

Press Release – The Sedona Series

S. E. Bland, an American landscape artist from the Hill Country of Texas, is currently painting “The Sedona Series.”

Inspired by several trips to the Red Rock Country of Northern Arizona, S. E. has captured quick impressions in oils of the area in and around Sedona.

“America is unbelievably beautiful,” she remarks, “and painting on the side of a mountain is definitely a challenge, with the winds tumbling your easel several times in a session!”

S. E. laughs that close inspection may reveal several grains of real Sedona dust embedded in her artwork, as these pieces were begun plein air in October, 2007. Bringing the still wet pieces home to her studio, S.E. has been busy finishing them while impressions of Sedona are still fresh in her mind. “I’ll use these as a basis for some really large pieces,” she explains.

“For a gal who grew up in Oklahoma, the landscape of Arizona has a magical quality, and I plan to paint many more of these scenes, from Tucson to Chinle.”

S. E. has also begun work on a series of large paintings in oil, inspired by the many cloud formations she’s observed, from Alaska to the Gulf of Mexico.

“My husband and I have always delighted in seeing things in the clouds,” she laughs.

“When I begin painting my clouds, a duck or a swan, an elephant or a rabbit may appear. Nothing frees my spirit like getting lost in a cloud!”

More of S. E.’s work may be seen at <http://www.sebland.com>.