

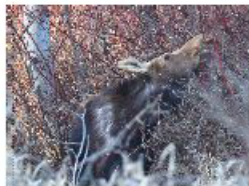
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From the Palette

Spring 2021

Just when I think Spring has appeared, we get snow. Granted, though the cold will not last long and some of the growth from my flower bulbs has broken the soil surface, I am still longing for Spring's full arrival.

Turnbull National Wildlife Refuge is only a little over an hour from my house. My first visit in March was a wild success. My husband and I saw trumpeter swans flying overhead, a herd of about 20 elk (could have been more in the woods), a young moose, and a few ducks. A week later and we were rewarded with sightings of three feeding trumpeter swans beautifully reflected in a pond (a future painting?), a large cow moose, a good number of ducks including a hooded merganser pair, and at least 52 elk lit by the rays of the setting sun. A banner afternoon!



Moose, elk, Trumpeter swan Photos by Linda, Turnbull National Wildlife Refuge March 12, 2021

As part of my *Armchair safari* featuring paintings from my past travels around the world, I decided to paint a street scene I saw in Genoa, Italy. I knew the painting would be a challenging one and there were several times that I questioned my sanity. Fruit, Vegetables, really? After thinking about the idea for almost 7 years, it was time. Below is the painting in progress.



The finished painting is on the reverse side

UPCOMING SHOWS *Linda scheduled to attend

- February 18 - April 17 **Richeson Art Gallery - Small Works 2021**, Kimberly, Wisconsin www.richeson75.com
- March 20 - May 20 **International Guild of Realism Online Salon Show** www.realismguild.com/2021SpringSalon
- April 9 - May 16 **Oil Painters of America National Juried Exhibition**, CA Center for the Arts, Escondido Museum Escondido, CA (760) 839-4138 <https://artcenter.org/museum/> Accepted painting: *Ice Bear*
- May 7 - June 1 **National Oil and Acrylic Painters Society Best of America Small Works 2021** Principle Gallery, Charleston, S.C. (843) 727-4500 www.principlegallery.com Accepted painting: *Old Glory*
- Summer 2021 **Sea, Sand, & Shore Collection**, Louisa Gould Gallery, Vineyard Haven, MA www.louisagould.com/gallery
- *August 20 - 21 **C.M. Russell Museum Auction**, C.M. Russell Museum, Great Falls, MT www.cm-russell.org
Auction painting: *Wild Mustang*
- *November 12 - 14 **Waterfowl Festival 50th Anniversary**, Easton, MD www.waterfowlfestival.org

