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U.S. Copyright Office
Address 101 Independence Ave. S.E.
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re: Copyright Act

Dear Sir,
I am a fourth generation artist, painting professionally for over 25 years. It is a job that I love, that helps support myself, my husband and two children. I studied graphic art at the Portfolio Center in Atlanta, GA after completing my Bachelors of Arts Degree from Adams State University in Alamosa, Colorado. After being in the Graphic design industry for several years I was fortunate enough to be able to begin my career as a full time painter. During that time I have sought out the expertise and mentoring from other artists such as Stephen Quiller, Bo Bartlett and Kathryn Chang Liu and several others. I have travelled all over the United States to study with them. I currently teach, mentor and show in two galleries nationally and am a member of the National Watercolor Society, The American Watercolor Society and the Portrait Society of America, as well as founding member of the Bo Bartlett Center in Columbus, GA, a part of Columbus State University. My work has been published in magazines and have had many awards and shows. With this, my work is seen by many people. In the age of the internet it allows it to be seen by many more and at a faster rate. Artist's images can be taken from the websites and used for other purposes. Please know that hard work and vision are a part of my being. Copyright law for me is not an abstract legal issue, but the basis for which my business may succeed. If someone can merely take the image and use as their own, they are taking from me, my family and the process of which it was originally intended. The unilateral decision allowing open access to images removes that control of choosing who may or may not use my work. Please consider the small businesses who work hard to make a living, who believe in what they do.

Sincerely yours,

Suzanne Reed Fine

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