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Celebrating Oil Painting

JACKSON • Mountain Trails Gallery hosts the Oil Painters of America Western Regional Show this month. The show is a juried exhibition showcasing representational oil paintings, with jurors selecting works that show the highest quality in draftsmanship, color sense, and composition, while also choosing pieces based on their diversity in style and subject matter. The opening reception takes place October 9 from 4 p.m. to 8 p.m., and



▲ DAFFODIL HOPE BY BETTY NANCE SMITH

the show remains up until November 10. Awards total \$11,500, with a \$4,000 Best of Show.

A number of esteemed artists submitted works to the show. Betty Nance Smith is known for her still-life paintings of flora, fruits, and vegetables as well as her sensitive portrayals of children. Sharon Markwardt found a new sense of courage and boldness as an artist after she was thrown from her horse. She ventured into oils and uses this new courage to express the joy of painting. Jerolyn Dirks has lived and painted for over 20 years on a farm in Bozeman, MT, and her works express her relationship with her home. Donna Wise spends her retirement painting every day and enjoys plein-air painting.

Connie Johnson seeks to capture the hard-working, honest lifestyle of the modern American cowboy. Steve Henderson works out of Dayton, WA, where



▲ AND BABY MAKES THREE BY CAROL KELLEY

he owns a gallery with his wife, Carolyn. The brightly colored impressionistic still lifes of **Tricia May** show her particular interest in aspen and birch trees. **Kelly Beach** traded a career in medicine for a career as an artist and enjoys painting the surroundings of her home in Sun Valley, ID. **Martha Putnam** began her career as a photographer but soon discovered a passion for painting animals, especially dogs. **Jonathan Frank** expresses his attachment to the red rocks of the desert by painting locations around his home in southern Utah.

Through her passion for rock and ice climbing, Peggy Immel discovered nature and adventure as a focus for her landscapes. Rita Roberts draws her artistic inspiration from the Rio Grande, which lies less than a mile from her home. Linda Nearon has enjoyed a lifetime of awards and exhibitions as a professional artist in San Francisco's East Bay area. Carol Kelley is a realistic oil painter known for her southwestern still lifes, burros, and figures. Barbara Fracchia grew up in a family of artists and today paints both landscapes and figures.

For more information about the OPA Western Regional Show: 815.356.5987 or www.oilpaintersofamerica.com.



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Ceilings Unlimited Aeromotive Art

Jonathan Frank

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Exposé, 14" x 18", Oil on Canvas

Steve Henderson

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California Street, 20" x 16", Oil on Linen

Barbara Fracchia

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Dusting on the Sangres, 14" x 16", Oil

Rita Roberts - OPA

Gallery at the Windsor

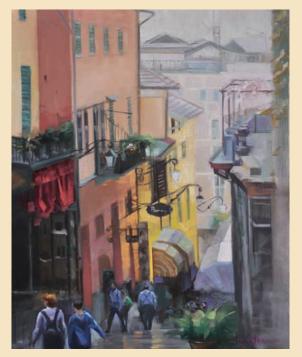
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Bellagio, 18" x 24", Oil Painting

Linda Nearon

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Fall at Snow Creek, Oil

Kelly Beach Gaia Studios and Gallery

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Autumn in Crestone, 11" x 14", Oil

Peggy Immel Wilder Nightingale Fine Art

119-A Kit Carson Road, Taos, NM 87571

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Splendor #2, 30" x 30", Oil

Tricia May

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Pansies in a Handpainted Vase, 20" x 24", Oil on Canvas

Donna Wise Aspen Glen Studio 10 Wallace Road, Clancy, MT 59634 406-933-5657



Country Girl, 48" x 24", \$2,900

Sharon Markwardt

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Favorite Cheese, 24" x 30", Oil

Betty Nance Smith - OPA The Gallery Collection

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September Song, 12" x 24", Oil on Canvas

Carol Kelley Houshang's Gallery

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