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### **Betsy Forster "EAST TO WEST"**

**Opening Reception: Friday,  
November 9, 2007 6 - 8:30 pm**

Betsy Forster's new work is a continuation of her quest to find different ways of expressing her love of nature. She is a landscape painter who mostly of her time paints en plein air, one who is constantly looking for a spiritual connection with nature.

As with a number of northern romantic painters, Forster seeks out something supernatural that is located in the natural. She creates for us a wide variety of delightful views: from the forests and mountains of Wyoming and Montana 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.

William Chistenberry described her artwork in these words "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".

Foster 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 her BA in Art at Auburn University, Montgomery, Alabama and later an MFA in Painting at the American University in Washington, DC. Selected exhibitions:

- Touchstone Gallery Member Artist, Washington, DC (participated in various exhibitions) 1999-2007
- 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

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