

**Lawrence Gallery Salishan to Feature New Landscapes by
Melinda Fellini and J. M. Brodrick, May 1 – June 30, 2010**

***Fellini to feature impressionistic works in oils and Brodrick to display atmospheric, realistic
landscapes in acrylics.***

Lawrence Gallery Salishan, The Shops at Salishan, PO Box 711, 7755 Highway 101 N, Glenden Beach, OR 97388

Gallery Telephone: (541) 764-2318

Gallery Hours: 10 AM to 5 PM Sun-Thurs, 10 AM to 6 PM Friday through Sunday

Artists' Reception: Saturday, May 9, 2010, from 2:00 – 4:00 p.m.

About Melinda Fellini, Oil Painter

Melinda Fellini considers her paintings to be visual poetry, windows to daydreams. Her landscapes are luminous and organic in nature. Her preference in media is oils due to their rich color and depth. Recently she has been exploring encaustics. This is a process involving beeswax medium and a heat source. The medium itself is aromatic, buttery and translucent with glowing rich color, reminding one of stained glass in liquid form.

Says Fellini, "Working with encaustics builds on the same qualities that draw me to oil painting as well as inspiring my current oil compositions. I am captivated by the entire process of painting. It seems like alchemy to start with a piece of canvas, stretch it, prime it, add layers of paint and finally end up with a work of art. I also make many of my own paint brushes. Each one has a different personality, giving the brushstroke a signature look. My work is painted in layers with the addition of glazes to create a depth that cannot be achieved in one sitting."

A position as an interior designer with a corporate design firm in California drew her to San Francisco following her graduation from the University of Nebraska College of Textile, Clothing and Design. Next, she relocated to Bogota, Columbia, during which time painting became her way of communicating her experience.

Fellini's studies of textile and design fostered a keen awareness of the elements that fascinate and tickle the eye. The texture, the color and the feel of the brush stroke significantly impact Fellini's paintings. She uses hand-made brushes that distinguish the originality of every stroke. World travel is well invested in the colorist who masterfully communicates the emotional essence of the landscape as much, if not more than its physical representation.

About J. M. Brodrick, Acrylic Artist

J.M. Brodrick is an accomplished artist whose sensitive paintings have a profound effect on the viewer, touching one's soul with a feeling of serenity and beauty. A veteran watercolorist turned acrylic painter, Brodrick's imagery glows with soft, diffused light, whether forest hideaway, rural landscape or ocean shoreline. Her art has a strong sense of composition with a unique softness that was influenced by world travels and years of living in Alaska

Says Brodrick, "My goal as an artist is to create a painting which will give pleasure without tiring the intellect, bring the viewer into the painting itself and convey a sense of calm and beauty."

"From my earliest memories I have always been working on a painting. Aided by my Grandmother, who was a successful watercolorist from Helsinki Finland, I grew up in a working artist environment. She helped me connect with another artists, who shaped me at an early age to express myself with painting. It is important for me to capture a moment in time. Two hundred years from now, I fear much of what I have seen in the natural beauty of the world will be gone, but I hope I can preserve some of the memory of it on my canvas."

Born and educated in Detroit Michigan, Ms. Brodrick now lives with her husband in Oregon. Brodrick has been exhibiting her work since 1971; her paintings are in numerous private and corporate collections in the United States and Europe including: Atlantic Richfield Corporation, The Alaska Siberian Institute, The Russian Federation Embassy in Washington D.C., and The State of Alaska, a twenty-six foot painting in the Fairbanks International Airport.

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