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# **Press Release**

## For Immediate Release

### **Open Studio and Gallery Re-opening**

**Albuquerque, April 28, 2021:** Starting May 1st Carla Forrest Fine Art Studio & Gallery will host open studio on Fridays and Saturdays from 1 to 4 pm and Second Sundays noon to 4 pm. Private studio visits and lessons can be arranged by appointment. Studio visitors can enter a raffle to win an original oil painting! A portion of artwork sales will be donated to the New Mexico Wilderness Alliance, a nonprofit dedicated to the protection, restoration, and continued enjoyment of New Mexico's wildlands and wilderness areas.

#### **Workshops and Instruction**

Carla is planning an advanced oil painting workshop focusing on impasto techniques, hopefully to be held this summer, as well as mentor paint-alongs and artists' ateliers covering targeted topics, such as "The Art of the Commission". Currently she is looking for a venue since several locations are no longer available. The next atelier will be held on Saturday May 29, 9 am to Noon. This 3-hour paint-along in oil, acrylic, or gouache will take a collaborative approach in discovering one's artistic voice. Proteges will follow Carla's demonstration of painting an outdoor scene or still life set-up for a few steps at a time. She will provide individual mentorship to encourage your artistic growth. Attendees are responsible for bringing their own artist materials and refreshments. Sessions meet at her studio in Old Town Albuquerque, unless other local arrangements are made, compliant with New Mexico health orders. Additional sessions for up to 6 people will be scheduled in 2021 on Wednesday, Friday, and Saturday mornings either outdoors or indoors. Contact Carla at artist@carlaforrest.com if you are interested or visit her website www.carlaforrest.com for more information.

Nationally recognized for her contemporary paintings with vibrant color, Carla studied art and design at State University of New York and Rochester Institute of Technology, and currently is represented by Weyrich Gallery in Albuquerque's Northeast Heights.

#### **Photos Attached:**

"Verdant Vale", En Plein Air Oil on Panel by Carla Forrest