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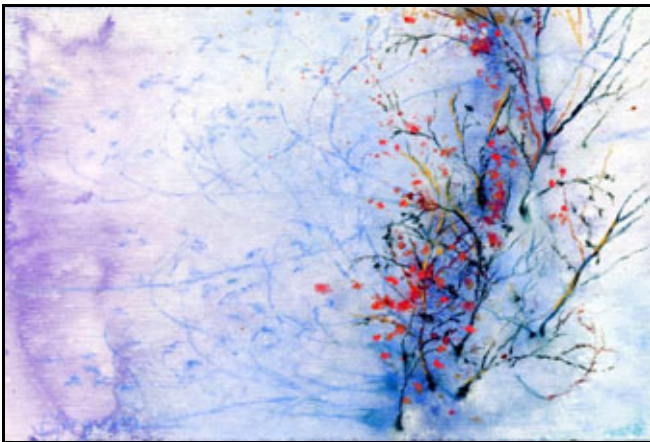
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Open House

Art Exhibition by Local Artist

On Saturday, December 4, 2004, from 1:00 - 4:00 p.m., Brenda Ferguson will host an open house and exhibition of her original pastel paintings at her studio home in Dixmont, Maine. An original work, titled **Red Berries**, will be given away as a door prize at 3:00 p.m. The recipient must be present to win.



Red Berries, watercolor and soft pastel, 10" x 8"

The Door Prize

This pre-holiday show open to the public will feature at least fifty of the artist's latest works including landscapes and still lifes inspired by her rural Dixmont surroundings. All original works of art will be available for purchase. Reproductions of many paintings will also be available as gift cards and postcards.



Blush, watercolor and soft pastel, 24" x 20"

About Brenda Ferguson

Brenda is a former teacher of hearing impaired students and speech-language clinician. She is a graduate of the University of Maine at Farmington with degrees in elementary education and speech therapy and holds a



Master's Degree in deaf education from Gallaudet University in Washington, DC. Brenda had been employed in public schools for nineteen years, fourteen as a speech therapist at the Etna-Dixmont School. In 2002 she resigned from her teaching position to pursue a career as a fine artist on a full time basis. Brenda is a self-taught artist and works primarily in soft pastels. Her work hangs in private collections in New England, Florida, California, Colorado, New York, France, and Iceland.

Since she began her career as an artist in December of 2000, Brenda has sold over half of her paintings. Currently her web site has about 200 paintings on display and has had more than 10,000 visitors. Through her web site she has received praise and feedback from all around the world.

Brenda has had solo exhibitions at the Bangor Public Library, the Cancer Care of Maine Gallery, as well as the Artist's Café in Machias, Maine. Several of her pieces were featured in a Bangor Public Library Art Now exhibit in the Lecture Hall in December 2002 and others have appeared in the Bangor Art Society's juried shows. Her art was featured in a six-page spread in the July 2004 issue of *American Artist* magazine along with an interview.

For more information about the December 4th event, a web-demonstration of how she paints with pastels, or to download a free screensaver of her work, visit her web site, www.brendaferguson.com.