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*"If you don't understand the wave, you can't respect it. And if you don't have respect, it's only a matter of time before the ocean teaches you to get some."  
-Laird Hamilton*

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## **"Stu's Surf Shack"** 18" x 24" Acrylic



When I was a teenager, I often watched my brother surf on Siesta Key Beach. I was mesmerized by the arduous task of paddling out with the hope of catching that one perfect wave. He never gave up and I believe that all these years later, tackling those waves taught my brother a lot about life. Oftentimes, the wave would knock him off his board and I would anxiously wait to see him pop up out of the water, struggling for air. Other times, he would make his way out past the sandbar only to wait for a dinky wave that didn't provide a ride at all. Regardless, he never lost the passion to keep trying. Anytime there was a hint of surf, he would grab his board, endure hours of sunburn, saltwater in his lungs, and sore arms with no idea of the

outcome. Still, he would keep going with a smile on his face.

~More Artwork~



**"Who, Me?"**  
18" x 24" Acrylic



**"Secret Beach"**  
8" x 10" Acrylic



**"Taking Flight"**  
5" x 7" Acrylic



**"Three's Company"**  
24" x 36" Acrylic

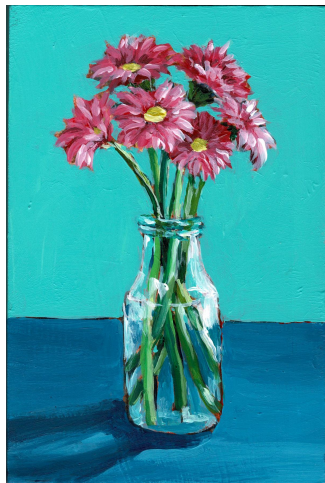




**"Jack"**  
15" x 30" Acrylic



**"Jill"**  
15" x 30" Acrylic



**"Gerbers"**  
5" x 7" Acrylic



**"Forget Me Nots"**  
5" x 7" Acrylic

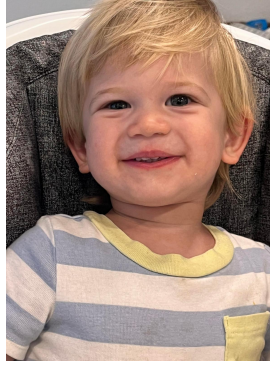
### **The Grandson and My Summer Adventure**

My sister and I spent some time together hiking in Montana. It was spectacular and I'm grateful for the adventures I have with her.



I enjoyed playing with this guy all summer! Colton now lives around the corner from me so I am a very happy grandmother. His smile makes the world a perfect

place!



## Pet Portrait Tribute



One of the reasons I enjoy painting pet portraits is because it memorializes our beloved animals. Wyatt came to us several years ago with a lot of health issues. We nicknamed him, "401k" because of how often we took him to the vet. Despite his compromised immune system, Wyatt had many healthy, happy years with us. We said goodbye to him in August but I am comforted by this painting I did of him when he was feeling good. I will always remember him this way.

### UPCOMING SHOWS

**Sept. 30th & Oct. 1st**  
St. Armand's Craft Festival

**Oct. 7th & 8th**  
Winter Park Autumn Art Festival

**Oct. 21st & 22nd**  
St. Armand's Art Fair

**Oct. 28th & 29th**  
St. Pete Corey Art Festival

**Nov. 4th & 5th**  
Downtown Venice Art Festival

**Nov. 11th & 12th**  
St. Armands Circle Art Festival

**Nov. 18th & 19th**  
Dunedin Craft Festival

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