:30 pm
Coot Lake Paint Out



Thursday, June 7, 2018
3pm - 8pm
Downtown Longmont Paint Out



Schedule of *Festival Events*

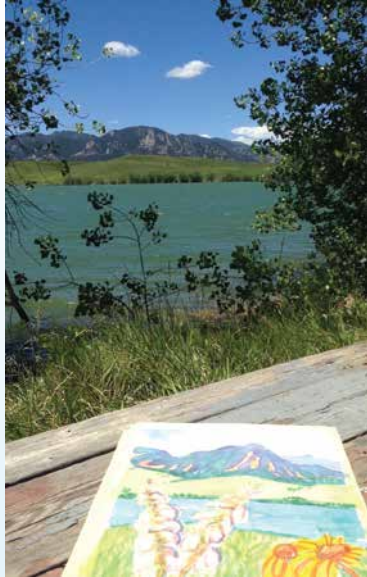


Photo by Virginia Vovchuk

The public is welcome at all BPAF events. Come watch artists at work, cheer on your favorite, or try your hand at creating art outside at one of our workshops!

Don't miss the BPAF Exhibit at Rembrandt Yard Gallery and Event Center in downtown Boulder at the end of the festival week.

Rembrandt Yard
13010 Spruce St, Boulder, CO 80302

Sunday, June 3



1pm - 4pm

Rayback Collective
2775 Valmont Rd, Boulder, CO 80304

Juried Artist Check-In

Community Artist Registration for Paint Outs

Juried Artists check-in, stamp-in substrates, and pick up artist goodie bag. Community artists wishing to participate in the Public Paint Outs can pre-register at Check-In for any of the Paint Outs offered during the Fest week.

Monday, June 4

8:30am - 1:30pm

Wonderland Lake Park
Corner of Poplar St. and Quince Cir.
Boulder, CO 80304

Wonderland Lake Paint Out

Join us for a paint out at scenic Wonderland Lake, enjoy views of the foothills, the lake, hiking trails, and the rolling green of the park grounds.

Registered artists can display art at the BPAF exhibit at Rembrandt Yard, are eligible for awards; includes boxed lunch, on site hospitality, and spot sitting during the paint out.



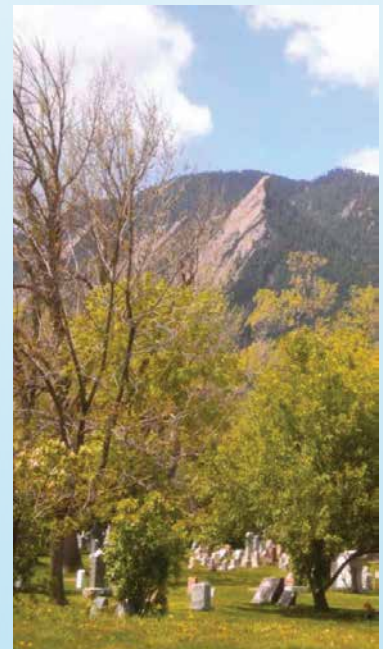
3pm - 8pm

Columbia Cemetery
1201 9th Street, Boulder, CO 80302

Columbia Cemetery Paint Out

Join us for a paint out at the beautiful and historic Columbia Cemetery. The cemetery is a virtual "Who's Who" of early Boulder--a historic, cultural, and artistic resource containing the remains of many of our city's founders and pioneers.

Registered artists can display art at the BPAF exhibit at Rembrandt Yard, are eligible for awards; includes boxed meal, on site hospitality, and spot sitting during the paint out.



Tuesday, June 5



9am - 12:30pm

***Painting hours - 10am - 12pm**

Pearl Street Pedestrian Mall

1325 Pearl St, Boulder, CO 80302

Quick Draw Competition

Join us for an exciting morning of painting against the clock! During the quick paint competition, artists are given just 2 hours to create a piece. Art is juried and awards are given on site immediately following the 2 hour painting window. Registration includes on site hospitality and eligibility for the Quick Paint Award. Registered artists can also display their art at the BPAF exhibit at Rembrandt Yard Gallery.



3pm - 8pm

Glass Tipi Gallery

55 Utica St, Ward, CO 80481

Ward Paint Out

Paint in the same location Georgia O'Keefe lived and painted in the early 1900s! Join us for a paint out in the charming mountain town of Ward, CO. Registered artists can display art at the BPAF exhibit at Rembrandt Yard, are eligible for awards; includes boxed meal, on site hospitality, and spot sitting during the paint out.

BPAF hospitality will be based at *The Glass Tipi Gallery*, 55 Utica St, Ward, CO 80481

Wednesday, June 6

8:30am - 1:30pm

Blue Cloud Farms

6075 Prospect Rd, Longmont, CO 80503

Blue Cloud Farms Paint Out

Join us for a paint out at scenic Blue Cloud Horse Farms during the 2nd Annual Boulder Plein Air Festival. Feast your eyes and get your paint brushes and drawing tools ready to capture the amazing views of the foothills and plains, the 100+ year-old barn, or the horses who call Blue Cloud home. Registered artists can display art at the BPAF exhibit at Rembrandt Yard, are eligible for awards; includes lunch (hot off the grill!), on site hospitality, and spot sitting during the paint out.

**Plein Air Watercolor Workshop offered from 9am - 1pm.*



4pm - 8pm

Boulder County Farmers Market

13th St, Boulder, CO 80302

Farmers Market Paint Out

Watch your favorite juried artists paint on site at one of the countries best farmers markets! The Wednesday evening market is a great place to grab fresh groceries, then grab dinner from the food court and sit in the park, enjoying the sights, the people, the art, all in the heart of Boulder!

**This paint out is open to juried artist participation only.*



Thursday, June 7



8:30am - 1:30pm

Coot Lake

6247 63rd St, Longmont, CO 80503

Coot Lake Paint Out

Join us for a paint out at scenic Coot Lake, just east of the Boulder Reservoir. Coot Lake is a scenic natural area with fishing, trails and wildlife viewing opportunities. Registered artists can display art at the BPAF exhibit at Rembrandt Yard, are eligible for awards; includes boxed lunch, on site hospitality, and spot sitting during the paint out.

***Plein Air Watercolor Workshop offered from 9am - 1pm.**



3pm - 8pm

Saint Stephen's Plaza

500 Main St, Longmont, CO 80501

(SE corner of 5th & Main)

Downtown Longmont Paint Out

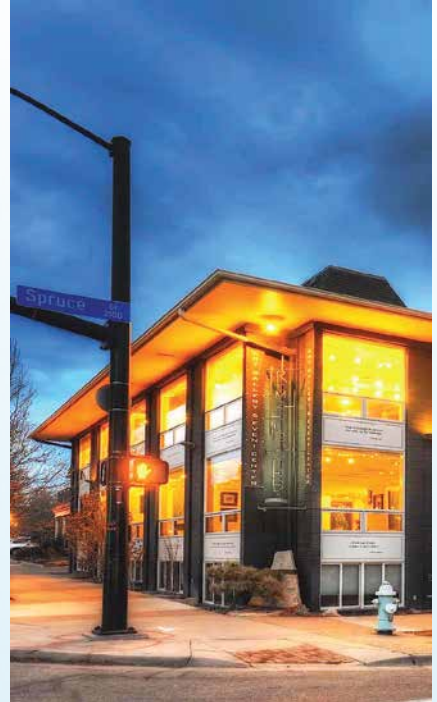
Join us for a Paint Out in Downtown Longmont during the 2nd Annual Boulder Plein Air Festival. Enjoy the quaint and historic downtown area with it's copious brick building facades, charming pedestrian alleyways, and unique local businesses. Registered artists can display art at the BPAF exhibit at Rembrandt Yard, are eligible for awards; includes boxed lunch, on site hospitality, and spot sitting during the paint out.

Friday, June 8

6pm - 9pm
Rembrandt Yard Gallery & Event Center
1301 Spruce St, Boulder, CO 80302

2018 BPAF Exhibit Reception

Be the first to see all the work created during the festival week! Festival awards will be announced during the reception. Beer, wine and light hors d'oeuvres will be served. Open to the public.



**The NoBo Art District congratulates
Open Studios on bringing the
2nd Annual Boulder Plein Air Festival
to our community!**

The Mission of the NoBo Art District is to enrich and advance the arts in Boulder through educational activities and engagement that promote the role of artists and creatives in our community. NoBo is proud to be Boulder's official Creative District.

NoBo creates:

- A dynamic, supportive environment for artists by sponsoring First Friday events,
- A sense of community through projects in our neighborhoods, and
- Opportunities for artists to exhibit, collaborate on public art projects and more.

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Saturday & Sunday, June 9 & 10



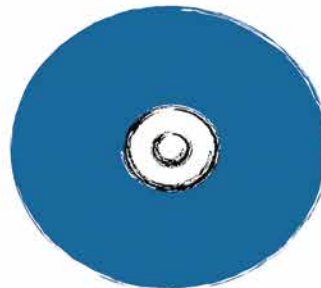
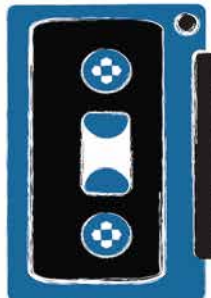
10am - 6pm

Rembrandt Yard Gallery & Event Center
1301 Spruce St, Boulder, CO 80302

2018 Boulder Plein Air Festival Exhibit

All the work created during the festival week will be on display for two days only.
Be sure to visit Rembrandt Yard Gallery for the culminating festival exhibit.
Open to the public.

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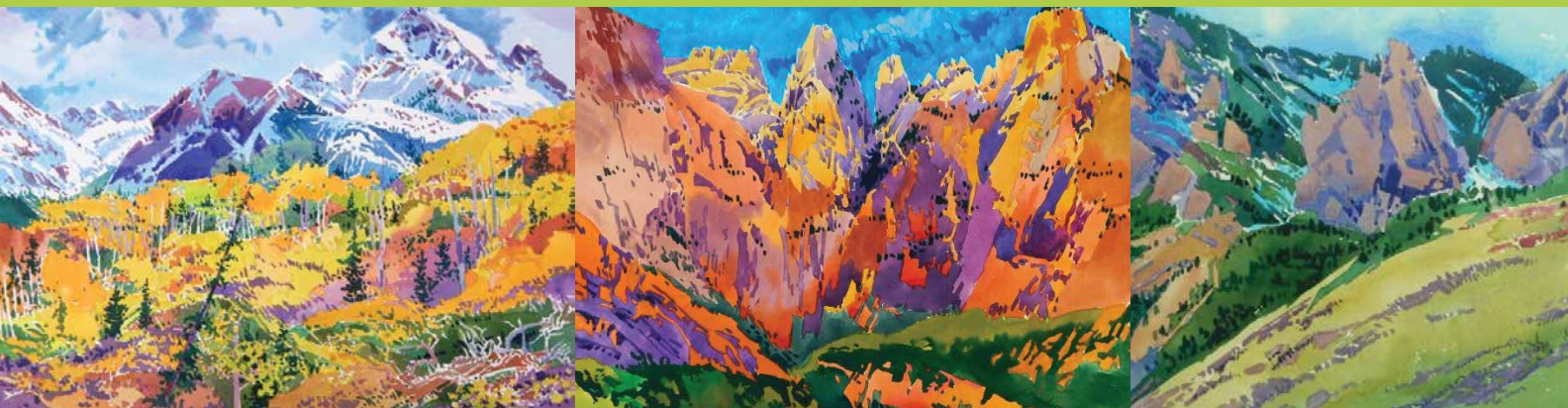
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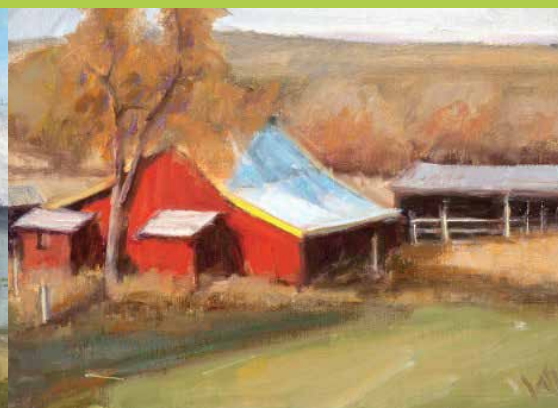
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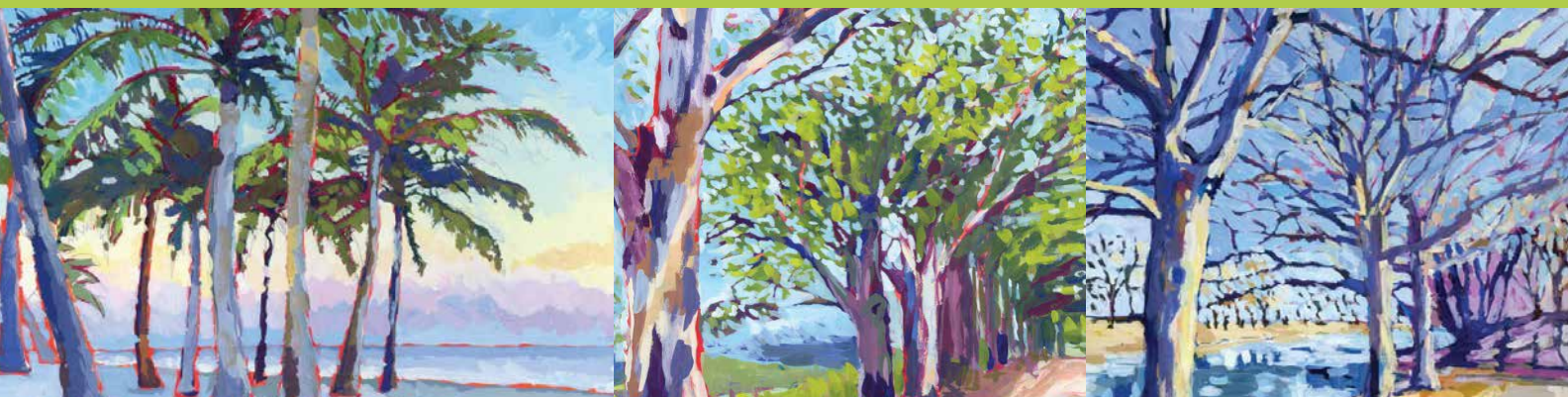
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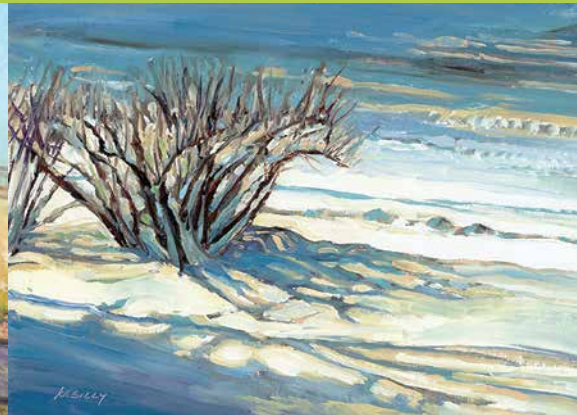
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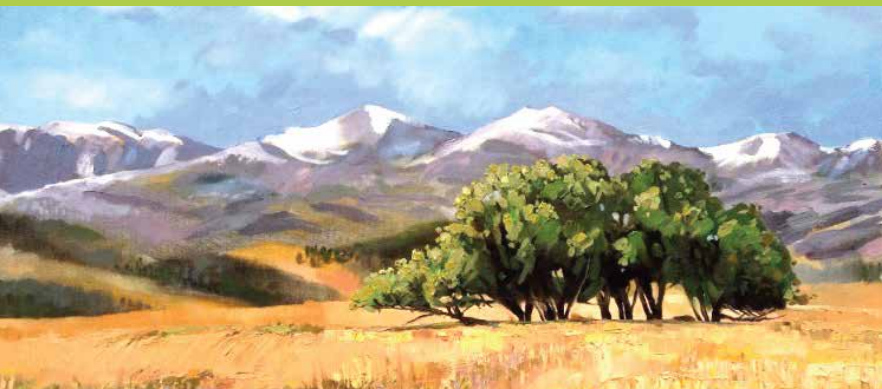
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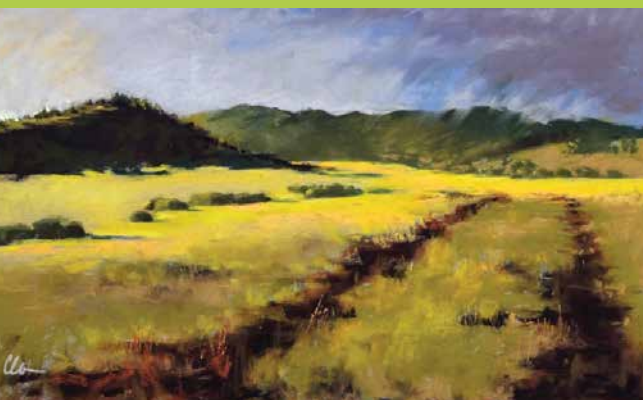
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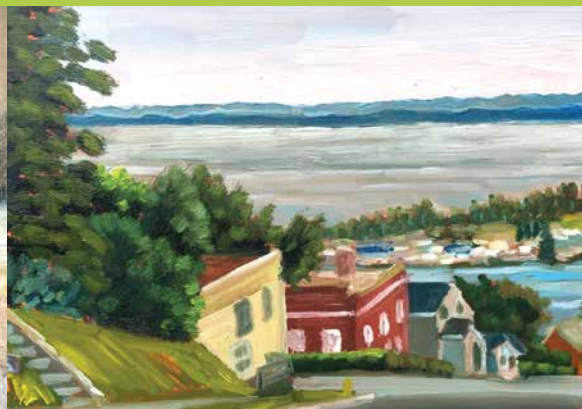
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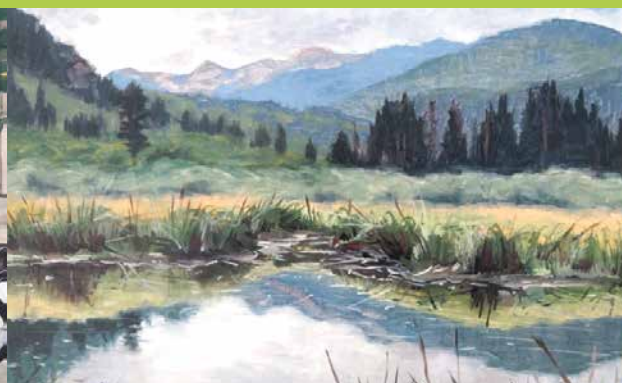
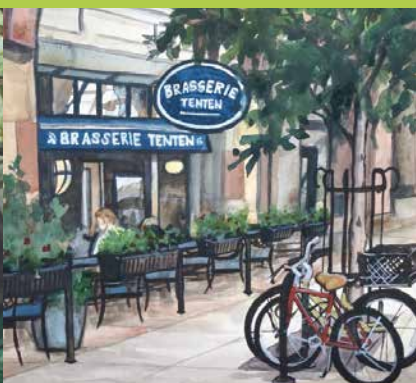
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