

In the Shadow

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Shadow Mountain artists will work on-site

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Jackson Hole - Looking for the quintessential Jackson gallery loaded with wildlife, landscape and Western paintings? See no further than right off Town Square at Shadow Mountain Gallery (below A Touch of Class). The gallery, said owner Safaa Darwiche, boasts artwork from more than 20 artists who specialize in the Western style.

“It is beautiful art related to the area,” Darwiche said.

Darwiche also aims to keep the artwork affordable. She keeps the gallery diverse by offering oil, watercolor, acrylic, and works in bronze.

During the Fall Arts Festival, Darwiche works with her artists to provide customers one-on-one time with the painters. Many of her established artists will be in the gallery at various times through the festival, painting onsite. There is no specific schedule, but artists who can be seen at the gallery include Richard Biddinger, Richard Miles, Mar Evers, Aaron Yount and Dan Haney.

Darwiche said it’s a treat for customers to be able to come by and talk to the artists about their technique and discuss their works for sale.

This festival will be Yount’s fourth working with Shadow Mountain Gallery. He will have just returned from gathering inspiration from Rocky Mountain National Park and plans to work on a painting of a bison, grizzly or wolf.

“I work from my own experience out in Grand Teton and Yellowstone national parks,” he said. “I do sketches and take photographs but my main focus is on the animals.”

During his time painting at the gallery, Yount plans to do a smaller canvas so he can get it done by the time the festival is over. He paints in oils on linen in a realistic style.

He will also be showing some new pieces in the gallery during the festival including his most recent favorite, *Pack Ice*. The scene of three wolves is 11 by 16 inches and depicts a pack tracking a scent that runs dry on the ice.

“I look forward to bringing it out for the show,” he said.

Darwiche said the rest of the gallery will feature new works in a group show. The gallery will have extended hours during the Fall Arts Festival, staying open until 9 pm.