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***Word & Images: A celebration of paintings by Lisa Hess Hesselgrave
and the poems they inspired at Ives Gallery***



Lisa Hess Hesselgrave, *Hot Sky*. Oil on canvas.

- WHAT:** ***Word & Images: A celebration of paintings by Lisa Hess Hesselgrave and the poems they inspired***
On display are prints of work by Lisa Hess Hesselgrave, and the ekphrastic poems her paintings inspired.
- WHEN:** Exhibition Dates: August 1 – September 6, 2016
Artist reception & Poetry Reading: **Wednesday, August 24, 5 – 7 pm**
Gallery & Library Hours: Monday – Thursday, 10 am – 8 pm; Friday, 10 am – 5 pm
Saturday & Sunday Closed
- WHERE:** Ives Gallery, New Haven Free Public Library, 133 Elm Street, New Haven, CT
- EVENT:** A free public artist reception and poetry reading with Lisa Hess Hesselgrave will be held on Wednesday, August 24 from 5 – 7 pm in the Ives Gallery.

About the Exhibition

On display are prints of work by Lisa Hess Hesselgrave, and the ekphrastic poems her paintings inspired. Ekphrasis means “description” in Greek. An ekphrastic poem is a vivid description of a scene or, more commonly, a work of art. Through the imaginative act of narrating and reflecting on the “action” of a painting or sculpture, the poet may amplify and expand its meaning.

Pencil and paper are available; we invite viewers to participate with poetry, if inspired to do so.

Artist's Statement

Recently Lisa had the unique delight of reading poems that were inspired by several of her paintings. Poet Maureen E. Doallas began a series on the T.S. Poetry Press website TweetSpeak Poetry. More recently, the Golden Thread Gallery in Hartford invited poets to respond to art. She has gathered a selection of the poems here, with gratitude to the following poets who've added another dimension of meaning to her work:

Maureen E. Doallas
Elizabeth W. Marshall
Richard Maxson
Annell Livingston
Alexandra Casalle
Sheryl Bedingfield
Meagan Thomas
Tom Nicotera

Learn more about Lisa Hess Hesselgrave at www.lisahesselgrave.com.

About the Ives Gallery

The Ives Gallery is proud to exhibit work that reflects and celebrates the rich diversity of New Haven's cultural community.

About the New Haven Free Public Library

The New Haven Free Public Library welcomes more than 620,000 library patrons through its doors each year. The library system includes the Ives Memorial Library on the historic New Haven Green, 24/7 online services, the ReadMobile bringing books to early childhood learning centers, and four neighborhood libraries: Fair Haven, Mitchell, Wilson and Stetson.

The New Haven Free Public Library's mission is to ensure all New Haven's citizens have full and unlimited access to information and knowledge so that they may meet the needs of daily living, have opportunities for self-education, and participate successfully in self-government.

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