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QUARTERLY WATERCOLOR INSPIRATIONS
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New Works

Now 2004 is closing and I am looking forward to 2005, I have a chance to catch up on some of my painting. Last time I mentioned a couple of the paintings I had been working on. One of them is "Castle Menzies" (right). It is a scene of a beautiful golden glen with an ancient castle in the mid-ground- Castle Menzies. This castle was built in 16th Century and the walls in places are three feet thick! The day we visited the castle (as you will see from the finished painting) was a warm autumn day when the colors sparkled and you knew a frost would be in the area by evening.

The other one I have completed is of a market place in the town of Droitwich Spa. Droitwich Spa is located in central England and as the

name suggests was a Roman Spa and salt mine. The architecture in this town is absolutely spectacular! Well worth a visit if any of you have the chance to go.

The next painting in this series from our trip to England and Scotland is one of a bed and breakfast near Loch Tay, Perthshire, Scotland. This old home is built of local stone and slate and the owner had masses of red, pink, orange and yellow begonias and other potted plants hanging in the front garden. The juxtaposition of these bright colors against the more somber colors of the building is absolutely spectacular!

"Sparkle, Sparkle" was the

time to breathe.

The Hildene show was just prior to the elections and I found it difficult to sell. It may also have had something to do with the fact that I had a broken ankle. But the other two show were great, so that made up for the difference.

I am happy to announce that my work will now be available at Gallery on High in Pottstown, PA which is a short dis-



Castle Menzies, Perthshire, Scotland
Watercolor 10"x6" 140 lb CP Arches

theme of the most recent show at the Deerhill Art on the Mountain Gallery and I stretched myself to create two imaginary winter evening scenes which I reproduced on holiday cards with sparkles for stars and on the snow (see image reverse side). Everybody loved them!

Don and I are planning many interesting trips in 2005 back to St. Maarten, Arizona, California and Cape Cod and as always my cameras will be at hand to capture those soon to be paintings.

tance from Philadelphia.

Currently I am working on my plans for 2005, trying to decide which shows I'll be doing again and which ones will not be on the list.

January through March is relatively slow on the Show scene, but I will be selling at the Maple Festival in Whitingham, VT. It will be my 4th year. Otherwise I will be in the studio painting.

Happy New Year everyone, The holidays are here once again, the shortest day and the winter solstice have now passed and we can look forward to longer daylight hours. That always helps me through the cold winter months to come. Winter is so beautiful in Vermont with the sparkle of white snow and the deep blue skies after the winter storms pass.

Many plans are being made for the busiest year yet. Hope to see you at one of the shows!

As always if you do not wish to receive this newsletter or other mailings, please either call or e-mail me (address information on reverse side) and I will remove you from the list.

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Shows and Galleries:

- Bridal Show, Jaffrey, NH February 27
- Art on the Mountain Gallery at the Deerhill, West Dover, VT
- Maple Festival Craft Show, Whitingham High School, Whitingham, VT
- Gallery on High, Pottstown, PA
- Arts Unlimited, South Hadley, MA
- Quagh Design, West Main Street, Wilmington. VT
- Bishop's Stock, Snow Hill, MD

Show Update

This fall was so busy it all just seems a blur now. Between taking on much more work with Catamount, stepping up our marketing efforts and increasing personnel and selling work at three major shows, having a holiday open studio and setting up a new show at the gallery at the Deerhill, I didn't have much

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Open Studio Events 2005

My studio, gallery, and garden will be open to the public on May 25 and 26, June 30, July 31 and August 31.

Corner House Creations Gallery and Garden

My studio, gallery and garden are open by appointment, I am here most days, but just call before you stop by to visit.

Stop by and visit us!



Wedding Stationery

With the 2004 weddings complete I am now looking forward to marketing and booking weddings for 2005. My line of wedding stationery has been so well received. Bride and Grooms absolutely love the fact that I can paint an original watercolor for them and then uniquely design and personalize their invitations, thank you cards, RSVP cards, etc. If you know anyone getting married in 2005, refer them to me and I will send you a special gift.



Alice's flowers, Watercolor, 9 x 12"
140 lb CP Arches

Watercolor Workshops

January 23-January 25 will be the first Artist Workshops at the Deerhill Inn, West Dover, VT. I will be instructing an 8 hour watercolor workshop. Participants in this workshop will be shown some of the most common watercolor techniques. We will cover techniques such as "wet into wet", dry brush, glazing and more. Each of these techniques will be practiced and then applied on a small painting to take home. The demonstrations and subject matter will be representative of the very detailed architectural work of the artist. The subject will also include landscape details. The combination of watercolors, dining and the spectacular views at the Deerhill will make for a wonderful learning experience.

Also, in January and February I will be holding similar mini watercolor workshops at the Greensprings recreation center in West Dover, Vermont every other Saturday morning.