

News from Justine

Autumn 2018

It's an Autumn Full of Art!

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See Justine at **STUDIO 3 Coyote Crossing** on this free self-guided artist studio tour held the last two weekends in November.

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▶ Want to know more about Justine's art background and see examples of her art? →Click here to read her interview with online magazine **Voyage Phoenix!**

Justine's favorite question: **What is "success" or "successful" for you?**

I define success as learning. What can I learn from the land; how can I visualize its varied effects. I am always looking to make my creations better, and the color more vibrant. Success is not just from selling my paintings but the connections and continuing friendships I have made with my collectors over the years.



Coyote Crossing Studio

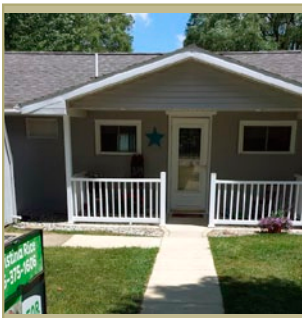
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Hidden in the Hills 2018

Friday • Saturday • Sunday

November 16, 17, 18 and 23, 24, 25

10 am to 5 pm ... See you there!



A Summer Adventure

After 5 years Bill and Justine decided to put their summer home up for sale. To their surprise and consternation the house sold in two weeks giving them ten days to ship bedroom furniture and boxes along with packing the 15 year-old Dodge

Durango to travel across the country. The car was so full there was barely room for Bear, the dog to balance on the center console and Squirtle, the turtle was able to ride in Justine's hands—rather than being shipped across the country!



It was decided to take the scenic route through the Colorado Mountains which taxed the aged Durango to its limits. Bill declared there was something wrong with the SUV as they crossed the Utah State line. The family limped into Moab, Utah only to be stuck for 3 days as the power steering pump was replaced.

Finally underway, Bill and Justine saw threatening clouds overhead which produced buckets of rain pouring down throughout Utah. For a brief period the rain and clouds broke to allow

Justine to see Monument Valley and the Four Corners yet again and the area which has been the source for many paintings. It was exciting to see Monument Valley so lush and green after years of drought.

Finally home to Arizona after they completed 2,000 miles of travel from Michigan, Justine and Bill welcomed their furniture delivered in the largest truck they had ever seen.



• Justine's newest painting is inspired by Monument Valley and the tremendous energy of the storms she experienced traveling back to Arizona this summer.

ALASKA ADVENTURE ...

Following a super eventful summer, Justine is able to look on the happenings from an artistic perspective.

June brought Justine fulfilling a life-long ambition to visit her friend Patty in Fairbanks, Alaska. What a surprise! Leaving Arizona at 90° and arriving in Fairbanks at 55°. Alaskan summer was coming with sunlight 24 hours daily. Sunset happened around 11 pm but was never really dark retaining half light at night.

Justine and Patty have been close friends since 2nd grade and renewed their friendship during the 50th and 55th High School reunions in Neenah, Wisconsin. Patty and husband, Mike Kunz moved to Alaska 50 years ago. They managed to invent a creative life in the wild country with Mike an archaeologist for the state of Alaska and Patty a librarian in Fairbanks and during the time raised two children, Josh and Kelly. Now retired, Patty and Mike have gradually, through the years, and in stages built a huge log home among the pine trees. The logs are a massive presence inside and out of their home which is still under construction.

Justine was so impressed by the pines surrounding the Kunz's home she felt the urge to sit out on the deck to witness the first rain Justine had seen in six months. Patty and Justine rode a river boat down the Chena River. They cruised past Native villages and a sled dog riverfront encampment where the dogs are trained to compete in the yearly Iditerod Race. The Chena River divides Fairbanks with the River functioning as a favorite landing and departure spot for the bush pilots and their planes. The Chena River has deep, blue water, framed by mountains in the distance.

Justine and Patty visited Fairbanks' local park during the Memorial Day celebration and Justine stood under the moose horns park entrance. Nature and critters were everywhere with even a moose grazing near downtown Fairbanks. Patty drove Justine up to an adventure of a lifetime at Denali State Park. What an experience, snow, tundra and grizzly bears! The park seemed to glow blue with all the snow. It was the first time the tour buses attempted the trip up the mountains after the spring thaw.

Enjoying the chance to catch up on their friendship Justine said goodbye to Patty in order to rush back to Arizona and embark on the complicated return to Michigan.



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