



February, 2015

**First Painting of 2015!**



"Daylilies from David" 24x18 Oil/Linen/Panel \$1200 Framed

It has been really hard for me to get to the easel since I had to stop in order to look after Dave. My nursing skills (Cardiovascular ICU/Cardiology) from *many* years ago sure have come in handy! But he is doing amazingly well so no more excuses!

I've received requests for more "process" photos so here are the photos of the process of this painting!



I photographed some Daylilies brought to me by a friend in January; they were so lovely I couldn't resist painting them, but they didn't stay fresh long. I photographed them against a plain gray/touches of blue, complement of orange, background because I wanted the flowers to pop.

I sketched the general composition on the Canvas (linen/panel) and worked over several days to get a "so-called tight" image which is what I was going for.

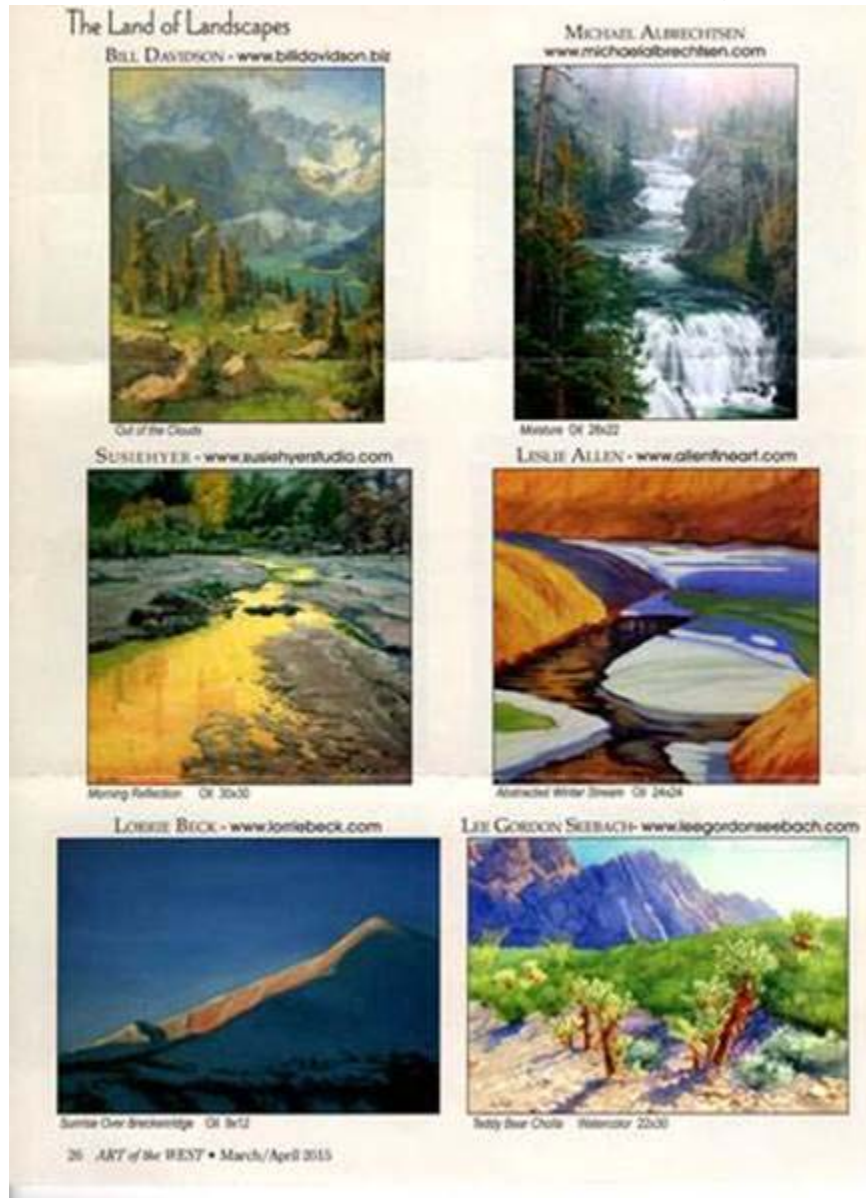
There are plenty of soft edges within the flowers.

Originally the top yellow green bud was too bright so I "grayed" it down. I continually made little corrections like that as I went. It was a long slow process, but it was worth it. It turned out exactly how I envisioned it!

Now on to some more bird paintings, by popular demand.

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Thanks!

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So many of you ask: "**How's Dave?**" so I'm posting here a photo of the  
two of us with my recent birthday gift! Everyone who sees him is so

surprised and says: "You look great!"



He *is* great! Thanks Michael Gadlin for the image and the work!

<http://www.michaelgadlin.com/>