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*Ann Cooper will show and sell her miniature creations in a gallery for the very first time this weekend at the Ellen Rice Gallery's new location in Ocean View on Saturday. Everyone's invited!*

Hi

It's taken an incredible amount of time and effort, but my new gallery location is finally coming together. It's my home away from home, and like a home, there will always be things to do, new ideas, improvements, new paintings and artisan's handmade wares, but The Ellen Rice Gallery is now open and I'm hosting my first guest artist this Saturday.

My own work took a back seat during the move, but it, too is progressing well and a 60"

tall x 36" wide ocean sunrise I've been working on literally for years will make its debut in coming weeks at the kickoff of the gallery's Grand Opening celebration. My next email will tell you more. I'm looking forward to showing it and a few smaller oils to you with some excitement.

This weekend, part-time Bear Trap resident Ann Cooper takes center stage as the Ellen Rice Gallery's first guest artist in its new location (2.2 miles inland from Bethany Beach on Rt. 26 across from Lord Baltimore Elementary School).

She'll talk about her inspirations and work with you and your loved ones to create "Darling Displays" for your home this Saturday from 10 a.m. to noon and from 1 to 5 p.m. There's ample free parking, and light refreshments will be served.

I was warmed and impressed by Ann's story and her work. I hope you will be, too. Each piece draws you in. I can imagine any child and anyone young at heart will be captivated by Ann's creations.

If you'd like to read more about Ann and her miniatures, here's a [Cape Gazette article](#) about her that just came out.

Ann's exhibit will be in the main showroom of The Ellen Rice Gallery. The entrance is in the front through the enclosed porch. Everyone is invited to meet Ann, enjoy entering her entrancing "Happy Worlds" and explore my beautiful new gallery setting.

Looking forward to seeing you soon,



*Ann puts more than a little magic and wonder into each miniature display.*



*A lantern becomes a cozy home for a chair, table and a Golden Retriever in one of Ann's many "Happy Worlds" that will be on exhibit this Saturday starting at 10 a.m.*

*Alan*