

Doug Graybeal Painting

After practicing the “hard line art” of architecture for forty years Doug decided to more deeply explore the softer more free flowing art of watercolors along with the vibrancy of pastels. With watercolors you have to go with the flow and let the mediums determine the outcome, working with the surprises. The addition of pastels allows further definition of critical elements and areas of focus. The watercolor underpainting sets the tone and values, while loosely defining elements and areas of interest in the painting. Pastels then develop the focal points and supporting characters, while the mystical qualities of the watercolor underpainting are preserved. The goal is to taking advantage of the unique qualities of each medium using them together to express the subject, moment and artist inner feelings.

A lifetime of enjoyment of the outdoors has created numerous fond memories, the essence of which I wish to capture in paintings for other to enjoy and use to stir their special memories. Painting allows one to develop current and old experiences into images with just enough detail to provoke further contemplation and recall.

After graduating from college with a degree in Architecture, Doug Graybeal came to Aspen, Colorado to ski for a winter and never left. He was a principal in a local award winning and nationally recognized architectural firm for 25 years before starting his own distinguished practice focused on sustainable design. Late in his professional career he become fascinated with watercolors and began to explore the medium. Interest in pastels followed with the combining of the two media. While he has no formal artistic training he has taken watercolor classes from local a

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Late Afternoon
Castel Creek Valley
Pastel/Watercolor
Frame: 22 x 18
Mat: 20 x 16
Image: 14 x 11
\$495



Ashcroft Hotel
Valley View
Pastel/Watercolor
Frame: 13 x 16
Mat: 11 x 14
Image: 8 x 10
\$350



Autumn Cooper Creek
to Pearl Pass
Pastel/Watercolor
Frame: 18 x 22
Mat: 16 x 20
Image 11 x 14
\$495



Settling in Ashcroft
Pastel/Watercolor
Frame: 16 x 13
Mat: 14 x 11
Image: 10 x 8
\$350



Autumn in Ashcroft
Pastel/Watercolor
Frame: 22 x 18
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Castle Creek Splash
Pastel/Watercolor
Frame: 22 x 18
Mat: 20 x 16
Image: 14 x 11
\$495



Beaver Dam
Castle Creek
Pastel/Watercolor
Frame: 13 x 16
Mat: 11 x 14
Image: 8 x 10
\$350



Ashcroft Hotel
Pastel/Watercolor
Frame: 18 x 14
Mat: 16 x 12
Image: 12 x 9
\$395



Ashcroft Hotel
Valley View
Pastel/Watercolor
Frame: 16 x 13
Mat: 14 x 11
Image: 10 x 8
\$350



Afternoon Calm
Castle Creek
Pastel/Watercolor
Frame: 22 x 18
Mat: 20 x 16
Image: 14 x 11
\$495