

Peach Orchard Sunset

A painting by Kendra Parrish Burton

There is something almost magical about the warm, late summer evening air where the breeze carries the sweet scent of the ripening peaches through the hillside orchards of Brigham City, Utah. This painting shows the glowing yellow sun descending in the western sky, as its warmth radiates colors of orange, red and coral tones through the saturated greens of the lattice-work leaves. The cast shadows of cool blues and lavenders dance against the rose and crimson highlights upon the ground.

The viewer is beckoned to the midst of the orchard to stroll down the pathway between the fruitful trees, to feel the energy and the serenity. Below the blue evening mountains, in the distance, the faint indication of the Bear River can be seen before it finds its way to the surrounding lakes.

In this painting I wanted to evoke memories of our senses: smelling the sweetness of the air, touching the soft texture of the fruit, anticipating the juicy taste of it, hearing the rustle of the soil beneath our feet and seeing the grandeur of the beautiful panorama.

When I was a young girl our family would travel through Brigham City and we always looked forward to visiting the roadside markets with luscious fruits and vegetables for sale. I am still fascinated with the colorful “miracle of the harvest”. I am thankful to “Mother Earth” for her bounties that are so generously shared to sustain us. I am grateful for the seasons that bring reminiscence of treasured memories in each of our lives.

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