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Subject: A grand painting for our Grand Opening this Saturday

Preheader: Debut at 10, live music, wine & cheese begins at 1



Light overpowers darkness and fills the world with color
in Ellen Rice's oil painting
Reawakening

Original available as of this writing

Dear

For 10 years off and on I have worked on a painting that is almost as tall as I am, endeavoring to capture a beautiful moment that to me is symbolic of so much more than a glorious sunrise. It will debut Saturday morning at the beginning of my new location's Grand Opening and you and yours are invited.

Physically, *Reawakening* is a 60" x 36" oil portrayal of the interplay of light and color on clouds and water on the north side of Indian River Inlet at sunrise. On a deeper level, this painting is a reminder to me and I hope to others of how light and love always overpower darkness and that darkness in truth has no ability to overpower light. Whatever light touches is bathed in resplendent beauty; you don't have to be able to see the sun to know it's there.

Reawakening's official debut and the release of limited edition prints at debut prices (see below) is this Saturday, July 15, at 10 a.m., officially kicking off the Grand Opening of my new gallery in Ocean View. I hope you will join me. Live music will start at 1 p.m.



If you're in town now and won't be over the weekend, you are welcome to come see Reawakening and if you desire order a print beforehand at the debut prices.

You can call in, but I hope you get to actually see the original while it's here. I never know how long a painting will be with me. The prints are excellent, but there's something indefinably special about viewing an original, brush strokes, brush hairs and all. It's something I like to do when traveling. This one is so new you can still smell the paint drying.

If you haven't visited my new gallery yet, I'd love for you to see it, all the space for moving around and viewing at a distance, the quiet, relaxed environment with ample room to show off all our artisans' works, the natural light coming in from windows all around ~ and this weekend is a great time to visit.

During Saturday's Grand Opening festivities, I'll be in the gallery from 10 a.m. to noon and from 1 to 5 p.m. greeting visitors, signing and personalizing prints if desired and listening to our second guest artist of the season perform throughout the afternoon. Now that we've got ample, free parking again, I hope to see a lot of familiar faces!



Elevating the level of sunshine in the gallery from 1 to 5 p.m. will be talented musician, friend and recording artist John Pollard, who will perform some of his most popular regional favorites from the local album he created featuring his song, *My Bethany*, songs from five other albums and take special requests.

John Pollard will be playing
Saturday from 1 to 5.

There is always a good time to be had when John's here playing his guitar. If you haven't met him, he's a very down to earth singer, songwriter, guitarist and founder of the Cole Younger Band, often enjoyed on the Bethany Bandstand. You may have also enjoyed his playing locally at Bethany Beach Oceanside Suites and a number of venues north of the Bethany area.

On top of all that, he's one of my artworks' biggest fans, the owner of the original pastel painting, [Now](#), so many prints I've lost count, and as of this coming Saturday print No. 2 of Reawakening. :)

You, your friends and family (children included) are warmly invited to come see Reawakening in person, perhaps purchase a and get it personalized, and dance and tap your feet to John's music while enjoying light summer refreshments all day and wine & cheese in the afternoon. There are of course no obligations to buy; just dress comfortably, bring yourself and have a good time.

Safe travels out there!



Debut offering for Reawakening prints through Monday, July 17, at 5 p.m.:

- \$20 off all standard edition signed, numbered and embossed archival gicle'e prints on paper
- \$50 off all s/n gicle'e reproductions on canvas
- 10% off all large custom size gicle'es on canvas
- Base prices are calculated on the same costs used for the past 10 years.