

July, 2022 Art News & Updates

## A Masterpiece!

Hello Friends and Family! I am already looking forward to art season starting up and I am eager to hear about your summer adventures. We are toasty warm here in Florida and I welcome the opportunity to stay in my studio and paint new pieces.

I am so excited to share with you my daughter's greatest masterpiece, Colton James Thomas! He entered the world on June 28th and everyone is adjusting and doing well. I love being a grandmother and I am already feeling new inspiration as a result of this special, lifechanging event (see painting below).





Colton James Thomas: 8.5 pounds, 22 inches tall, born June 28th, 2022

Featured Painting - "Happiness" 30" x 50" gallery wrapped canvas



As soon as my grandson was born, I wanted to paint something that captured the joy and hope that I was feeling. I had a vision in my mind of large poppies exploding with color and detail. Poppies have been known to symbolize regeneration and can grow in challenging locations. I will always wish this kind of strength for my grandson. Flowers, much like all new life, are a perfect reminder of resiliency, promise, and innocence.

As Lois Wyse said, "If I had known how wonderful it would be to have grandchildren, I'd have had them first."

### **More Artwork**



"Twin Sails"
11x14 on gesso board













Veggie and fruit series on 4" x 4" x 2" block canvases.



"Blue Beauties" 4" x 4" gesso board



"If I Had Another Boat"
32" x 40" gallery wrapped canvas



"Fresh Laundry" 8" x 10" gesso board



"On the Hilltop" 8" x 10" gesso board



Commissioned Piece: "Triple Hearts" 12" x 36" gallery wrapped canvas

### **New Mini Canvases**







"Happy Bouquet" 4" x 6"



"Waiting For Friends" 4" x 4"

# **Commissioned Pet Portraits**







Sunny Harley Koda

# **Upcoming Shows**

### September 3rd & 4th

13th Annual Downtown Venice Labor Day Festival

#### October 1st & 2nd

27th Annual Downtown Sarasota Craft Festival

### October 8th & 9th

32nd Annual Hyde Park Village Art Fair

#### October 15th & 16th

35th Annual Las Olas Art Fair



Looking forward to seeing you at one of my upcoming shows!

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