

# Art Happenings

## Community Artist in the Parks Program

### Janet Buckingham is the 2018 Community Artist in the Park

It was love at first sight when Janet first visited Southeast Utah in the early 1980s. Born and raised in the flatlands of Kansas, she had never seen anything like the towering canyon walls and sandstone formations of Moab. Her career path has been diverse—teaching, arts administration, local government, and even directing tourism in Kodiak, Alaska—but Moab kept calling her home. Janet retired to Moab full time in 2013, and fills her days with painting, quilting, writing, and hiking.

Janet has never known a time when she didn't create art. Writing was her first love: journaling, poetry, essays, and articles for local newspapers. Painting came years later, after living in the inspirational landscapes of Moab and Alaska. She started painting with pastels, but expanded to ink and watercolor. Most recently, she hit upon a unique combination: printing her original ink and watercolor on cotton fabric, then quilting these "blocks" into wall hangings and bags. The design of each piece is organic and built around the color, shape, and size of the original watercolor.

Janet is married, has three grown children, one granddaughter, eight grandsons, and a beloved Tibetan terrier.



#### Schedule of upcoming park visits:

<b>APRIL 13</b> Arches NP, Balanced Rock 9:00 -12:00	<b>APRIL 19</b> Canyonlands NP, ISKY - (Across the road from the Visitor Center) 1:00 -4:00	<b>APRIL 27-29</b> Hovenweep NM (various locations/times)
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Spot Community Artist in the Parks Janet Buckingham in a park. Bring your art supplies and join her in a creative endeavor, or just take a look at what she's creating. Bring water, sunscreen, and a hat.

#### What is the Community Artist in the Parks Program?

The natural lands of the United States have inspired artists for generations. Artists visiting immense Western landscapes to create art and share it with the American public inspired the creation of America's first national parks. Read more about arts in the national parks.

Similarly, the scenery within the national parks in southeast Utah inspired the creation of the Community Artist in the Parks program. The program began in 2009 as a way to highlight the connection between local artists and the landscapes contained within the parks of the National Park Service's Southeast Utah Group: Arches National Park, Canyonlands National Park, Hovenweep National Monument, and Natural Bridges National Monument.

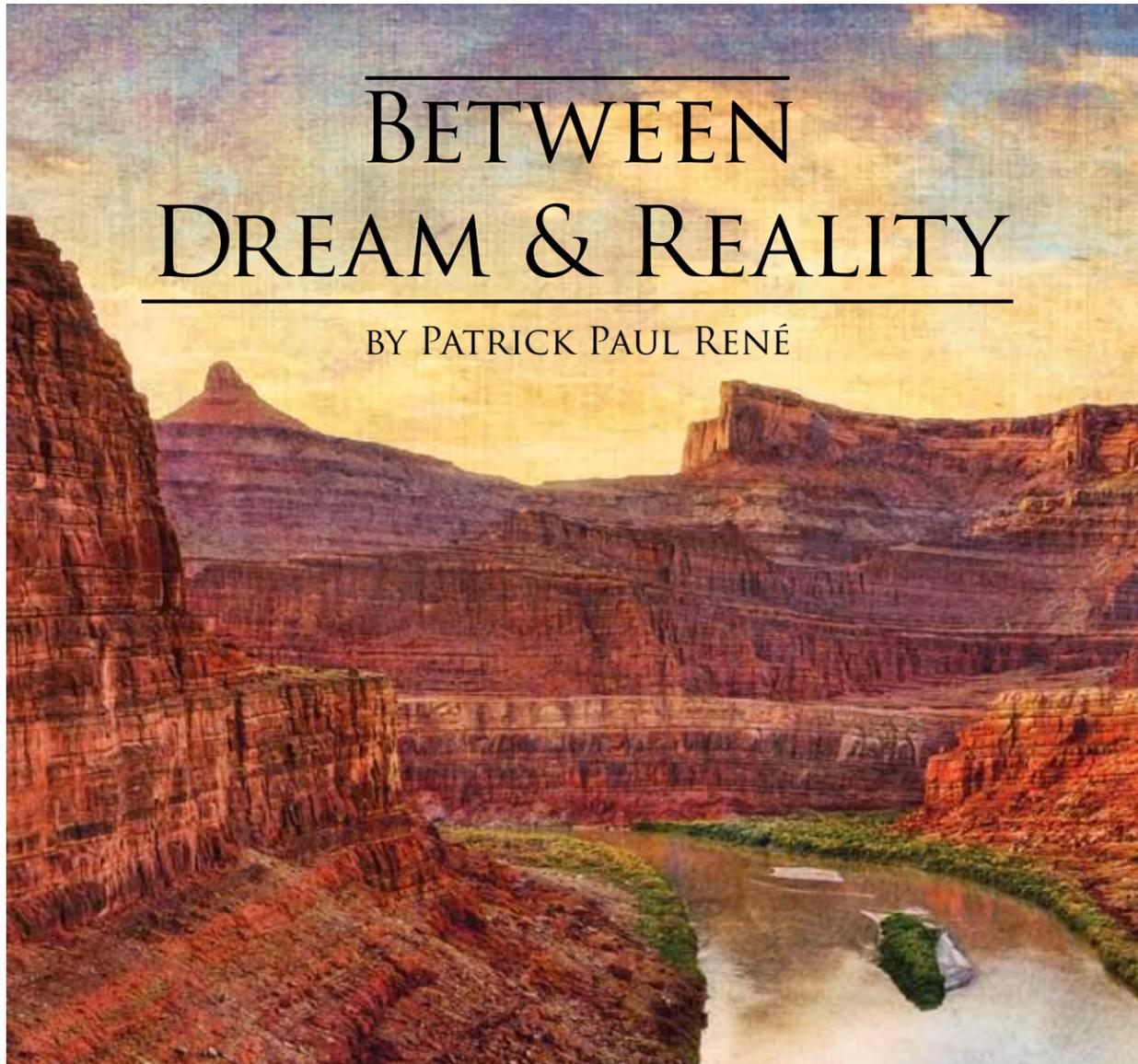
The program gives visitors from across the globe an opportunity to see first-hand the results of artistic inspiration from wild nature. It provides local artists an ability to teach and demonstrate their medium and passion for creative expression.

Community artists host events throughout the summer where you can watch them in action, and even try your hand at some artwork. For more information go to [nps.gov/arch](http://nps.gov/arch)

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