



Brush Strokes



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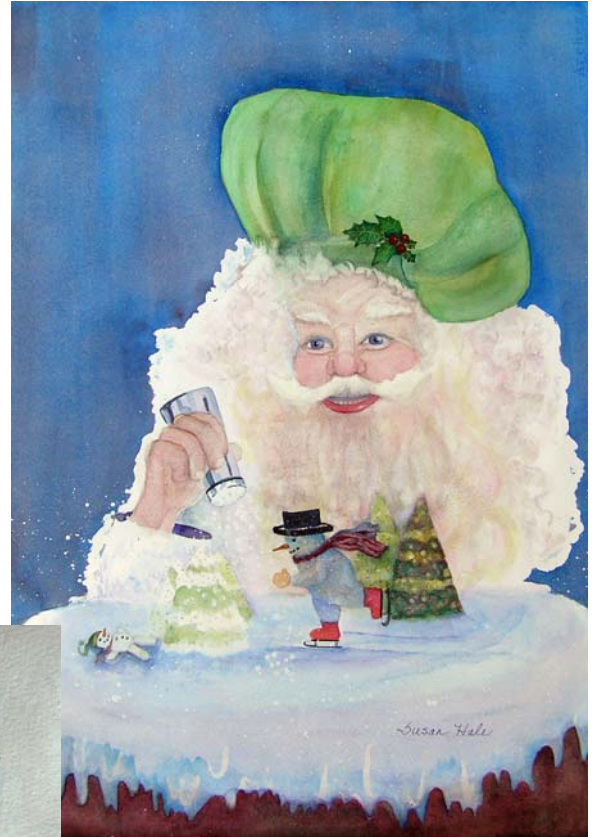
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THINK CHRISTMAS!

What about making your own Christmas card this year? It isn't too late! Plan your composition and then paint it! You can have it Xeroxed onto 110 lb. paper and have the name printed on the back with "watercolor by..." Your friends would love it.

This painting is called "Baking Up a Storm," and it was painted by Susan Hale for her Christmas card in 2012. Meanwhile it was entered into our student show at the Fountain City Art Center in August of 2013 and certainly brought a lot of comments.

Also from last year is the painting below. It's titled "Fa!, La, La, La, La" and Rebecca Crossland dreamed this one up. Her Christmas cards always contain her animals and what an interesting portrayal of all her dogs (and one cat)



Now that I have shown you some examples of what can be done, why not try it yourself? I have friends who make a collection of my Christmas cards, but I've been painting them and printing them myself for about 17 years. This year is no different except the painting was the one selected by Watercolor West for their 45th

annual exhibit at the Brea Art Gallery in Brea, CA. Having struggled for many years to become a Signature Member of this transparent society, I finally made it with my Christmas card for this year. See the October issue of "Brush Strokes" to learn more about this group.

Meanwhile, get busy and start thinking of a topic you can use either from your earlier collection of your recent paintings or one you can start on now and have finished in about two or three weeks.