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Welcome to our 2026 newsletter.

Our first adventure out of our studios in 2025 was to show our art in the **1st ANNUAL NORTHERN NECK WATEROWL & WILDLIFE EXPO** show and sale in White Stone, VA, in mid-March. Unfortunately, we had to cancel at the last minute because of a medical emergency. Not to worry, we are fine and we will be there this March. **Join us for the 2nd Annual Northern Neck Waterfowl & Wildlife Expo on Saturday, March 21st & Sunday, March 22nd, 2026. Admission is \$10 (12 & under free). For more information contact Ryan Stephens at 804-436-4703 or ryan@hornsace.com**

Our next big adventure was to our gallery in the historic STATE GAME LODGE in awesome Custer State Park located in the beautiful Black Hills of South Dakota. It is a true gem of a state park and adjoins beautiful Wind Cave National Park. **2026 will be our 33rd consecutive year there as Artists-in-Residence. Unbelievable!**



It was one of the many great summers we spent in our gallery/studio painting and selling our art. We enjoy meeting many new people through the months we are there. We try to educate the public about the kind of art we do and about the park and the animals that roam freely in Custer State Park. The animals are wild and can be extremely dangerous so keep a safe distance from them. The park belongs to them; we humans are the visitors. Best of all we get to spend time with our "South Dakota family (you know who you are) and make new friends, as we often do. Maybe it's the wine??? Our dates this season are setting up **June 22** (we are more "mature" and slower than we use to be so it takes us a few days to get everything displayed the way we want). Take down will be **October 1** unless we decide to add a few more days like we did in 2025. One or both of us can usually be found in our gallery 7 days a week.

By mid-October we are back in our "home" studios. It takes weeks to unpack, organize and inventory everything. When that is finished Ron goes over the records of our sales and makes a list of all the printing I need to do. The printing is done over a period of a few months. Printing is my main job and then Ron takes over the rest of the work which includes varnishing the canvas prints, sawing the backing boards by hand for small prints and original paintings, gluing the canvas on the boards, etc. It takes two of us to stretch our bigger canvases on stretcher bars. This is only part of the work that must be done. Sometimes we even have time to paint! In the meantime, we get some much needed rest that we miss out on in the summer.

This coming April I will fly to the beautiful Pacific Northwest to spend time with my family. Ron will stay home to take care of our business and home stuff.

We hope to see you either at the EXPO in White Stone, VA, or in our gallery in Custer State Park, SD. Thank you always for your interest in our art and to everyone who sends Christmas greetings and takes the time to email photos of how our art is displayed in your homes and businesses. We appreciate your thinking of us and we enjoy hearing from you.

Throughout the year you can visit our website, www.lostinthewoodsstudio.com, for updates and to view and purchase our art directly from us by emailing, Lstinwoods@att.net, or calling us.

We wish you a healthy and prosperous 2026.

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