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I'm nearing completion of my humorous take on a puppy's introduction to its first live blue fin crab and I'm inviting you to participate in my Name This Painting competition. The winner will receive a free print of this fun painting!

Dear

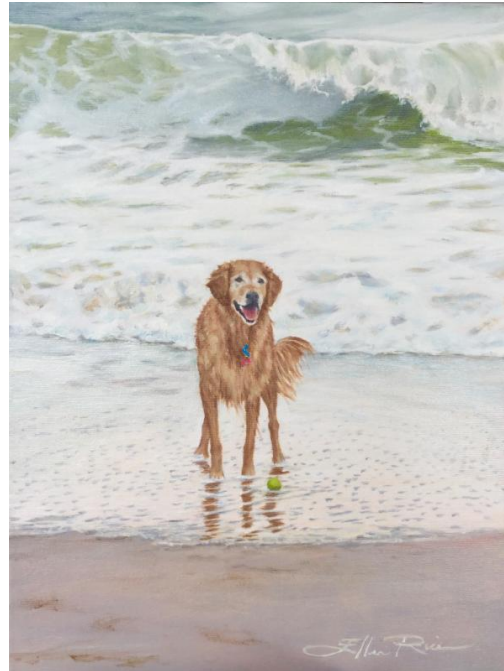
This Saturday, Aug. 19th, and next Wednesday, Aug. 23rd, I'm debuting the puppy and crab painting you see in progress above and presenting *"Creating Happiness by Painting Children and Puppies"* from 1 to 4 p.m. each day in my new gallery location in Ocean View.

The "Name This Painting" competition will conclude on Thursday, August 24th. The prize is a fine art archival signed, numbered gicle'e print of this painting. To participate, either stop in the Ellen Rice Gallery with your suggestions or reply to this email. (Side note: you can see a slideshow of the painting's progress on my new website by clicking [here.](#))

Although I'm probably best known for my paintings of the coastal area, my "Treasure Beaches of the Mid-Atlantic" map and my inspirational series, "The Strength of Woman," painting children and animals is among my favorite things to do.

What you love doing is often what you do best. I smile the whole time I'm painting a child or puppy. They make me happy and I think that's why people respond to these paintings so much. What makes me *happiest* is seeing smiles on the faces of those for whom I've done a painting.

In that vein, I'm continuing a series I started two years ago called "Children by the Sea" and now adding [puppies](#) to the mix. The combination is wonderful. The [children](#) series is almost to the point now where I have enough images to debut a series of greeting cards meant to inspire by showing the joy of looking at life from a childlike perspective.



In one of my favorite portraits this past year Annie waits for her humans to get her ball and toss it.

I'm still accepting photo submissions for consideration for the series!

I have several more subjects in line to paint, but I hope to cover more topics, so parents, grandparents and guardians are welcome to show me their photos ~ and don't eliminate cell pics! Two of my best portraits this year were done from grandparents' cell phone photographs. Please feel free to [email](#) me.

Those who submit photos that are accepted have first right of refusal on the originals and a discounted portrait price for contributing to the series.

You're all invited to my two events this week. Light refreshments and wine & cheese will be served.

Before heading our way, please be sure you're heading to the right place! We moved this spring to a larger location in Ocean View and some people are still going to both of our former locations. Please [click here](#) for a map and directions.

Safe travels out there! The traffic is finally easing off.

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