

TOUCHSTONE GALLERY

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Main Gallery at Touchstone Gallery

April 1 – May 3, 2009

"Connection" Betsy Forster

Opening Reception:
April 3, 6 - 8:30 pm



Betsy Forster's new work is a continuation of her search to find different ways of expressing her love of nature. She is a landscape painter who spends much of her time painting "en plein air", who is inspired by the simple poetic motifs found in nature and the spiritual connection that it offers.

As with a number of northern romantic painters, Forster seeks out the supernatural that is located in the natural. She creates for us a wide variety of delightful views: from the forests and mountains of the west to the fields of Virginia's countryside. She shows us her incredible ability to depict uninhabited spots that are becoming more difficult to find in our increasingly urbanized society.

"Betsy Forster's affection for nature permeates her work. The descriptive quality of the line employed here presents a mood of joy and excitement in the process of picture making" as William Christenberry described her artwork.



Forster creates her works using oil, pastel and mixed media. This exhibition represents a combination of pieces painted in nature and others that were developed in her studio after having absorbed images of nature and various memories from previous travels throughout the country.

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 at Auburn University, Montgomery, Alabama and later a MFA in Painting at the American University in Washington, DC.

Selected exhibitions:

Touchstone Gallery Member Artist, Washington, DC (participated in various exhibitions) 1999-2009

White Walls White Wall Gallery, Corcoran School of Art, Washington DC 1999

New Works Touchstone Gallery Washington DC 1999

Rock Creek Gallery, Washington DC 1993

The Art League Gallery, Alexandria VA 1993

Watkins Art Gallery Washington DC 1992

Composed by Betsy Forster

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