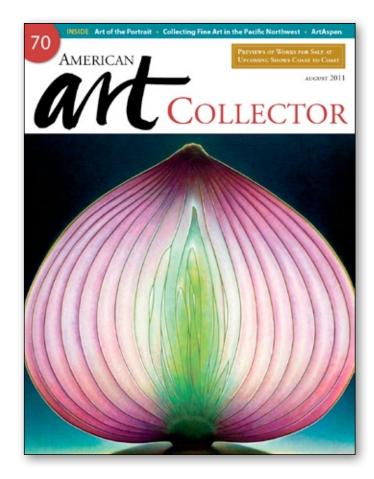
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ARTIST FOCUS: SALLY RUDDY

Resplendent moments

alifornia artist Sally Ruddy enjoys a distinguished international career as an oil painter. She is a member of the prestigious National Association of Women Artists, the National League of American Pen Women, Oil Painters of America, and the Northern California Women's Caucus for Art. Ruddy's work has been exhibited at the American Embassy in Almaty, Kazakhstan, the Florence Biennale in Italy, and numerous other venues. In 1999 the U.S. Postal Service commissioned her artwork for a first cover envelope titled *Honoring Those Who Served*.

Ruddy lives on a small almond ranch in the quiet farming community of Waterford, California. Her love of nature and her rural environment influence her art. About her *Country Series*, Ruddy says, "I pass the 'Oberthier Barn' on my way to the post office every day. I see 'bee boxes' on my morning walk during almond blossom season."

Ruthie Tucker, director of the Amsterdam Whitney Gallery, states, "Sally Ruddy's *Spring Series*...capturing nature in her unique style characterized by resplendent hues, delicate brushstrokes and the ravishing portrayal of brilliant sunlight."

Interior designer Sonja Knutsen comments, "Visiting [Ruddy's] website was like being home... [Ruddy's] statement expressed such beauty, I certainly don't have words to describe the movement within me."

Ruddy works both from direct observation of nature and from imagination.

"My work is about color and feelings. The piece is not finished until it has a certain 'presence' about it," she explains. "My art is an effort to capture a moment and preserve the sweetness of it. It's not just about me making art; it is about honoring this place in the world where I live."



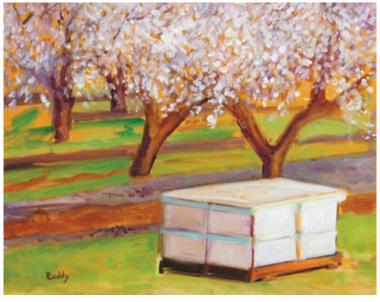


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	Small	Medium	Large
2011	\$1,000	\$2,800	\$6,000



OBERTHIER BARN, OIL ON CANVAS, 18 X 24"



BEE BOXES, OIL ON CANVAS, 16 X 20"



Almond Blossoms, oil on canvas, 11 x 14'