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There is so much beauty in nature and for centuries artist have tried to capture that beauty. They paint landscapes and still life paintings in an attempt to even come close to the beauty that nature provides.

This issue of the newsletter will focus on gems as an inspiration from nature. One in particular, the Opal, is a truly beautiful gem.

Opals - *click on the opel photo below to view a interesting video*



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Coober Pedy



Opals

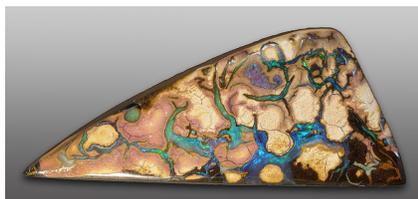
Opals and the story of one of the towns where they are mined is very interesting. Welcome to Coober Pedy, a place in Australia where people live underground to survive and to mine this gem. Welcome to **Coober Pedy**.

"Around 1915, a teenage boy whose father was gold prospecting discovered opal in Coober Pedy. Although the first opal claim was staked soon after, it took time before opal mining took off in the area. After WWI, returning soldiers, accustomed to living in trenches, drifted to the opal fields to seek their fortune. After WWII, a wave of Europeans left their war-torn countries to take up opal mining in Australia. As a result, sixty percent of the miners living at Coober Pedy today have Southern or Eastern European ancestry. By the 1970s, the opal rush was in full swing.

The name "Coober Pedy" comes from the Aboriginal Australian kupa piti, meaning "boys' waterhole." However, another type of hole has become quite a hazard. Over the years, miners have dug over 250,000 shafts, making Coober Pedy a dangerous place for tourists to walk around carelessly."



Coober Pedy



Fun Drawing exercise

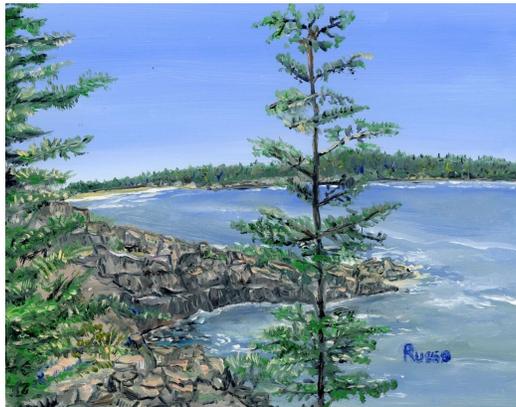


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Oil Painting inspired by nature at Acadia National Park.



Jordon's Pond in Acadia National Park, Maine



Acadia National Park - Sand Beach



Are you interested in art lessons?

In June 2021, I participated in my first plein air art retreat. The art retreat was a series of art lessons on location in Bar Harbor Maine. The art classes were taught by [Gina Torello](#). Gina is a friend and outstanding teacher. Gina is a fine arts professor at Monmouth University and offers [on-line](#) and in person training at [Monmouth Parks system](#) and [the Guild](#). Sign up for one of her classes and be inspired to create art.

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Plein Air Art

Acadia National Park - Bar Harbor, Maine plein air art class. This was a great experience. Plein air painting is about leaving the four walls of your house or room behind and experiencing painting and drawing in the landscape.

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