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**Subject:** Puppy love and 'The Best of Friends'

**Preheader:** A happy Golden is coming to life in 'Running Free' and 'The Best of Friends' is out in print today!

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Hi, just a reminder that you're receiving this email because you have expressed an interest in The Ellen Rice Gallery. Don't forget to add ellenrice@mchsi.com to your address book so we'll be sure to land in your inbox!

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*"When Running Free is finished I hope you'll feel like you can hear the sound of paws splashing in the surf and feel warm breath in your face," says Ellen of the 11" x 14" oil painting she's now working on in her gallery's studio.*

Dear

This is a short note to let you know I'll be in my Bethany gallery tomorrow, Saturday, April 23, from 2 to 4 p.m., signing prints of my newest *Children by the Sea Series* painting, "*The Best of Friends*" (below).

[Prints](#) became available online today in sizes ranging from the 16" x 20" original down to a "mini" that will fit in an 8" x 10" frame. And the answer to a question I'm getting is yes, I can tint the hair of the children in the prints, but only on the canvas prints.

My next painting to go in print will be "*Running Free*," shown above at about the halfway point. It's just starting to come to life and makes me smile as I work.

I'm working from an old photo from the days when my then young family used to watch Golden Retrievers and other retrievers fetching balls and sticks and playing in the surf in our state parks. I'm not doing this painting for a particular person; it just makes me happy to paint it. If you're interested in owning "*Running Free*" when it's completed, reach out to me by replying to this email or stopping in tomorrow.

Below is the final print image of another kind of best friend in "*The Best of Friends*," the sixth painting in my ongoing *Children by the Sea Series*.



It took a lot of proofs to match the colors of the original because of the many translucent glazes I painted to capture the effect of the late afternoon sun being reflected on the beach, children and water. Some of those one-of-a-kind proofs will be available in the gallery tomorrow.

When I have enough images painted for the Children series (I'm thinking 12), the series will serve as the foundation of a line of greeting cards illustrating the healing joy of looking at life from a childlike perspective. I'm still accepting photo submissions for consideration.

If you'd like to talk to me, I'm trying to be in the gallery every Saturday afternoon, so please feel free to stop in and talk to me then or email me for an appointment. The light in my home studio is it's best this time of year for working on larger pieces, so I'm not in the gallery studio space all the time.

**A special note:**

John Pollard's performance last weekend was cancelled, but this talented singer, songwriter, guitarist, recording artist and Cole Younger Band founder John Pollard will be back in May. The weather should be good enough by then for an outdoor or at the very least open door performance! Stay tuned for more info!



*John performs a special request at the Ellen Rice Gallery gallery.*

It looks like we've finally turned a corner on the weather and spring is here. It's glorious at the beach today and the flowers blooming throughout town are a sight to behold!

If you're in the area, join us! Enjoy the pleasant temps, less crowded beach and easier parking while they last. It will be summer soon!