

## "50" Painting Project to Launch in October

My husband Rich turned 50 this May, prompting me to think of how I might celebrate my own 50th, come 2013. The result? An ambitious goal to complete fifty plein air paintings in the year leading up to my 50th birthday and then the traveling exhibit called simply "50" will be shown at local galleries and venues during my 50th year, 2013-14. During the year of painting, I'll be inviting friends and family to join me on location to paint and sketch alongside me or simply keep me company while I capture the landscapes in watercolors. I'll begin this adventure this October 2012, producing roughly a painting a week til next October 2013.

I'm excited to embark on this journey, which will continue to encourage me out of doors with my watercolors to paint en plein air. I hope to share the journey with all of you here on my blog and to get into a regular rhythm with the seasons, sharing photos of my artwork in process. I find it interesting to watch other artists paint, to see what materials they use and how they approach the empty canvas or paper. How long does it take them to finish? What time of day is it? And especially with plein air painters, what is the weather like that day? These are the things I hope to share with you here as I venture forth.

My goal is to begin sharing photos of my current paintings in process soon, ahead of the October to October "50" Painting Project. If you'd like to receive an email reminder each time I update my blog, email me at [libby@starflowerstudio.com](mailto:libby@starflowerstudio.com).