



Moosing You

The wooded area behind our home in Anchorage is where our animal neighbors reside. Among these is the neighborhood moose.

Beside our living room picture window stands a wrought iron cocktail table with a glass top. The two chairs next to it provide the venue from which we watch the light and shadow collage constantly rearranged. Outside, below the window, raspberry bushes grow profusely during the summer.

While we were getting settled into our new home I placed a bowl of fruit on the cocktail table. I needed a dollop of color and life somewhere among the cardboard boxes.

My first experience with a moose happened when one pressed his nose against the living room window. As I walked carefully toward the window his gaze moved from the fruit bowl to me.

We talked quietly for several minutes. My heart smiled when I heard him say, “Welcome home. I moosed you.”

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Batik is an art form, traditionally done on fabric using hot wax and dye, which gives the image a crackled look.

This series of photographs synthesizes my love of silk painting, digital art, and photography with my experience as an artist new to the majesty of Alaska.

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