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The Art Base presents: *Still Here* by Doug Graybeal

October 8 – December 4, 2021

Gallery Hours: Tuesday-Saturday, 11am-5pm

Opening Reception: Friday, October 8th, 5-7pm

The Art Base is pleased to present an exhibition of new watercolor and pastel paintings by landscape artist Doug Graybeal, entitled *Still Here*. Graybeal states: "This body of work is focused on capturing the seasons, the only perceivable changes, to the permanence of the features in our valley that will continue through time in their grandeur." This exhibition will be on view through Saturday, December 4th with a public opening on Friday, October 8th from 5-7pm.

Graybeal was inspired by the sentiment: "Still here after I am gone, changing only with the seasons" when creating work for this exhibition. He addresses the passage of time, and our fleeting existence, through an exploration of landscapes in different seasons. For Graybeal this realization has led to an even greater appreciation of the natural world.

An accomplished architect, Graybeal decided to shift to explore the softer, more free flowing art of watercolors along with the vibrancy of pastels. He states, "With watercolors you have to go with the flow and let the mediums determine the outcome, working with the surprises... taking advantage of the unique qualities of each medium using them together to express the subject, moment and artist inner feelings." Graybeal enjoys painting outdoors and has participated in several Plein Art Events throughout the Colorado including the 2017 Aspen Plein Air Festival and was awarded the Grand Prize at the 2017 and Second Place at the 2018 Colorado National Monument Association Plein Air.

Art Base curator Lissa Ballinger says, "This is the perfect moment for this exhibition -- when all of us are feeling the shift of seasons so immediately, and therefore, the impermanence of every moment. Doug gracefully successfully leads the viewer through this exploration of landscape changed by the seasons."

The Art Base is a nonprofit community arts center located in Basalt, Colorado. Through education, exhibitions, and events they foster creative expression in the visual arts for all ages and abilities. Education programs are designed to be accessible to everyone and encourage creative expression and lifelong learning through arts workshops and outreach programs in partnership with local nonprofits and Basalt schools. Exhibitions focus on opportunities for solo, group, and guest-curated exhibitions for Colorado-based artists, with an emphasis on those living in the Roaring Fork Valley.

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