

Words & Images

Artist Reception and Poetry Reading

Wednesday, August 24 at 5pm—7pm

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 I’ve had the unique delight of reading poems that were inspired by several of my 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. I’ve gathered a selection of the poems here, with gratitude to the following poets who’ve added another dimension of meaning to my work:

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