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BONNIE MARRIS: IMMERSSED IN THE WILD SEPTEMBER 1 - 30, 2016, OPEN HOUSE: SEPTEMBER 17, 5-7PM

Trailside Galleries is pleased to present *Bonnie Marris: Immersed in the Wild*, a showcase of new works by the Michigan based wildlife and equine painter. From September 1-30, collectors can look forward to viewing Bonnie's newest collection of work, comprised of approximately eight new oil paintings. An artist reception is scheduled for Saturday, September 17 from 5:00 – 7:00 pm.

From the time she was a child, Marris had an affinity for drawing and was particularly drawn to animals. While she pursued art classes in college, she eventually earned a Masters degree in Zoology and animal behavior, but she never veered far from her dream to pursue an art career. Over time, her photorealistic renderings of wolves, foxes, bears and various other wildlife began to garner attention. Marris particularly credits workshops taken with renowned sculptor Ed Fraughton throughout the 1990's for helping her to learn how to bring her paintings to life. She also cites David Shephard, the great British painter and preservationist, as her hero and mentor.

As of late, Marris' work, while still realistic, has taken a more painterly, loose approach, which she says comes from the confidence and self-assurance to leave things out and create an illusion of detail. In an article featured in *Southwest Art* magazine she notes. "When your skill begins to meet your vision, then you can leave out detail. In doing so, you can make the illusion of detail and make it even stronger than if you had painted the minutiae."

Since 1963, Trailside Galleries of Jackson, Wyoming and Scottsdale, Arizona has been regarded as one of the pre-eminent dealers in American representational art, specializing in a rich and varied collection of works by the leading western, wildlife, figurative, impressionist, and landscape artists in the country. The artist roster includes members of the Cowboy Artists of America, National Academy of Design, Oil Painters of America, Plein-Air Painters of America, Prix De West, Society of Animal Artists, National Sculpture Society and Masters of the American West.

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