

The Art of the River Towns

Artist of the Week: Barbara Postel

The inaugural Art of the River Towns exhibition, sponsored by River Towns Magazine, is set to open at the Prallsville Mills in Stockton N.J., on Thursday, Oct. 1. In the weeks leading up to the show, the Herald will feature one of the local artists accepted for entry.

This week, we are highlighting the late Barbara Postel of New Hope, who was a lifelong adventurer, afraid of nothing, excited by everything, and unflinchingly fueled by her passions. Her lust for life could not help but be



"Waterfall - Ringing Rocks" is an oil painting by Barbara Postel.

manifested in her paintings.

In the late 1960s, as a student artist and native of New York City, Postel was awarded the Edward G. MacDowell prize,

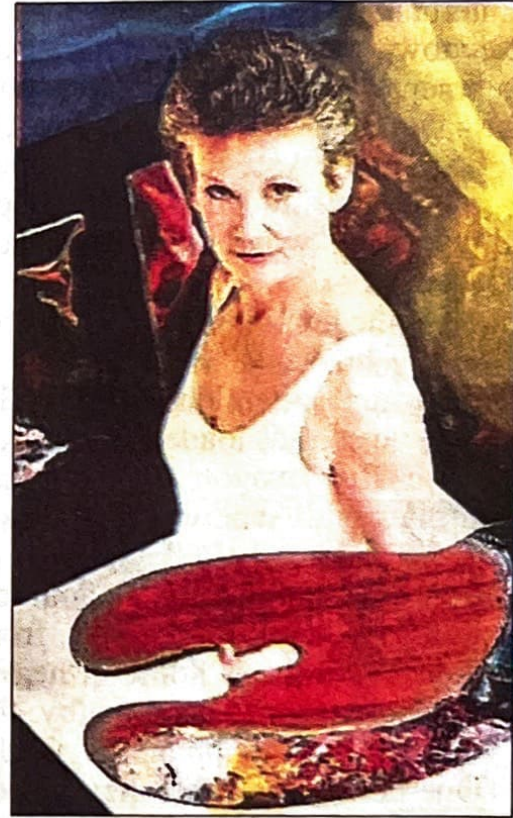
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which allowed her to steep in the cultures of France, Italy, Spain, Morocco, Nigeria, Puerto Rico, Cuba and Mexico; all of which profoundly shaped and fed her percolating artist's furnace.

Equally influential was Postel's tutelage at Henry Hensch's Cape Cod studio, where she fell in love with the natural world and embarked on what would be a perpetual devotion to the landscapes around her.

In the early 1970s, the Delaware River Valley ultimately became not only Postel's greatest passion, but also her muse and home. Together, over the course of 43 years, she and husband Carlos Guerrero created a sanctuary of wildlife above the banks of the Delaware and the Tohickon Creek.

When she died on March 6, 2018, at 80 years old, she



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left behind a stunning body of singular works. Flowing skies, rushing water and vibrant rocks live in Postel's paintings; her visual documents of an unquenchable passion for a life well-lived in connection with nature.

Co-chairs Pearl and Chuck Mintzer, have helped to launch the Art of the River Towns Online Sales Gallery at rivertownsmagazine.com.

New work will continue to be added through early October and the online sales gallery will be available until the end of October.