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PLEASE NOTE; EVERY PAINTING ON OUR WEBSITE IS NOW ON SALE AT 25% off to 50% off with Exception of those listed as NFS or those painted by Steven Chandler or Louis Vuittonet. The sale includes such fantastic artists as Jack Savitsky, Bernice Sims, Jimmie Sudduth, and others—selected artists are 50% off. This sale will last the month of August.

As I get a little older the newsletters become a little more difficult to write. My love for the arts and American Primitive antiques doesn't wane. In fact a couple of months ago I came alive as if I'd had an energy boost of some kind—I guess I did. For quite a while I have been watching the art and the website of Louis Vuittonet. I loved his art but could not afford the prices on his website if I was going to resell to you. I didn't even try (I broke my own rule because I believe in trying). About two months ago I found Louis on facebook and we connected. I learned that Louis had been watchmg and wanting to be part of our website. Since then I have made 4 trips to his home /studio and spent a ton of my retirement savings. What an artist this man is! I am so honored to know him and to have his work in our gallery.

He is 71 years old (I think) and is $\frac{1}{2}$ French, $\frac{1}{4}$ Cherokee Indian, and $\frac{1}{4}$ Mexican. He is married to the lovely Carmen and the have two adult daughters. He paints, almost without taking time to sleep. He can't stop. Its like he is obsessed. His media is everything and his brushes are mostly his fingertips and hands. He uses the tip of the brush handles for fine work (note I

said tips of the handles). When I am surrounded by his work I get totally caught up in it. Selfishly, I want it all.



You can see Louis' work at Folk Fest in Atlanta. He will also have paintings in Slotin's Masterpiece Auction in November. The fall issue of Raw Vision magazine will have a 1/2 page color advertisement by Louis.

I talked with Louis about this newsletter. He asked that I give this painting as the prize for this month. It is a 8" x 10" painting on canvas with a value of \$250. My photography does not do it justice.

Here is a picture of Louis with a painting I purchased for the gallery:



I have written enough about Louis

I speak with Steven Chandler, Georgia Red Mud Artist quite often. I have gotten to know he and his family, wife LeEllen and daughter Sienna. It is a beautiful family. Recently we were discussing various types of art. He sent me a couple of photos of the paintings he was doing in 1997. When I look at Sienna and she is so tiny and I look at her now, she is all grown up. How time flies! And notice how the paintings of Steven's have evolved.---By-the-way,



Steven is working on an absolute masterpiece. I think he is about 1/2 way done with it. here are the paintings:



Greenwood Co. Jail-1997

I enjoy these photos so much. The quality of the photos did not come across but it is so much fun to look at what Steven did 15 years ago. I have a painting enroute now that is just great. Steven sold it to me before it hit the market (one of the advantages of representing an artist). Watch for it on our website in the next couple of weeks.

I spoke with Bernice Sims a few days ago. She is planning on being at Kentuck in Alabama in October. She is t86 years old now.

Business in the gallery and website has picked up. Does that mean the economy is better? I hope so!

I am thinking of giving antiques(such as wooden Duck decoys) as newsletter prizes—any suggestions are welcome.---please note: We have a fantastic selection of American Primitives antiques in our inventory.

Here is how to win the newsletter prize—the painting by Louis Vuittonet, just tell me what are Louis' main tools when painting? All correct answers will be placed in a bowl and the winner will be drawn—date of drawing is August 12th, in the evening. The winner will be notified on August 13th by email.---The answer to the question is in this newsletter.

Again, please remember the sale we are having—unheard of prices! We are not going out of business and we are not hurting. We just want to have a sale and buy even more! What fun!

And please don't forget to attend Folk Fest in Atlanta in August!—Look for Louis Vuittonet's paintings.

Thank you for being such great customers! May god bless and keep you safe!

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