



*Leslie Allen*

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**This month I am celebrating art collectors!**

(As well as my Birthday and Valentine's Day.)

I am so grateful for all of my many collectors, many of whom  
have a dozen or more of my paintings in their home!

I have been writing to many of you. If you have moved please  
send me your current address or sign up on the website to receive the Newsletters.

I so appreciate your friendship!



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This lovely couple from Southern California, Mary Linda and Jay Strotkamp share a love of Plein Air art with Dave and me. All of the artists in our collections are personal friends whose work we admire and we get to live surrounded by their beautiful paintings every day!

Mary Linda bought this "little gem" back in 1998 at an Artists Charitable Auction in Loveland at the urging of friend Kang Cho!



"Cherry Creek Walk"

Please take a look at this article in the February Issue of Fine Art Connoisseur Magazine:

[http://www.allenfineart.com/newsletter/FAC\\_Article.shtml](http://www.allenfineart.com/newsletter/FAC_Article.shtml)

Or see the attachment!

I was very excited to see my name there and honoured to be amongst my former teachers, mentors, and friends; and so many illustrious painters that I admire.

Jay and Mary Linda are so supportive of Plein Air painters as we try to be.

We celebrate you!

We invite all of you to become art collectors, if you aren't already. As Mary Linda put it so succinctly:

"Collecting fine art has enriched our lives in more ways than I can count."

Dave and I totally agree!

And thanks to Peter Trippi for the PDF file! Peter is the Editor-in-Chief of Fine Art Connoisseur Magazine and I know him as the person who honoured me with an award for one of my Magpie pieces in Chicago in 2007! Thanks Peter.

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### **Another wonderful new collector!**

We had a lot of fun getting to know one another during a studio visit.

She took this little Plein Air piece home with her.



**"Spring Shadows" Lair O' The Bear**  
One of my favourite places to paint in winter!

**Thanks Beth from Parker!**

**Please call the studio if you would like to visit: 303-752-2029**  
**We have gift certificates if you wish to give a friend the gift of original art.**

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**New Corporate Collector!**



**Land Pattern Series #10 "On the Road Again"**  
**30 x 48 Oil/Canvas**



This painting now hangs in the new CoBank Center in Greenwood Village, CO. CoBank Center is the second of three buildings in the Village Center Station transit-oriented development along I-25 between Orchard and Arapahoe roads.

**Thanks Liz Graham of lewisgraham Art Consultants!**

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**ARTMA Coming in February**

February 20<sup>th</sup> at the Glitterdome in the RINO district of Downtown Denver!  
Get tickets: [artmaonline.org](http://artmaonline.org)

“Get your bidding strategy figured out. Wear shoes that allow you to leap over others at the last second. Bring your own good-luck pen if you want to. artma is more than just an amazing art auction for a great cause, it's a test of your ability to out-think, out-bid, and out-win anybody who wants that one fantastic piece of art you have your heart set on.

Don't miss out. Get your tickets to [artma](http://artma) today before they sell out!”

This painting will be up for Auction  
Value: \$1720 Minimum Bid: \$500



©Land Pattern #13 12" x 36" Oil/Museum Wrap Canvas  
From the popular Land Pattern Series!  
Abstracted Landscape – Missouri Valley in Iowa

**Thank you to a future collector** for helping to defeat Childhood Cancers.  
The Morgan Adams Foundation Pediatric Cancer Research Fund