

News from Justine

Summer 2016

Greetings from Michigan and Flint Drive. This summer's return to Michigan was the first time flying for our dog Bear. He spent most of the flight asleep; so much for that worry. Squirtle, our turtle, had his own plane flight when we shipped him via "Ship my Reptile" as he did an over-nighter with Fed Ex arriving at 11:30 to the nervous recipient, my Sister-in-Law Doreen. When she opened the box she was afraid he was dead but he stuck

his head up and all was well. He is fine at our Michigan home. Justine and Bill enjoyed a Michigan Spring and it was our first view of lilacs in thirty years. Our neighbors Julie and Mike surround their home with flowers with different blooms all summer long. Here is the front view of our Michigan home; notice the addition of the white eagle which needs painting.



Lilacs

Iris



Squirtle

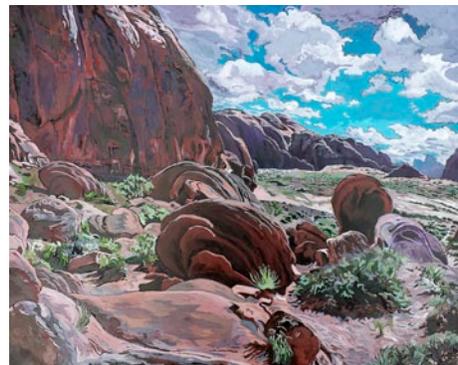


Summer Painting

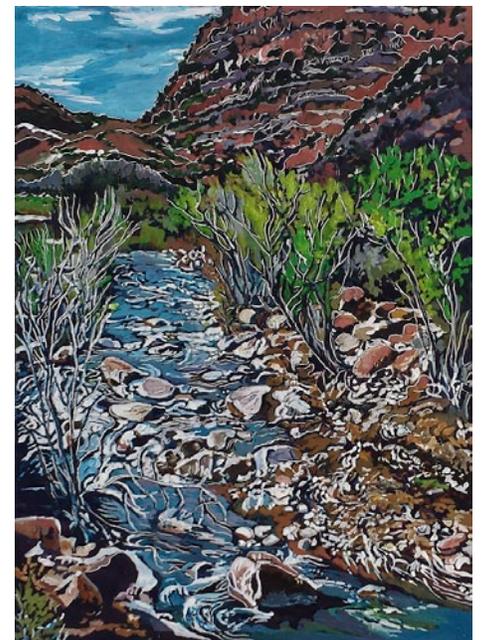
Justine is working on paintings for the November **Hidden in the Hills** tour with this year being especially challenging since having cataracts removed giving her the gift of distance vision without glasses but requiring three types of cheater glasses to see close-up. So far here are the current Summer painting results with the largest being **Monument Valley Vista**. This 16 x 20 painting was a learning curve with sandstone cliffs presenting new color challenges to depict sunlight and shadow on the rocks. **Copper Cliffs Along the Verde** involved painting rushing water and the dark rocks. The painting has a lot of the etching highlights. Flowers are a source of painting delight for Justine as she creatively depicts the colored light and shadows on the delicate petals of the a Night Blooming Cereus and surrounding desert flowers in **Radiant Blooms**.



Radiant Blooms



Monument Valley Vista



Copper Cliffs Along the Verde

Summer in Michigan on *Crooked Lake*.....

Summer has hit Michigan with hot temperatures and Justine learning how to use the paddle boat to navigate around *Crooked Lake*. Bill put a trolling motor on the back of the little boat in case she wears out with the paddling. High summer brought much needed rain to the farmers whose farms surround our lake. Down Holland Lake Road one farmer harvested his wheat crop in neat rolled-up bales. The rain created borders of blooms

along the road with purple flowers and Queen Anne's Lace flowers in profusion. While driving to the local Dollar store, Justine notice sunflowers growing on the side of a small business center and she stopped to photograph the huge blooms. Look for upcoming paintings of these golden flowers. Bill and Bear have claimed the reclining chair as their own summer rest haven and they are doing what they do best in the summer—rest!



Justine will be taking the Ludington Ferry across Lake Michigan to attend her 55th Year Class Reunion from Neenah High School. Before she leaves she is etching up a cactus painting to work on when she gets back.



Look for the finished painting when Justine is participating in the Hidden in the Hills Studio Tour and Sale in November. She will be showing again at Dick Mueller's *Coyote Crossing Studio*.

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