

Newsletter

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Featured Art: Plein Air

Sunset Art Gallery is pleased to feature for the month of June 2009 a display of beautiful plein air art. These fine paintings are the work of various artists represented in the gallery. You are invited to join us for our First Friday Artwalk on June 5, 2009 from 5 - 9 p.m. as we celebrate this wonderful work and recognize the artists whose talent produced it.

Plein air, meaning "open air", is mainly used to describe paintings that have actually been produced out of doors on location. In the early 1800's English painters Bonington and Constable were first to take up mainly plein air painting with Constable influencing the French Barbizon school of landscapists. Plein air painting became more popular with the development of light weight painting equipment and materials.

Among the artists represented in the gallery who engage in plein air painting is Guido Frick. Guido, a very passionate artist, believes that "nature alone should be the studio for impressionists". Having shown his work in many countries, being a published artist and winner of the Prix de Salon of Fontainebleau-Paris, Guido's reputation is global. From Western Sunset to Palo Duro Canyon, from Poppy Fields in Italy to Old Barn in Switzerland we are pleased to show these and more plein air works of Guido.

Artist Bonnie Williams has a national reputation for pastel art. She was recently lime lighted by placing second in New York's prestigious 2008 National Show for Pastel Society of America. You can view a display of her plein air works in the gallery. These are beautiful pastels that reveal her award winning talent.

Wes Hyde is another highly talented plein air artist represented in our gallery. He is a founding and signature member of Plein Air Artists of Colorado, signature member of Plein Air Painters of New Mexico, recipient of numerous invitations to plein air events throughout Colorado, New Mexico and Texas and featured in articles in the Western Art Collector, American Art Collector and Mountain Living Magazine to name a few. Wes's art conveys the emotion he is experiencing on location in a subtle yet noticeable style.

Bud Heiss excels in realism. Because of this his plein air paintings are breathtaking. He always attempts to show the world as he sees it.

He was able to do this while in college after achieving a high level of realism. When viewing Bud's work you are seeing what Bud sees.

Award winning artist Cecy Turner has been painting and teaching for the past thirty five years. She is a signature member of the Outdoor Painter's Society, Plein Air Artists Colorado, Texas and Neighbors and numerous other professional art organizations. "I try to capture the moment in time that I felt when I experienced the subject." This is one of Cecy's goals for her work to achieve. Whether a peaceful lake, thundering falls, aspens in the Rockies or an emotion provoking sunset, Cecy's paintings have exceeded her goal.

See these and other works of fine art by our talented artists and experience being where they were through their art.

New Works in the Gallery

Our artists will have several new plein air paintings in the gallery for our June display.

Thank You Art Lovers! Sunset Art Gallery has been voted the best art gallery in Amarillo. We are pleased to offer to you the quality of fine art that you are looking for and enjoy. We are equally pleased to support and participate in art events, such as the First Friday Artwalk, which offers art lovers a delightful opportunity to view new works and meet some of our wonderful artists.

Upcoming Events

During the month of July 2009 we will be featuring a display of fine art by Taos, N.M. artist Richard Alan Nichols. With degrees in both Fine Art and Commercial Art his skill is impressive. A reception for Richard Alan Nichols will take place during our First Friday Artwalk July 3, 2009 from 5 - 9 p.m. You are invited to join us and meet this talented artist

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