

A Bouquet for Spring

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Now that spring has finally arrived, the editorial team at *Fine Art Connoisseur* voted to delight readers' color-starved eyes with an array of superb contemporary artworks celebrating flowers and flowering foliage. It never ceases to amaze us how each artist comes at what is essentially the same subject from a completely different viewpoint. Such individuality is just one of the things that makes the field of art endlessly intriguing, just as flowers are among spring's most welcome gifts. ■

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Clyde Aspevig (b. 1951)
Rabbit Brush
2014, Oil on canvas, 24 x 30 in.
Juniper Ridge Studios, Billings, Montana



Stephanie Birdsall (b. 1955)
Sonata
2014, Oil on linen panel, 11 x 14 in.
On view at Saks Galleries (Denver) in its American Art Invitational



Justin Clements (b. 1980)
White and Bronze
2014, Oil on panel, 12 x 16 in.
Private collection



Jane Jones (b. 1953)
Cascade
2013, Oil on board,
44 x 44 in.
Collection of the artist
On view through May 25
in the *American Still Lifes*
show at the R.W. Norton Art
Gallery, Shreveport

Rose Frantzen (b. 1965)
Peonies and Phlox
2013, Oil on panel, 11 x 40 in.
Private collection





Jacob Collins (b. 1964)
White Roses I
2010, Oil on canvas, 14 x 12 in.
Adelson Galleries, New York City



Michael Klein (b. 1980)
Yellow Peonies
2014, Oil on linen on panel, 6 x 6 in.
Collins Galleries, Orleans, Massachusetts



Daniel Keys (b. 1985)
Spring Melody
2013, Oil on linen, 8 x 16 in.
On view through May 21 at Gallery 1261, Denver



Diane Lyon (b. 1949)
Iris and Peonies in the Window
2013, Oil on linen, 24 x 24 in.
Castle Gallery Fine Art, Fort Wayne, Indiana



Mary R. Pettis (b. 1953)
My Tulips
2012, Oil on canvas, 6 x 8 in.
Private collection, Minnesota



Richard Oversmith (b. 1971)
Blossoms in a Blue Vase
2013, Oil on linen, 24 x 20 in.
J.M. Stringer Gallery of Fine Art,
Vero Beach, Florida



Sangita Phadke (b. 1982)
A Tulip in Bloom
2013, Pastel on paper, 21 x 21 in.
On view June 3-16 at Waxlander Gallery, Santa Fe



Elizabeth Robbins (b. 1962)
Home Grown
2013, Oil on linen, 24 x 24 in.
Collection of the artist



Laura Robb (b. 1955)
Pansies
2013, Oil on linen, 16 x 9 in.
Legacy Gallery, Scottsdale



Stone Roberts (b. 1951)
Garden
2002, Oil on linen, 60 1/4 x 37 3/4 in.
Hirschl and Adler Galleries, New York City



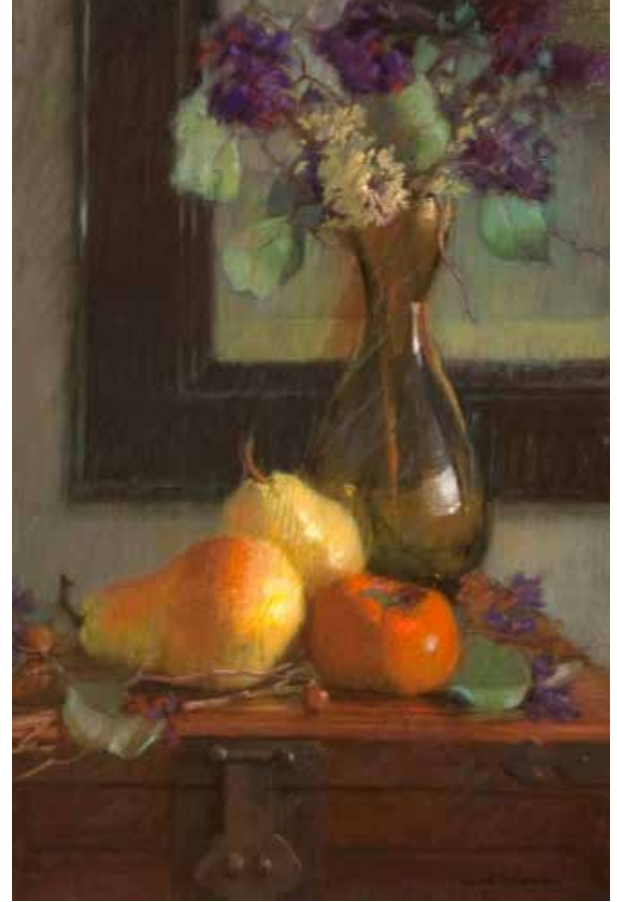
Dave A. Santillanes (b. 1972)
Warm Diversion
2014, Oil on panel, 12 x 16 in.
Collection of the artist



John Sayers (b. 1950)
Pink and White Tulips
2013, Oil on panel, 20 x 28 in.
On view through May 24 at Tory Folliard
Gallery, Milwaukee



Gregory Smith (b. 1972)
Violets
2013, Oil on board, 9 x 12 in.
Ventana Fine Art, Santa Fe



Sally Strand (b. 1954)
Persimmon with Pears
2010, Pastel on paper, 20 x 16 in.
Collection Dr. Julia Sherwood



Terry Strickland (b. 1960)
DayStar
2013, Oil on panel,
11 x 14 in.
Principle Gallery,
Alexandria, Virginia



Ann Trusty (b. 1954)
Angel Trumpets
2011, Oil on canvas, 30 x 24 in.
Collection of the artist



Wendy Higgins (b. 1956)
Sweet Pea Boogie
2013, Oil on linen, 24 x 18 in.
Private collection, courtesy
Greenberg Fine Art, Santa Fe



Paul J. Stankard (b. 1943)
Honeybee Swarm with Flowers and Fruit
2013, Glass, 6 in. diameter
Marshall Gallery of Fine Art, Scottsdale
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