



Autumnal Color

Vibrant works headline fall shows at Painters Place, Haines Gallery, Robert Green and Paul Thiebaud

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CHIRSTIN COY TRACES HER LOVE OF THE LAND to her childhood in Norway. For the last three decades, however, she has channeled her affection through the inspirational settings of Marin County, where she has lived and painted since 1981. And from September 1 through 30 art lovers have a chance to experience Coy's vision of Marin through a solo exhibition of her works at The Painters Place in Larkspur.

"I truly enjoy painting the area close to my home, where I am able to observe the changing landscape throughout the seasons," Coy notes. "It is incredibly invigorating trying to capture the fog with my quick brushstrokes as it blows in over the hills on a summer evening."

Coy's depictions of Lucas Valley, Bolinas Lagoon and other West Marin locales have earned her widespread recognition, not to mention spots in numerous gallery exhibitions and high demand at fundraisers—participation in which is a particular passion. She is a founding member of BayWood Artists, a coalition of landscape painters devoted to open-space causes, and an active supporter of several Northern California community organizations, such as the Marin Agricultural Land Trust (MALT), Napa Valley Land Trust, Truckee Donner Land Trust and the Bucklew Foundation.

"Her plein air paintings are all about the local light, and her studio paintings bring it all to a crescendo of composition, technical ability, knowledge of color and light, and emotion," says Krystal Allen, Painters Place gallery director. "We feel that Christin is quickly becoming a real treasure and someone that Marin can be proud of saying is ours."

The public is invited to an opening reception at the gallery on September 4 from 6 to 8 p.m.

The Painters Place, 1139 Magnolia St., Larkspur, 415.461.0351, thepaintersplace.com; 10-5:30 Mon-Sat, closed Sun