

# More WET PAINT!

*(Catered Cuisine, Fine Wines, Live Music, Great Raffles, Lots of Fun, and FREE, too!)*

*This Saturday, May 16, from 5 to 8 p.m.!*

It's been awhile since I've written to you. Like everyone else, I've been dealing with the issues of the times. But this Saturday from 5 to 8 p.m., I'm breaking out of the "dealing with it" mode and opening the doors of the gallery, throwing up tents outside the front porch and hosting an enjoyable evening to benefit a wonderful cause, Justin's Beach House.

Entrance is free, the offerings are many, and you are invited! Fine foods are being provided by DiFebo's Restaurant, fine wines by Banks Wines & Spirits and United Distributors, and headlining the event is returning singer, songwriter, guitarist John Pollard (pictured at right) of Cole Younger Band fame performing songs from his popular solo CD "My Bethany," taking special requests and introducing his debuting solo album just for us, titled "Nothing Personal"! You'll be the first to hear his new songs!



In addition we're selling raffle tickets for five wonderful prizes to be given away at the end of the evening, with all ticket money going to Justin's Beach House. A \$25 ticket gives you chances on a signed, numbered archival gicle'e reproduction of your choice up to a \$300 value; your choice of one of my new "Mini Gicle'e" prints of a local scene or landscape; and three of my newly introduced nightlights bearing framed stained glass images of some of my best paintings. So there will be five lucky winners. (Good odds!)



On top of all that -- **ten percent of every single purchase made at the gallery during the event, including my originals, will go directly to the Justin Jennings Foundation for the building of Justin's Beach House for families**

**facing the challenges of cancer.**

*And* - you'll get to see some of my new works in progress (like the one at left), all my newest paintings, and two of the portraits I've just finished, **including a seaside oil called "Hope" of Justin Jennings Foundation founder Mary Ellen Nantais, and her son, Justin Jennings, during a hope-filled family time in Bethany.** It's a love-filled painting that shows a little of the reason [Justin's Beach House](#) began and is a reminder of how sometimes one short life can make a very big difference.

Weather forecasts for the weekend are looking good for the evening, the food and wine are on their way. John will start playing at five, I'll unveil Hope at 5:30, and then plan to just plain have good fun. I'm looking forward to seeing some familiar faces this weekend! Please join us!

If you have any questions, feel free to just reply to this email or call The Ellen Rice Gallery at 302-539-3405. The

Hope event isn't on my website yet, but some of my portrait work that you probably haven't seen is and you're welcome to take a look by clicking [here](#).



Thank you, especially now, for your support of this event and the gallery. Your support makes my work possible and I'd like to think, helps make the world a little brighter place one painting at a time.

Blessings to all,

Ellen