

Local Artist:

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Four years ago on Mother's Day, Deborah Cavenaugh received twelve paints as a gift from her children. Two years ago, Cavenaugh leased a studio and promised herself to "paint full-time for one year to see if anything would happen." It did and today she is painting her fifteenth one-woman show and fifth group show.

Cavenaugh comes to her art without any formal training. Considering herself a visionary artist she paints from her imagination. She likes to paint about the home filling her work with the symbols and metaphors of daily living. "The subject of home allows me a way to explore my traditional female energy in the non-traditional world we live now," writes Cavenaugh.

Paintings characterized by bold colors and layers of patterns identify Cavenaugh's work whether a still life or one of her ongoing series of families literally living out on the beach.

Cavenaugh says, "Each painting is a single thought or metaphor reflecting the colors and patterns in my heart and head for that moment—a page out of my journal where I paint instead of write."

Deborah Cavenaugh can be seen at Airlie Moon and at Wysiwyg locally and is regionally represented from the Carolina's to Florida. She is currently painting for three local one-woman summer shows. For more information contact her at (910) 763-2295. 



"The light at the end of the day" by local artist Deborah Cavenaugh.