

LOVE THE SMOKIES

by Mark Keathley



I've spent a lot of time in the Smoky Mountains because they are so inspiring. So much beauty comes together in one spot, and then you throw in the human element. Whether I am driving through historic Cades Cove or the Roaring Fork Loop drive above Gatlinburg, my mind floods with the haunting memories of years gone by. Being in a place like that, my imagination soars, my nostalgic heart aches for what appears to be the Walton's type of good ole days, and my artist mind wants to go and create. One thing I've noticed, though, during the twenty times I've gone to Gatlinburg, is that I have never found a spot that gets it all in one view. Love the Smokies is my attempt at putting the high up view of the distant mountains in the same scene with the up close and refreshing streams that flow down in their valleys. One of the wonderful things about being an artist is getting to create something that you wish you could see and then making it believable and hopefully inspiring for others. When the fires raged through the mountains around Gatlinburg and Pigeon Forge this past fall, my heart broke for the people who suffered loss and the beauty which was destroyed. I felt compelled to paint "Love the Smokies" the way I have always seen it for the kind people who love and live around the mountains. Your hearts of kindness are an inspiration for us all!

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