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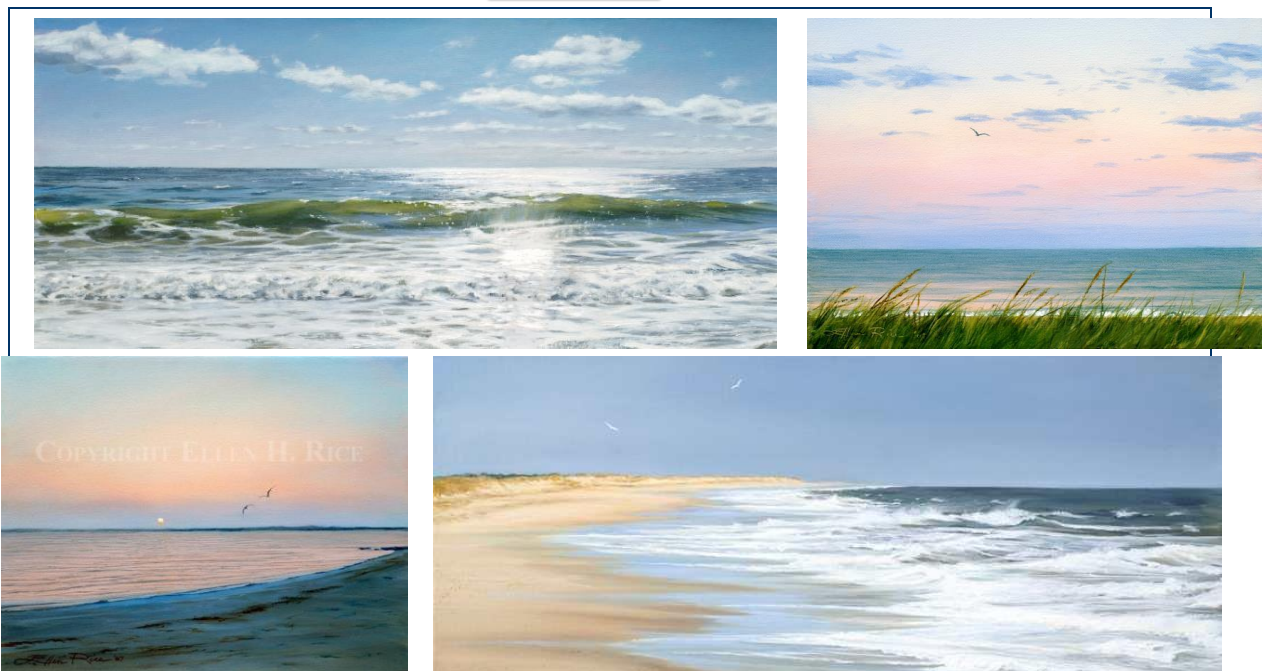
**Subject:** Gallery events, Marriott exhibit, new paintings, blog, my hours

**Preheader:** There's something happening almost every weekend this fall

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*Above are four of six of my paintings now gracing the ballroom of Bethany Beach Oceanside Suites, an oceanfront Marriott Residence Inn. The other two pieces in the ballroom/conference room are **Night Settles over Fenwick** and **Seclusion**.*

Dear

The best time of year at the beach is here. The weather is wonderful, the bluefin crabs are bigger and tastier, and the roads are easy to get around on again.

I love seeing old friends from my gallery's almost 19 years during the season, but have to admit to a big sigh of relief once Labor Day is past. I'm starting up a series of events this weekend in celebration of the fall season and in case you're taking advantage of this great time of year at the shore, you and your's are invited.

- **This Saturday, Sept. 16th**, our first event brings the return of miniature artist Ann Cooper, who will debut a special series of lanterns with lighted scenes in them that she's

designed to feature my artwork and local elements in miniature. These are an exclusive to my gallery. You can read more about Ann and see pics of these lanterns on [my blog](#).

- **On Saturday, the 23rd**, I'll debut two new paintings. Look for a couple of them in progress over the next week on my website's [Paintings in Progress](#) slideshow page. If you want to own one of my originals without going through the commission process, this is the place where you'll see them and can speak for them first.
- **On Saturday, the 30th**, professional Glass Slipper Concierge travel advisor Duane Whitman will present "How to have fun *while relaxing* at Walt Disney World." Relaxing is the key word. Duane coordinates many multi-generational vacations for families and still manages to help make their vacations relaxing. You can read more about Duane and [reviews from clients he's helped here](#).
- **On Saturday, Oct. 7th**, I will speak about the Women series in hourly segments throughout the day, answer questions and show a few of the "scribbles" I jotted down after "seeing" several of these pieces during prayer.
- The following weeks' events will be announced as we get toward October.
- **On Thanksgiving weekend**, Friday and Saturday, Nov. 24 and 25, the [23rd Annual SouthEastern Delaware Artists Studio Tour](#) will take place showcasing the works of local artists and artisans, some internationally collected, in their studios and galleries. I am preparing to introduce volume VIII of my Woman Series that Friday, along with some light hearted and light-filled smaller local water scenes. I don't like to talk much about my women pieces in advance, but I will say this, that this one is especially lighthearted. I hope its message spreads.

A collector of my [Strength of Woman Series](#) asked me recently to end the series so he could have a full collection at this point. I thought seriously about it because he's such an intelligent, caring gentleman and a serious collector of my work, but I cannot end the series here. The painting ideas are given to me as complete visions to be put out there where others can grasp their messages. So another has been started.

Now that my new website is developed I'm painting more consistently and writing seriously. My heart is with the Strength of Woman series and I began number VIII in earnest today. I also began writing the book about why and how the series and all my other work came into being.

I've put it off for a long time. The story isn't easy to tell, but if it helps one person, I know it is worth telling. If you'd like to be updated or to be put on a list of consultation friends as I go through this process, please reply to this email.

I was encouraged in my writing today by a story written by [Jason Horejs, owner of Xanadu Gallery](#), titled

*"Persistence - How We Overcame the Odds and Critical Challenges to Build a Successful Art Business."* The story made me realize there's no shame in struggling against difficult odds, even some failures, that there are always lessons to be learned and that persistence will win out, though not always in the way you believe it will.

That's a good message for anyone in any career.

