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Dear Dennis,

Your talent continues to amaze me. Your last show in April 2004, at the Lake County Discovery Museum broke all attendance records for an artist opening. Over 250 people attended the opening with thousands of people viewing your 16 foot Trail Marker Tree sculpture over the past few months. This show also resulted in the sale of several original paintings. The popularity of your work has grown by leaps and bounds since your first show here over a decade ago.

Your Bronze trail tree sculpture is incredible. The tree sits in front of the museum, hopefully forever. How magnificent to see it, and being able to imagine the entire area marked by these beautiful trees. You have captured them. Maybe someday we will be able to mark our own trails.

Your generosity to the museum and other organizations is also to be commended. You have always donated to the museum in time and artwork. The Make a Wish foundation was truly grateful for your donation of the framed print of The Trail Marker Tree. Your donation helped to fulfill the wish of a seriously ill child. You have selflessly given your heart to many charitable organizations and they will always be grateful.

Your belief in the goodness in nature and people in general inspires more individuals than you will ever know.

I am so proud to be associated with you and your work.

Bravo!

Debbie King
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