Sherry Steele 2021 COLLECTOR'S NEWSLETTER

Write it on your heart that every day is the best day of the year. Ralph Waldo Emerson

Dear Friends,

Arms outstretched to catch the first flickers of dawn, my footsteps hurry me down the path to a new day. The crisp air of winter in Texas (no snow, thank you very much) fills me with renewed enthusiasm. Gathering rays of sunshine along the way leaves my heart filled with gratitude. Always my time to reflect on my many blessings and to send thoughts of healing to my friends in need, I end the walk thinking about you. Keen to get to my drawing table, there is a smile on my face as I close the door and pick up my pens.

And those pens have been busy! Fewer interruptions have meant more new pieces completed and more on their way as a Roadrunner streaks across my table, holding high his trophy. Perhaps an indication of my own desire to run away from home?!



The Year Behind and the Year Ahead



Thank goodness for Facebook and the internet as a way for us to stay connected, with more ways soon to follow. Watch for live-streaming events from my studio where the topics will range from the stories behind individual pieces to safari adventures. There is little satisfaction for this artist in completing a new piece and finding I am unable to share it with you in person. Pleasing myself with its "perfection" is a fleeting blush of ego without knowing it has also touched you, evoked a memory for you, or even comforted you when you most needed it.

I can only hope I may have gladdened the lives of those who have touched my life. Whether through your skilled mentorship, your connection to my spirit, or our bond of faith and love, you have guided me along my path.

My heartfelt gratitude until we meet again,



New Works



"Fire In His Eyes"

Sunrise in the Serengeti. The only sight that could overpower the sense of wonder we had just experienced as we soared across the Endless Sea of Grass in a hot air balloon was this splendid Lion. Heading to the champagne breakfast aboard the chase truck, we were stunned as brilliant sunrays pierced the thick screen of grasses to reveal this sight. Like flames flickering around his face, the sun set his splendid mane afire. With eyes set only on the young Lioness at his side, he was oblivious to our prying eyes as I sketched.



"Blitz"

Exploding out of the line of trees on the far side of the open veldt, doom in his eyes, a Cape Buffalo Bull thundered toward us. Powerful muscles surging, we could feel his evil intent. Grabbing my pencil to sketch the action, I realized WE were his target. Unsure of what had triggered his anger, we froze in hopes he would decide we were not a threat. Finally, within meters of our truck, he veered toward the rest of the herd and we could breathe again.



"Shelter In Place"

Even my subject matter took a cue from the current circumstances. With my daydreaming of Africa suspended by reality, our resident family of Carolina Wrens took center stage. Choosing a gourd hanging in the shelter of our eaves as home, they busily gleaned our yard for insects to raise their brood. Grape vines twisting around the gourd shielded the entrance from our prying eyes. With constant movement and cheerful chirps of encouragement to one another, they kept us entertained as the five babes finally fledged and took flight.



"Feeling Frisky"

Bat-Eared Foxes – it's time to go out and play! The cooling air brings out the Flirt as he entices his coy little lady from the den to join him in an evening romp. One of my favorite, lesser-known species, these charming little creatures have been begging for years for their turn on my drawing table. With oversized ears for locating insects deep underground, lovely thick coats, and expressive faces, these beguiling creatures have ended many of my afternoon game drives with a smile.



"Guardian and Guide"

Full of the exuberance and innocence of Youth, the tiny Elephant Calf reaches for her Mother for reassurance. Her ears and hide still tinged with pink reveal how young she is. Exuberant with the joy of discovery and fearless in their innocence, the antics of Elephant Calves always leave us laughing as they explore the world under the watchful eyes of their families. The unbroken bond of Trust and Wisdom between Mother and Child is undeniable as the herd's Matriarch gently guides her babe along the path of Life.

Original Scratchboard

Fresh and spontaneous, these smaller (9" X 12") Original Jewels are rarely available as a print. They give me the chance to release a creature from its cage before I tackle it as a full Pen & Ink Rendering. And, it gives you the chance to own a Sherry Steele Original with a much smaller investment. You won't want to miss it when your favorite species makes a brief appearance. Here is a sampling of what is currently available.



"Phantom - Wild Dog"



"Final Warning - Leopard"



"Crater Cape"

Sherry Steele Safarí 2022



Re-start! You knew I couldn't stay away from Africa for too long. Ready to burst into flame again, the fire has only been banked until I can safely lead another safari. Continually refining our itinerary, this 15-day safari will cover my favorite parts of Tanzania with my extraordinary guides. The word is out and the small group of only 12 guests and 3 guides is nearly full. Please get in touch if you are interested. Let me share the Africa I love with you on a life-changing adventure.

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GOD Bless you every day of your life. The nicest place to be is in someone's thoughts. The safest place to be is in someone's prayers, and the very best place to be is in the hands of God.

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Please check my website to confirm the event.

Feb 11-14 Dallas Safari Club Strow Dallas Cylvention Center Lallas, Texas 2021

May 1-2 **Cottonwood Spring Art Festival** 2021 **Cottonwood Park**

Beltline Rd near Coit, Richardson, TX

May 29-31 **Texas Masters of Fine Art Show** YO Resort Hotel, Kerrville, TX 2021

Oct 2-3 Cottonwood Fall Art Festival

2021 **Cottonwood Park**

Beltline Rd near Coit, Richardson, TX

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