



National Truffle Fest



The Biltmore Estate, March 5th - 8th, 2009

Primary Representative Artwork Selected

Emily Weinstein (www.weinsteinart.com), the primary artist selected to depict the representative artwork for the 1st Annual National Truffle Fest theme, *The Hunt is On*, has lent her admiration of the French Impressionist style to this piece, embracing nature's relationship between the tree, the truffle and the aroma that attracts the "nose." Her painting will be the highlighted auction piece during the event:



"The Hunt is On..."

Here's what Emily has to say about the piece:

"It's cold and drizzly out and Betty Garland has sent me a slew of sunny-day photos: an orchard of truffle trees with leaves, another without; brown amorphous balls protruding from the earth; various breeds and handsome mutts on the hunt!!! I am starting a painting of the most fabulous, mysterious taste in the world. How to paint that?

Because the image requires a horizontal format, I decide to employ the squat, troll-like, big-nosed dog that lives down the street. Honey Bun's people keep her inside as I plant treats around their yard. I hear Honey Bun's piercing whine. She is definitely up to the challenge!

Four days later HB is still on the hunt and her people's backyard is starting to look like the surface of the moon. Oh dear! On the bright side, however, no tilling needed this spring. The painting has been done in an impressionistic mode, a nice nod to the French and their cuisine. The color palate is rich Sienna, gold, green, thalo blue, raw and burnt umbers. A tasty blend."



Ms. Weinstein & friends in her studio