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And here's something hot, hot, hot!

Although encaustic painting dates back thousands of years, it has lately become a popular medium that is still unknown to most people. Liquid paints made from molten beeswax and pigment are manipulated using an array of art tools such as

blow torches and putty knives, as well as brushes. The medium is perfect for abstract paintings and extremely versatile. It can be melted to a smooth finish, incised, and scraped. Imbedding objects for three-dimensional effects add unlimited effects. The luscious combinations of textures, sheens, and velvety rich colors remind us of frosting on a donut. The process, unique and sensual, is popular with women searching for a new creative outlet. The best part is, you don't need prior art experience to play with hot wax. If you're looking for a unique way to get artsy, our Artista En Cera Encaustic Safari might be the perfect gift for you.

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Winners Announced

J.Jill Nature of Compassion

Congratulations to the J.Jill Nature of Compassion contest winner Rebecca Mueller of Bettendorf, Iowa. She, along with many other artists, submitted artwork representing their visual interpretation of the meaning of compassion.

"I never expected I would win the Nature of Compassion contest and am still stunned that my artwork was chosen from so many fantastic designs," Rebecca said, "The most worthwhile part of winning is that I would never have been able to contribute on this level on my own to those in need. I am always looking for ways to help, and I'm happy my design will give me the opportunity to do that."

More than 120,000 customers voted for Rebecca's design. Rebecca's design will be available on a limited-edition, long-sleeve tee sold in J. Jill stores across the country, by catalog, and online at www.jjill.com

100 percent of the proceeds from her shirt sales will be donated to the J.Jill Compassion Fund, which supports community-based organizations that help poor and homeless women become self-sufficient.

Rebecca and her daughter can choose from over 15 Artista Creative Workshop Safaris scheduled for 2007. For our upcoming schedule, [click here to view Artista rates & dates](#).

The Guild Online Sweepstakes

Barbara Hurley from Bradenton, Florida won the recent giveaway sponsored by The Guild, the leading online source for

original art and fine craft by prominent North American Artists.

To view artwork, click here : www.guild.com

More contests have been planned for the coming year. We'll keep you posted.

Do something creative everyday.

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