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Fellow art lover,

Do you know that feeling of creating something new (product, recipe, marketing campaign, etc), and then feeling exposed and vulnerable when you revealed it?

Well, that's how we artists feel every time our art is exposed to the world . . . vulnerable. It's true for novice artists as well as the most experienced and even (I hear) famous artists.



Taking a break from preparing for the Open Studio event, and putting on a brave face  
Behind me is ['Posh', oil painting by Holly Van Hart](#)

And the bigger the art exhibition, the greater the feeling of exposure. The reason is that the most authentic artwork will reflect an artist's deepest feelings and thoughts and ideas.

So when we exhibit our art, it feels like we're standing naked in front of a crowd. (Or how I imagine that would feel, as I've never actually been naked in front of a crowd.)

At the moment, I'm putting on a fearless face and getting ready for the [Open Studio solo exhibit on May 16-17](#). Over 35 paintings will be on display. By the time they are hung, and the house and studio are all tidied up, I'm aiming to push out of that vulnerable mode and into *a feeling of excitement about seeing you!*

As a thank you for all your support, at the Open Studio event you will receive **a gift of a [free notecard that has an image of one of my paintings on it](#)**. The cards are even signed on the back. Ten different notecards will be available, and you get to choose your fave!

See you next weekend,  
Holly

P.S. During last year's Open Studio event, over half the paintings found new homes. Thank you! I was very honored by that.

P.P.S. In case you missed the details for this year's event . . .



[Open Studio details here](#)  
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