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Welcome 2022!

I hope you are all having a healthy, happy holiday season so far! Welcoming the New Year always holds promise and a sense of wonder. I look at it much like a blank canvas ready to be painted. I wish each of you a bright, colorful 2022 and I'm excited about the opportunity to see some of you at upcoming shows!



New Artwork



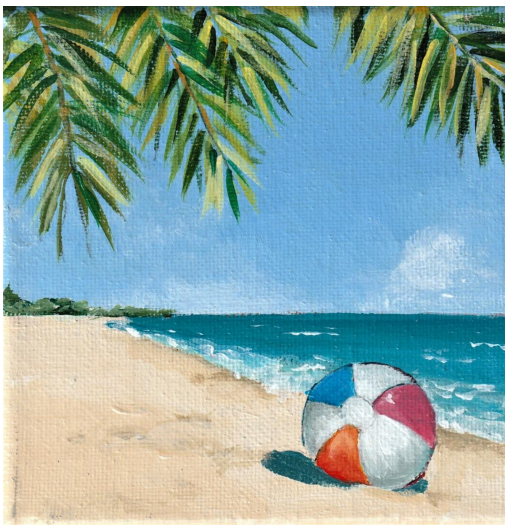
My mother's favorite bird was the pelican. She spent many hours at the beach watching them float along or dive from mid-air into a school of fish.

Pelicans are efficient birds, using their large, flexible beaks to scoop large catches of fish out of the water. My mother, who was efficient as well, told me she wanted to be a pelican in another life. When I go to the beach and see them bobbing along the water, I imagine it is my mother, content and proud to be a pelican.

The last time I was in Cedar Key, we ate dinner at a dockside restaurant and I watched this pelican for over an hour, thinking of my mother. I couldn't wait to put it on canvas! The title comes from the poem by Dixon Lanier Merritt:

**"A wonderful bird is the Pelican.
His beak can hold more than his belly can.
He can hold in his beak
Enough food for a week!
But I'll be darned if I know how the hellican?"**

More Artwork





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Upcoming Shows

January 8th & 9th
Cape Coral Art Festival

January 15th & 16th
Naples Invitational Fleischman Park

January 22nd & 23rd
Naples Uptown Art Festival

February 5th & 6th
Longboat Key Festival of the Arts



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