

Gallery Hours: Tue.—Fri. 12-7pm, Sat. 10-7 pm, closed Sun.—Mon..

January—March 2006

Spread the News!

Please feel free to forward this newsletter to friends and co-workers. If you receive this from a friend, go to www.thecollectivegallery.com and sign up for your very own copy!

Of Special Interest

We have Gift Certificates available in any amount. Gift certificates make perfect presents. We also have a nice selection of seasonal note cards.

Upcoming Events at The Collective

**February 3 — First Friday
Gallery Walk 6-9 pm.**

**February 17 — Third
Friday featured artist:
Oils by Claudia Velasco.
Reception 6-9 pm.**

**March 3 — First Friday
Gallery Walk, 6-9 pm.**

**March 17 —Third Friday
featured artist: Marcy
Silverstein. Reception
6-9 pm.**

**April 7— First Friday
Gallery Walk. 6-9 pm.
Second Anniversary Party!**

New at the Collective

The Collective Fine Art Gallery is pleased to welcome Marcy Silverstein. Marcy has been a fixture on the Fort Collins and Estes Park art scenes for many years, and is known for her striking florals and lively mountain scenes, as well as her spiritual paintings.

In describing what motivates her to paint, Marcy says, "I love to experiment with

color and to use color to express my vision of the world. My work expresses my joy in living and I hope the viewer will enjoy my personal way of seeing things through the medium of art."

Marcy's formal art education includes attending Indiana University of Fine Arts, the Evanston, Illinois Art Center and Colorado Mountain

College. She has attended many workshops in oil and watercolor, including a memorable workshop in Paris with Ellie Weakley and Cathy Goodale and a workshop in Cheyenne with noted painter Joseph Boehler.

Marcy's art will be featured March 17 through April 20 with an opening reception planned for Friday, March 17, 2006, from 6-9 pm.



"Sunflowers on Vine Street," original oil by Marcy Silverstein

Photographer Robert Epley Featured January 20—February 16, 2006

Robert is a soft spoken man from Nederland, Colorado whose experiences are expressed in his work. He is fascinated by the way that a picture can effectively symbolize large, complex ideas. Robert first placed one of his pictures in a gallery in 1993 unsure of whether someone would care enough to purchase it. It sold! That was enough encouragement for him to seriously pursue photography. Since then, his pictures have won ribbons at fine art shows and have been purchases for public and private collections. Robert is extremely passionate about his work and it shows with each click of the shutter. Please stop by the gallery to enjoy this special one-month showing of Robert's beautiful photography. It's a show you don't want to miss!

February Featured Artist – Claudia Velasco

Please join the Collective Gallery for a special one-month exhibition and sale of the delightful paintings of Claudia Velasco. Claudia was born in Bolivia in 1976. She moved to Fort Collins, Colorado at the age of 15. She attended Colorado State University and received a Bachelor degree in Interior Design in 2004.

These studies help her to integrate both her drawing and perspective skills into the paintings. Self-taught, her paintings include both acrylic and oil. She portrays different subject matter; still-life, figurative, perspective and landscape with an artistic maturity that belies her young age. Her paintings are inspired and based on typical charming places from her native country, capturing the essence and the beauty of its people and culture.

This special exhibit and sale of Claudia's work will run February 17 through March 16, 2006. Please plan on attending the opening reception on Friday, February 17, 6-9 pm.



"Afternoon Walk," original acrylic by Claudia Velasco

The Collective – Out of Bounds

Coopersmith's Goes Country!

Fourteen of Kate Dardine's original oil and pastel paintings, depicting contemporary scenes of rural America are currently being exhibited at CooperSmith's Pub & Brewing Co, located at #5 Old Town Square in Old Town Fort Collins. All of the art on display is for sale. The Collective Gallery is less than two minutes from CooperSmith's, so if you like what you see and want to enjoy more, please stop by.

Mixing Business with Pleasure...

We are excited to announce a special three month exhibit at the **Fort Collins Area Chamber of Commerce** located at 225 S. Meldrum St. This is a show case for ten of our artists, displaying nearly 40 pieces of art. You will find photography and originals in oil, pastel and watercolor as well as canvas and watercolor giclees. All of the art on display is for sale and is priced accordingly. What a great way to visit the Chamber and get an early start on your Valentine's Day shopping for that special someone at the same time. Have a question about a certain artist? Call us at 970-224-1231.

This special exhibit is on display now through March 31, 2006. For directions and Viewing hours, call the Chamber of Commerce at 970-482-3746

Currently at The Collective Fine Art Gallery

Artists: Dottie Boscamp (glass), Kate Dardine (pastel and oil), Stephanie Hoffman (watercolor and oil), Marsha Krygier (watercolor), Sherrie Mayotte (pastel), Marcy Silverstein (oil and watercolor) and Barbara Wolf (egg tempera and oil).

Photographers: Jim Benest (landscape and florals), Jack Cooley (Colorado naturescapes), Terry Robinson (scenics and florals), Art Sands (black and white fine art), John Scott (vintage Americana) and John Stringer (western landscapes).