

Morning Tea, 18" x 18", 2014



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Mary Noone: The Vibrancy of the Moment

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This month, *Roaring Fork Lifestyle* graced its cover with a painting by Mary Noone, who frequently paints local scenes. Noone gave us some background on her work.

HOW DID YOU START PAINTING THE ROARING FORK VALLEY?

I first came here with my husband, Bob Noone, in 1981. We fell in love with the Valley and moved to Carbondale in 1982.

I first painted houses, but when I became pregnant with my son, I took a job as a seamstress. I started painting canvas, designed a line of luggage named Eager Pigments, and then painted silk scarves and furniture. I have painted basically everything that is not moving! We moved to Glenwood in 1984. My two daughters were born there. I was determined to be with my kids and to make a go of earning a living as an artist—two things that were almost mutually exclusive!

HOW HAVE YOU DEVELOPED YOUR STYLE?

I started in watercolor but found the pigments too muted. I began painting landscapes using house paint, but because of the kids, my painting time was severely limited. Acrylic paint dries immediately. Now, it's my favorite medium.

Another thing that has shaped my artistic expression is the fact that I was diagnosed with early onset Parkinson's disease in 1991. It has shaped my life and the way I paint. Color and the love of expressing myself through painting have held me together. Parkinson's has definitely been a challenge—keeping the brush still while my body grooved. I underwent Deep Brain Stimulation and I am now battery-operated. I now have a still life...

WHERE AND HOW DID YOU LEARN TO PAINT?

I am basically self-taught. I grew up west of St. Louis on a farm. I started painting murals in the District of Columbia, where my husband comes from. In D.C., I worked in an art gallery, painted sets and took every painting class that was offered. Georgetown University, however, is not known for studio arts. I lived above the Fine Arts Department for six months before I knew it was there!

WHAT INSPIRES YOU?

I love nothing more than painting outside on location. In the spring, summer and fall, I have my car filled with canvas, paint, an easel, a small table and chair. Add water and my dogs, and I am ready to go! In the winter, I paint flowers, cats and dogs.

I paint plein air because I love being on the scene. Photographs do not in any way duplicate the feel and vibrancy of the moment. The wind, sun and day itself dictate the painting. Acrylics dry fast and I get about 80 percent finished outdoors. I complete the painting in the studio.

WHERE CAN READERS SEE YOUR WORK?

At the Main Street Gallery in Carbondale. I'm currently making forays to Santa Fe, Taos, Denver and Grand Junction. Readers can check out my website at MaryNoone.com, or call me about my work at 970.309.6900. The paintings shown with this article are for sale.

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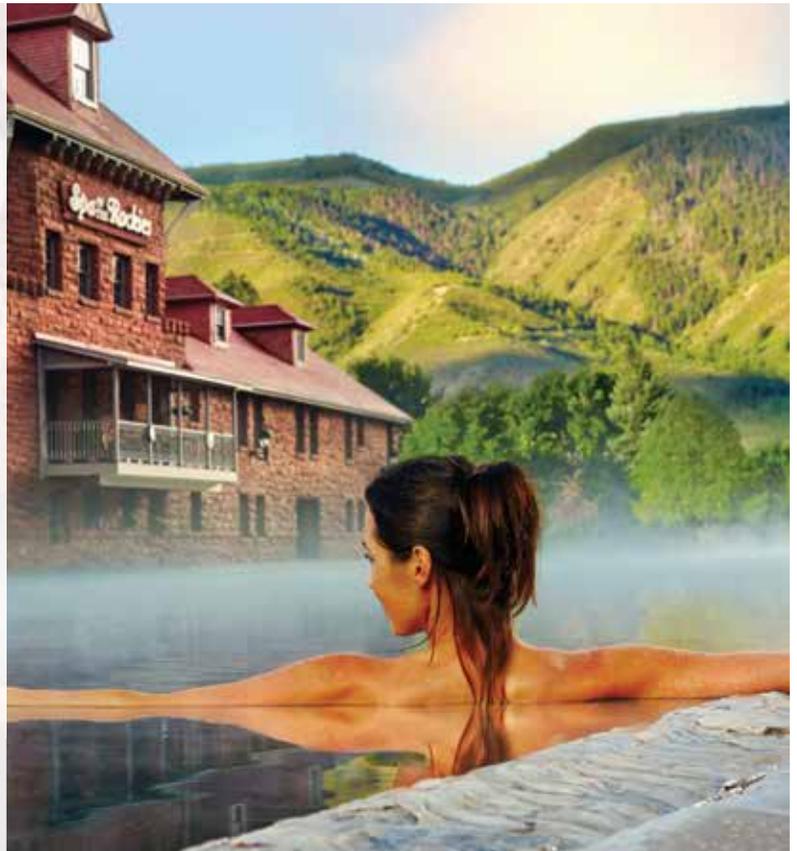
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