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Subject: A peaceful painting, an uplifting talk, and a very different exhibit venue

Preheader: The weekend begins with the debut of Crossed Paths on Saturday morning

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Dear

This week's news makes me realize more than ever the importance of each of us doing our best to shed as much light as possible through our daily lives. We never know when one peaceful resolution of a petty problem or one kind word, a smile, a helping hand or even a peaceful painting might make a difference in the balance of good in our world.

If someone were to ask me why I paint, I couldn't give a better answer than that given in one of my favorite poems by Helen Steiner Rice, no relation, except in spirit.

*If everybody brightened up the spot where they are standing
By being more considerate, And a little less demanding,
This dark old world would very soon eclipse the evening star,
If everybody brightened up The corner where they are!*

Here's more of the [poem](#). It's worth reading through. I believe it's true.

This weekend I'll do my best to spread a little light through three events, two in my gallery and one a neighbor's home. You, your friends and family are warmly invited to join me.

Saturday, Oct. 7

Painting preview and print debut

My newest ocean painting, "Crossed Paths," a softly colored, peaceful interpretation of waves and sky bathed in soft evening light, will be introduced at 11 a.m., along with a very limited edition of prints. The prints will be offered at 20 percent off through the end of the 3-day holiday weekend, Monday, Oct. 9, as my way of saying thank you to my many collectors. That's in person and online. The original is available as of this writing. I'll be available to personalize these and other prints from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Saturday.



'Crossed Paths', my new 30" x 40" oil painting on gallery wrapped canvas. Must be seen in person to appreciate true chameleon-like colors and detail.

Strength of Woman Series Talk

When I first saw the mental vision of [Standing on the Rock](#), the beginning of what slowly developed into a [series](#) of seven paintings, soon to be eight, I had no intention of painting it. But one evening while visiting a newfound sister's church in California, I mentioned the vision I'd seen and what happened afterward, and her minister told me I had to paint it, that "women need it." He followed up on it later, asking my sister several times if I'd painted it.

People ask me frequently what is behind the series and if there is a book. This coming Saturday, Oct. 7th, at my gallery from 3 to 4 p.m., I'll do my best to address this question and take other questions.

I'm in the process of writing the book and your questions will help. If you can't make it, you're welcome to email me. Ladies, I'd really love your input!



Standing on the Rock, Strength of Woman Series Vol. I

Sunday, Oct. 8

My next door neighbors of the past 15 or so years are moving and their home is for sale. The home features some of my paintings and I've been asked to participate in a special Open House & James Farm Ecological Preserve Art exhibition, featuring the paintings and prints I've done of the wildlife preserve that borders our homes.

I live in the most wonderful spot and am happy to tell people about it. It's a mile from the ocean as the seagull flies and adjacent to the eastern side of the James Farm Ecological Preserve. The preserve, run by the Center for the Inland Bays, is a quiet haven even in the midst of summer.



'Morning' on the edge of the James Farm Ecological Preserve as viewed from the artist's front door.

The views from both of our front doors include soaring white egrets and wetlands, and immediately to the north is the preserve, with its beautiful hidden cove (see my painting [Seclusion](#)), a bayside beach, kayaking, hiking trails, marshlands filled with egrets, heron and other wetland wildlife (my paintings [Whispering Reeds](#), [Harmony](#) and [Patience](#), among others), and woodlands (my paintings [Morning](#) and [Morning Star](#)), birding platforms and so much more.

I am going to miss my neighbors. They've been the best, but I'm happy to help them sell their house and think this will be an enjoyable event. Come take the tour and see if this might be the right home for you! The 4-bedroom house is at [30134 Territory Trail, Ocean View, DE 19970](#).



Open House & James Farm Art exhibition here on Sunday

In closing, thank you, everyone who subscribe to this email, all who have taken the time to find my gallery's new location and make purchases, those who spread the word about my work and everyone who has made my paintings part of their lives. I greatly appreciate your continued interest in my work and support of my gallery, created to be a beacon of light here on the coast and beyond.

Gratefully,

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