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## Welcome!

It's hard to believe we are approaching the end of summer already! Florida art festivals will be starting up in October, so if you are in the area, I hope you will come by my booth and say hello.

I'm excited to share my very first newsletter, where I will be sending artwork updates and information about upcoming shows.

*Enjoy!*

## New Artwork



**Last month, I began a new series of paintings and as usual, I found my inspiration at home and at the beach.**

This piece is an "*ode to the beach towel*" because to me, a beach towel is not just a beach towel! My mother raised 3 children by herself and the beach was our primary means of entertainment and outdoor

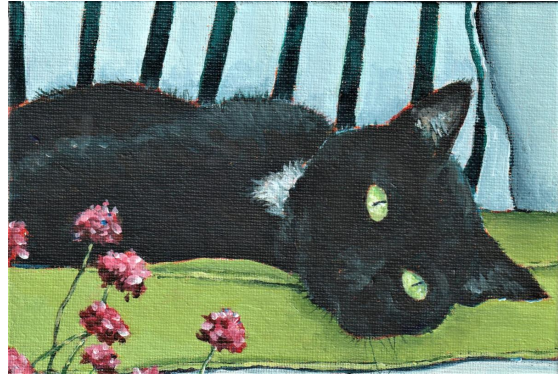
activity. It was the only time she could truly relax. Whenever I saw our beach towels by the door, I immediately felt happiness and a sense of adventure. My brother and sister and I would spend hours making castles, burying each other in the sand, and swimming until we were prunes. Meanwhile, my mother would read under her umbrella and keep one watchful eye on us so we didn't drown each other. I loved knowing my mother was happy and I remember feeling so secure during those times. Now, as an adult, when I hang up my beach towel or lay it out on the sand, I am reminded of those special times when all was right with the world for my mother, me, and my siblings.

I am happy to share this new painting, fresh off the easel.  
It is titled, "Taking a Dip."

## A Sampling of Other New Artwork/Commissions







## Upcoming Shows in October

**October 9th & 10th**  
31st Annual Hyde Park Village Art Fair

**October 16th & 17th**  
34th Annual Los Olas Art Fair

**October 23rd & 24th**  
Estero Fine Art Show

**October 30th & 31st**  
Naples Fine Art Show



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