

News from Justine

Spring 2022

Spring is a vibrant time of the year in Arizona. The desert is alive with the brilliant magenta of cactus blooms contrasted by Brittle Bushes with their glowing yellow flowers. The temperature was on the cool side with a threat of rain during the 10th Annual Fountain Hills **Tour d'Artistes**. "Desert Textures" studio still welcomed over 100 visitors. It was especially gratifying to see patrons who had visited Justine during **Hidden in the Hills** and had followed her to Fountain Hills and are looking to purchase Justine's paintings. As part of the **Tour** Justine exhibited her just finished painting of *Red Rock Crossing/Rushing Waters*.

The challenge of the second painting was to depict the tree trunk's texture, the light between the branches as they are contrasted with the movement of the water.

A View from the Artist

Justine has been working on a series of Red Rock Crossing paintings. Here is the first: *Red Rock Crossing/Spring Beginnings*. In the painting Justine expresses the aliveness of the forest; tree roots, distant branches and water. Justine hopes the viewer hears the whispering of the trees as they wake up to Spring.

Justine's paintings are created with acrylic ink and especially, pearlescent inks as they glow and change with the light; the etched lines heighten the changing light experience.

My dear friend, Cindy Shievtz, who creates these beautiful newsletters gives this observation of my painting:

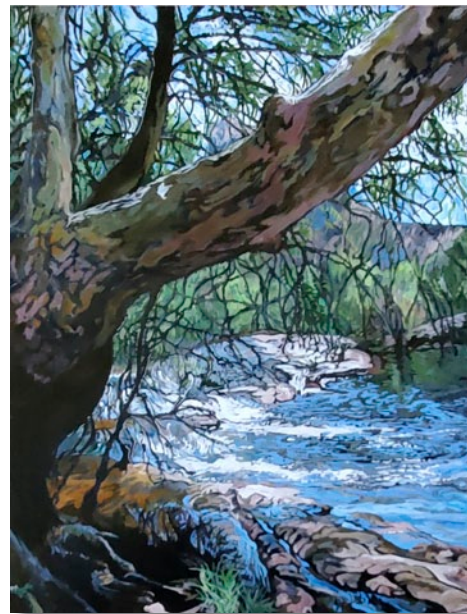
"A painting can be experienced as a single moment in time. Paintings can be experienced as alive and changing with every moment; that is what your paintings mean to me. Your paintings bring life into a home to enjoy over and over ..."



Red Rock Crossing: Spring Beginnings



Come paint with Justine ... Join her for a workshop in her home studio in beautiful Fountain Hills. See details on the next page



Red Rock Crossing: Rushing Waters

Gilbert Visual Art League Show

Justine had three paintings accepted in the Gilbert Visual Art League's Juried Competition. Out of 100 paintings chosen for the exhibit, Justine's painting of *Sunflowers* won 2nd Place in the Mixed Media category.



Justine at GVAL Show with *Water Dance*

Cousins enjoy Spring & Art in the Desert

Justine and Bill were excited to see her Texan cousin Gail Miller. She brought her son, Brad for a first time view of Arizona. Gail hadn't been able to visit her Fountain Hills sister, Nancy for two years.

They had a whirlwind 5-day trip with Justine driving everyone up to Sedona for the day.

Here the group is at Tlaquepaque after a beautiful lunch at the Mexican restaurant. Left to right, Gail Miller next to sister, Nancy Blumenstein, Justine, & Brad Miller.

Brad was so impressed with Justine's paintings he bought *Sunset Splendor* to take back to Texas.

After all the excitement, Justine is looking to begin her next painting *Red Rocks Sunset*.

May your Spring be a joyous beginning!



Sedona Art Center recently sold two of Justine's landscape paintings



Monument Valley: Mittens View



Sky Journey

WORKSHOPS!

After the "Tour" it was time for Justine to begin her home workshops. Here is a picture of the creative students' paintings. Justine will be offering a second workshop

► **Saturday, April 23, 9:30 am — 4 pm**

Remember the full day is \$150 which includes all supplies.

The student goes home with a palette, etching tool, and 4 x 6, 5 x 7, and 9 x 12" scratchboards.

Justine provides the complete array of pearlescent and acrylic inks, liquid acrylics, brushes and source pictures for the students to select.

Come paint with Justine!



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- 1 **One-Day Workshop**
Justine's Fountain Hills Home
Saturday, April 23, 2022. 9:30 am — 4 p.m.
Email Justine to sign up: justine.waldie@cox.net

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