

Mary Pat Ettinger uses her distinctive style of delicate acrylic washes and tightly controlled edges for her signature landscapes of the Yampa Valley area.

“I have always been inspired by the natural beauties of Routt County and the way the early settlers of the area found the sheltered, nurturing pieces of ground to wrest their living from the land they chose to live in.

Over the last 40 years, I have seen many structures that represented the hard-won success of those people fade slowly into the landscape and the past. Sometimes it has been the elements of time and weather that have overtaken these fence lines and barns, the sheds and family homes. Sometimes it has been the gentrification of the land, and the inevitable encroachment of a growing valley population.

I have been challenged to document with my paintings, the loveliness of the rural scenes throughout the Yampa Valley. I strive to honor the challenges, aspirations and high ideals of those who made the first marks of civilization on this audaciously beautiful land. May we all tread carefully and thoughtfully on the land we so temporarily inhabit. “