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A Touch of Whimsy Comes to Garden Gate Day Spa

In keeping with their goal of nurturing body, mind and spirit, Garden Gate Day Spa in Los Lunas hosts a delightful exhibit of brightly colored animal paintings by Marjie Bassler during the month of September.

This exhibit provides everyone with a reason to laugh, relax and feel uplifted. “My ultimate goal is to add fun and light-heartedness to people’s lives,” states Bassler, a well-known Albuquerque artist. “When you look at my art, you can see that animals are my inspiration. Each painting has a story to tell and is a great opportunity for the viewer to imagine their own story to go with the piece.”

Marjie creates both watermedia paintings on paper and acrylics on canvas. “I’ve recently been expanding my vision by exploring the creation of simpler images using larger brushes and bold blocks of color. My ‘Chair Series’ began last year when I woke up in the middle of the night and had the sudden urge to do some sketching. The resulting drawings showed cats and dogs in various poses on overstuffed armchairs. This provided me with the beginning point for endless inspiration as I continue this series.” Paintings from the ‘Chair Series’ may be viewed at www.wesstartisans.com/MarjieBassler.php3.

Her latest ‘Horse Head Series’ began when she was walking in a near-by park and found a trail of sheets of matches from matchbooks. “I picked them up as I walked along, and

when I laid them out at home, they made me think of a horse's mane. There were just enough matches to make the mane in a 10"x10" painting, which I named Fiery Steed." The continuing series uses the painted horse's head image combined with collaged manes.

Another new series has a veterinary theme and depicts vets caring for animals. Recently the School of Veterinary Medicine at Louisiana State University honored Marjie with their award for one of her paintings that was in the juried International Exhibit on Animals in Art. Marjie has found a way to further extend her love of animals by creating these paintings for vets' clinics and also by working with animal rescue groups such as the Animal Humane Association of New Mexico, Watermelon Mountain Ranch and Walkin N Circles Ranch to assist with their efforts.

Treat yourself to some light-heartedness with a viewing of this exhibit in a relaxing setting at Garden Gate Day Spa.

WHAT: Exhibit of whimsical animal art by Marjie Bassler

WHERE: Garden Gate Day Spa
3216 Hwy 47, Los Lunas
505-865-8813
www.nmagelessliving.com

WHEN: September 3-28
Wednesday–Saturday: 10 am–7 pm
Sunday: 12 am–6pm

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