

End of Summer 2008

# Newsletter

John Pototschnik Fine Art

## Murphy, Texas Celebrates 50 Years

The City of Murphy commissioned a painting to commemorate its first 50 years. The landmark Murphy Grocery Store, formally at the intersection of Murphy Road and FM 544, was chosen as the subject. Growth of the area eventually caused its demise, but the store still has a special place in the memory of many Murphy residents.

When we moved to Wylie in 1980, the small corner grocery about four miles from our home attracted me immediately as a worthy painting subject. Its appearance represented everything good about small town America...when a young boy could walk to the store by himself to purchase some candy and his parents didn't need to worry about his safety. The store owner knew his name and his family. Maybe there was even an odd job or two for him to do in order to earn extra money. Neighbors looked out for one another then and one's word was their bond. Yep, I remember.

Over the years, I have completed several paintings of the store. Two of the paintings were reproduced as prints. This painting is unique because it shows the store at night. Thanks to the City of Murphy for the opportunity and freedom to do such a painting to help celebrate their anniversary. The official unveiling will be September 26, 2008.

Below is how the painting unfolded.



Murphy's Historic Crossroad - 16"x20.5" - Oil on Board

**Southwest Gallery** has become the newest representative of my work. Founded in Dallas over 30 years ago, the gallery is one of the oldest and largest galleries in Texas. With an international internet presence, large mailing list, and a wonderful staff...we hope for an enduring relationship. I am still being represented in Dallas by **G. Stanton Gallery**. I have been with the gallery for 20 years, so nothing will change there. My representation with Southwest Gallery is in addition to...

To view paintings they currently have in inventory...click on link below.

[http://www.swgallery.com/artwork.aspx?style\\_id=7&artist\\_id=402](http://www.swgallery.com/artwork.aspx?style_id=7&artist_id=402)

## 2009 Inspirational Calendars Now Available

The 2009 Outreach Health Services calendars have been printed and are available for purchase. They will be sent as a gift to collectors of my original paintings and to students that have taken a workshop from me within the last three years. The calendars are beautiful as always. They contain 13 of my paintings but more importantly, Scripture verses that will feed the soul.

If you would like to own one of these beautiful calendars, you can have a signed copy for \$20.00... and that price includes postage.

Send a check to:

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## 2009 Workshop Schedule

If you have been away from painting for a while and would like to get back into it, if you need a good dose of the basic principles of painting...or if you just want to hang around some people that love fine art as much as you do...then...

**You need to take one of my workshops.**

Here are the ones scheduled for 2009. You can click on the link below to get all the details.

23-24 Mar - Stillwater, OK

15-18 Apr - Pontotoc, MS

4-6 May - Mt. Pleasant, TX

<http://www.pototschnik.com/upcomingshows.asp>



*We are way more flawed than we dare admit; we are way more loved than we dare hope.*