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INSPIRATION Paintings by Betsy Forster

**Opening Reception:
Friday, March 4, 6-8:30 pm**



Betsy Forster receives the inspiration for her work from nature. She has a tremendous love for and feels a great spiritual connection with nature. As with a number of northern romantic painters, Forster seeks the supernatural in the natural.



She creates for us a wide variety of delightful views: from the forests, fields and mountains of Wyoming and Montana to the hills and valleys of the Virginia countryside. She shows us her incredible ability to depict uninhabited spots that are becoming more difficult to find in our increasingly urbanized society.

The work in this exhibition includes pieces painted in oil, pastel and mixed media. When asked what her favorite medium is, she responds, "pastel, as I love to draw and the pastel stick is a wonderful drawing tool".

Born in Madera, California, Forster spent most of her childhood in Dallas, Texas. Her childhood memories of the brown hills of California and the big skies of Texas are reflected in her desire to produce landscape paintings. She received a BA in Art from Auburn University, Montgomery, Alabama and later an MFA in painting from the American University in Washington, DC.

Selected exhibitions:

Touchstone Gallery, Washington DC – various exhibitions 1999-2011
Dennis Art Gallery, Austin College, Sherman, Texas 2009
White Walls White Wall Gallery, Corcoran School of Art, Washington, DC 1999
Rock Creek Gallery, Washington, DC 1993
The Art League Gallery, Alexandria, VA 1993
Watkins Art Gallery, Washington, DC 1992



Images: "Virginia Farm Road", "Golden Hills" and "After the Storm" by Betsy Forster

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