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In my paintings I want there to be an element of imperfection. Imperfect things give way to **grace** and a sense of **freedom**. Only through this freedom can we attain a sense of **calm**. I want to feel that calm myself. That's why I paint.

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We Are Brilliant Together: Five Piece Suite



# bella rotti

B E A U T I F U L — B R O K E N

## About Rolinda Stotts

I grew up on a dairy farm working with animals and earth, growing crops and building fences, all while learning to nurture life and respect nature. This is where my life as an artist began. The lessons of balance and harmony that I learned on the farm are invaluable in expressing my feelings and experiences on canvas.

**Bella Rotta is the name I use to describe my technique. It is Italian for Beautiful Broken.** In my art, the cracks are real; it is not a “crackle finish” and I encourage people to touch and feel the work. Most people are drawn to the tactile nature of the paintings and I want to encourage that sense of touch.

In order to replicate the effect of extreme age and texture, I use a complex ten-step process that allows me to manipulate my work to give it the essence of having survived centuries. I start by making my own canvas. When the canvas has been properly prepared, I am ready to paint using hand mixed oil paint.

Oils evoke a depth of richness in the color, and when carefully overlaid, will convey a mood in the art. My layering of color builds an effect unlike newly created art. I am sharing the deep emotion of the rich heritage I feel while working.

Throughout the whole painting process I use my hands to gently age the new image. Finally, I adhere the painting to a self-constructed wooden frame. I will continue adding more oil paint either in very thin applications or with a bold palette knife as the moment takes me and the painting becomes alive within me. I want the painting to look like you discovered an ancient fresco somewhere, and found a way to bring it home.



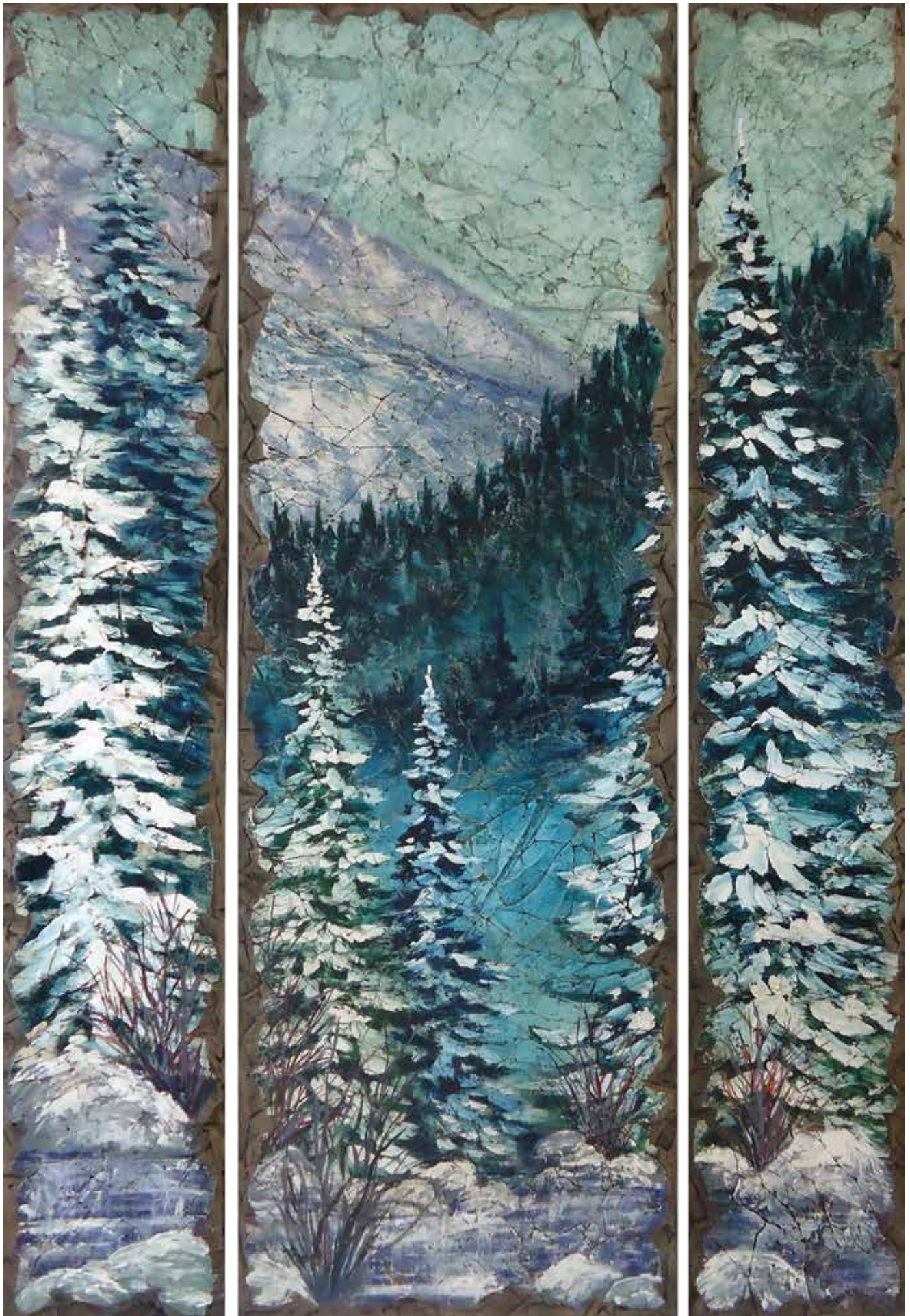
“I love being inspired by a person’s home and creating a painting that is tailored to their space. It is very rewarding to collaborate with collectors and see their vision come to life.”



Before

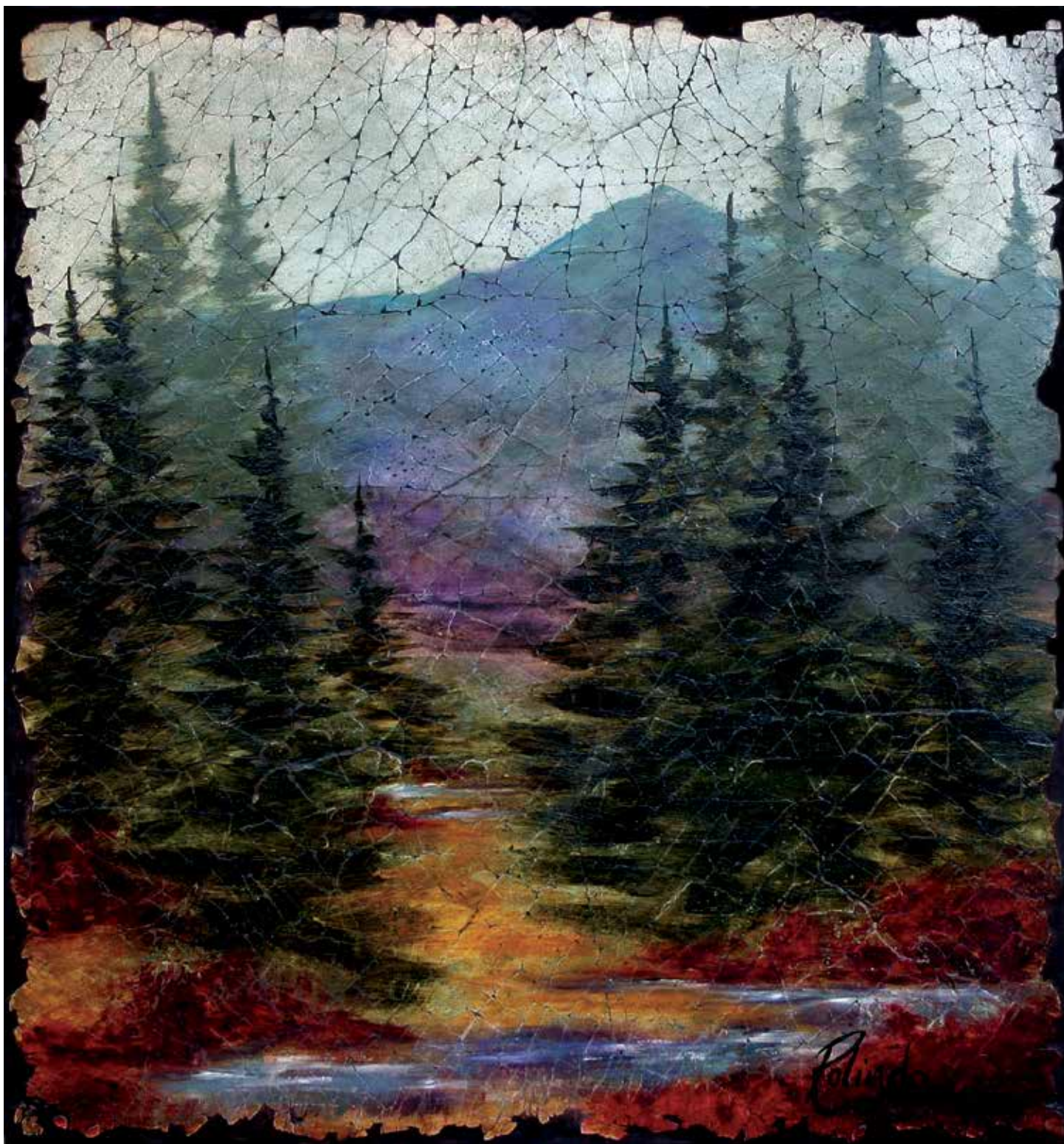






Winter Beauty: 72" h x 48" w





Afternoon Stroll: 48" h x 44" w