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## Press Release

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### Private Gallery Parties Offered at Art in Bloom Gallery

*Small group gatherings to be hosted by Amy Grant, October through December 2020*

**Wilmington, NC – October 6, 2020** – Art in Bloom Gallery is responding to the COVID-19 shopping limitations by offering private ‘happy hour’ parties. Booked by a host and facilitating up to 8 guests at a time, this opportunity to be introduced to the original art is available evenings between 5 and 7pm, Monday – Saturday, and all day on Sundays, through December.

Social distancing and masks are required, and the gallery will provide masks as needed. Hand sanitizer and a handwashing station are provided, and the gallery team has a robust cleaning schedule, gloves, and other protocols in place per local, state, and CDC guidelines.

“We all need inspiration right now,” said Amy Grant, owner of Art in Bloom Gallery. “It is important to find connections to other people and to the creative spirit. So, we will host small parties where we can wear our masks, stay socially distanced, and share original art with close friends and family.”

When the physical gallery at 210 Princess Street re-opened after the COVID-19 shut down, the gallery changed regular hours to 10am – 4pm, Monday – Friday and 11am – 4pm, Saturday while continuing to offer private appointments outside of regular hours.

The gallery team expanded their web presence, with virtual tours and a growing library of videos to introduce customers to the art. Yet people have expressed that they missed the intimacy of seeing the art and the artists in person.

“We are committed to our international and national artists, especially those from our region including renowned artists currently living in Wilmington,” continued Ms. Grant. “While we can never guarantee scheduling, the host of each private party will be able to request the presence of one of Art in Bloom Gallery’s artists during each gathering. And of course, we will serve wine and cheese packaged in individual portions for pick up without tongs or shared utensils.”

#### New Exhibit

“[\*Manifestations of Colour and Formations\*](#),” featuring metal artist [Gale Smith](#) and photographer [Melissa Wilgis](#). The exhibit opens in the gallery on Friday, October 23; continues through December 6, 2020; and will have many virtual components including a virtual tour, artist videos and more via [aibgallery.com](http://aibgallery.com).

Art in Bloom Gallery will feature holiday art [gifts](#) created by more than 25 of the Gallery's regular artists including: [Bradley Carter](#); [Debra Bucci](#); [Jeri Greenberg](#); [Jameka Wrisbon Purdie](#); [Roberto Vengoechea](#); [Richard Bunting](#); [Elizabeth Darrow](#); [Brian Evans](#); [Dianne Evans](#); [David Norris](#); [Kirah Van Sickle](#); and [Traudi Thornton](#).

### **About Art in Bloom Gallery**

Founded in 2015 by artist and scientist Amy Grant, *Art in Bloom Gallery* resides in a remodeled horse barn from the 1800s in Wilmington, NC. The gallery's mission is to make original art and artists more visible, in the Cape Fear region and across the world. Telling the story behind each artist and their work is a keystone of the company's vision, which is to bring art to life. For more information on Art in Bloom Gallery, their exhibits and their regular artists, visit [www.aibgallery.com](http://www.aibgallery.com).

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