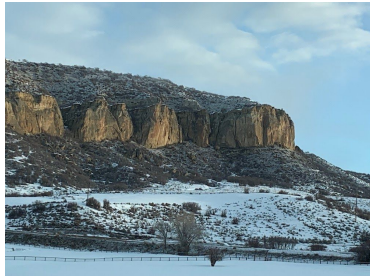


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“Rocky Outcropping (Mt. Harris Rimrocks)”

Oil on Linen Canvas

16"H x 20"W

Steamboat Springs Colorado is a favorite destination of mine for snowboarding and catching up with family. On a trip to Hayden airport I was struck by the Mt. Harris Rimrocks - their sheer majesty as if they are a benevolent presence watching over the valley below. I snapped the photo above left and later on I found out that this was the site of a horrible tragedy; in 1942 34 miners died in an explosion at the Victor American Fuel Company Wadge Mine outside Mt. Harris. The mining town never recovered; reinforcing that the land will be here long after we are gone.

The season is early spring, the blanket of snow is melting exposing areas of vegetation. Thick brushstrokes give solidity to the rock formation in contrast with the airy blue sky. A horizontal fence along the lower edge provides scale - these rimrocks are enormous. The warm tones of the rock face stand out against the cool palette of the surrounding sky and land.

One of my Colorado inspired oil paintings.

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