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## 3S Art Newsletter

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#### **Inspiration from Beyond**

In June 2021, I attended an art retreat in Bar Harbor, Maine, staying at a bed-and-breakfast, the Mira Monte, owned by Cheryl and Bruce Ueno. During our stay, Cheryl told me the story of how they came to own Mira Monte. I think you will

enjoy this interesting story of what you could say was Inspiration from beyond.

Bruce and Cheryl were living in Los Angeles, California. They had tired of the hustle and bustle and were giving thought to changing careers - they thought they'd become innkeepers. Unfortunately, at the same time, Cheryl was quite ill. Not being in good health she thought better of the idea because of the commitment and work involved in running a B&B. However, while recovering from surgery, Cheryl had a dream about a lady who said she needed her help. Cheryl took this as a sign to proceed with their new life and Bruce set off to look for some properties.

The couple had been to Maine a number of times and loved it and Bruce found several opportunities there. Although it was a long trip from California to Maine, they made the journey and traveled to Bar Harbor to check out one of the opportunities. When they arrived at Mira Monte and heard about, the not long deceased previous owner, Marion Burns, Cheryl knew immediately it was the woman in her dream. To Cheryl it was a clear sign - she and Bruce heeded Marion's message and purchased Mira Monte in 2021.

During the 2021 art retreat, I completed an oil painting of Mira Monte. Cheryl liked it so much (not sure if she liked the painting or the fact that it was her B&B) and I was so moved by her story that I gifted her the painting.

When my art instructor, Gina Torello, went back for this year's retreat, she let me know that, three years later, my painting still has pride of place in the Mira Monte living room. What an honor to be a little part of this inspired B&B's history.

[Click here](#) to read more about the history of Mira Monte and its very interesting past and present owners.



## Art Retreats in 2025

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