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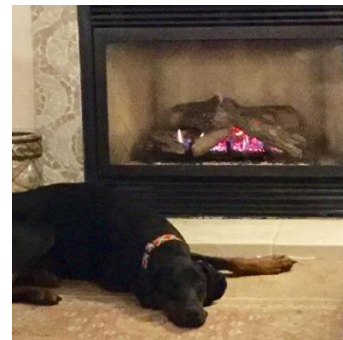


Dear Chris,

Note: The email I sent at noon had an incorrect link attached to the photo above. If you clicked it you got a security error message. I apologize. I left the "s" (for security) off of <https://www.ellenrice.gallery>. It makes a difference! No worries. It's corrected above and takes you to my secure website.

I'm writing to let those of you outside of this area know that things are still pretty socked in with snow, ice, drifts, stiff breezes and super freezing temperatures here in coastal Sussex County, particularly the southernmost part.

My gallery has been closed since the start of the storm and it won't be open today, Saturday, Jan. 6. I'm not sure about tomorrow. Please call ahead at (302) 539-3405 if you think you might want to stop by tomorrow. Although this storm is far from the worst I've seen here, it's taking a long time for the snow plows to get around. Drifting snow is making them go back over areas they've already plowed.



If you're planning a trip to the shore to check things out, I think I'd wait until later in the week when temperatures are predicted to reach 58 degrees!

Duane can't get out of his driveway near Millsboro and my development a mile from the beach hasn't been touched by a snow plow. I'm here nursing pipes that want to freeze and at this point, I'm waiting it out until the thaw starts on Monday. I'm not shoveling that drive (invisible in foreground of pic below). Even my dogs don't want to go out in these sub-freezing temps -- though goofy boy Gaby at right doesn't seem to mind sitting in the cold stuff....



Historically after a good snow, it's taken the state four days to get its plows to smaller developments like mine. After all the recent building, I have no idea how long it will take for them to get here this time. It's hard for Delaware to budget for snow downstate since we often don't have much.

The photo at the top of this page is a screenshot of Bethany's bandstand webcam. You can see this and three other live views downtown by clicking the link below. Hit Next or Previous to go to the other views.

[Bethany boardwalk webcam](#)

If you're like me, you'd just as soon stay indoors and warm when it's this bone chilling cold outside. Stay safe whatever you do this first week of 2018.



Putting the hot cocoa on the stove in Ocean View, Delaware, and wishing you the best ~

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'Alan'.

PS - For those of you watching for my next small original oil painting, you should get an email from me with an image next week. Another larger painting may be ready to show you the following week. You can check what I'm working on by going to [Paintings in Progress](#) on my website. The third painting down is the one that is getting finishing touches (highlights and lowlights) and a signature today. I'm thinking of calling it Tranquility. What do you think?

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From the coast, the gallery is just past its first location on Rt. 26, 2.2 miles west of Coastal Highway in the former Kool Bean building, kitty cornered across from Lord Baltimore Elementary School. Please slow down as you pass the old Country Wicker building on the right. The gallery, then parking entrance, is immediately after the marsh.

The entrance comes up quickly.

From the west traveling east on Rt. 26, 2.3 miles west of Bethany Beach, slow down and get in the left turn (middle) lane when you reach Lord Baltimore Elementary School. The gallery and its entrance are on your left in the same plaza as Coastal Point, Edward Jones and other businesses.

Ample free parking.



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