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Copyright Office
Notice of Inquiry on Copyright Protection of Certain Visual Works

I am an artist working in watercolors. I teach painting, write magazine articles and have written a book, "The Purpose of Painting" published by Watson Guptill. I have a web site and do blogs. I have been painting and teaching for over 25 years. It is important that my copyright is protected since my work is available to view to the public. Anyone using my images for personal gain is STEALING and should be held accountable. This is my business and my inventory.

In the digital era, inventory is more valuable to artist than ever before. I do not want anyone monetizing my work for their own profit without my knowledge or consent. My work does not lose its value upon publication. I need to determine voluntarily how and by whom my work is used.

The copyright law is not an abstract legal issue, but the basis on which my business rests.

Sincerely,
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