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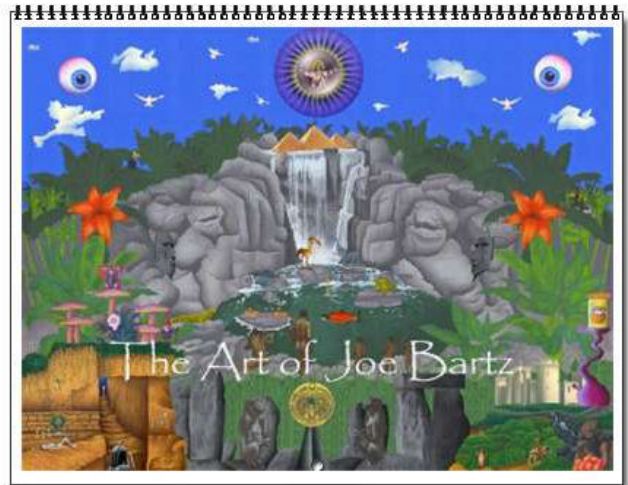
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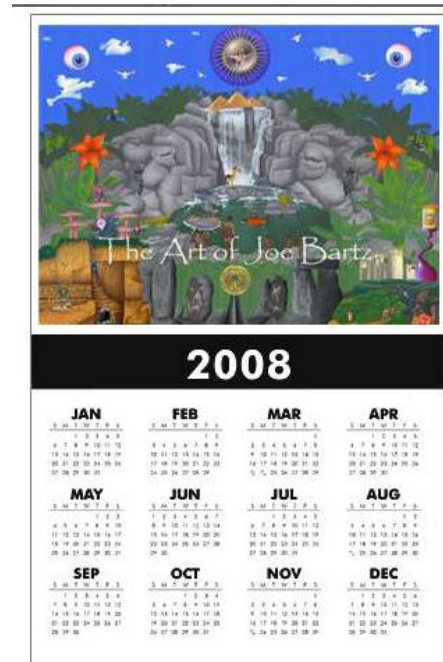
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## Beyond the Forest:

48" x 60" Oil, 2008

Here is the first picture of the painting I am tentatively calling 'Beyond the Forest'. Expect this title to change as I progress through the painting. As you can see, the canvas is huge and I anticipate that I will work on it for at least two years. The forest section at the bottom has just started and will be much more detailed.



The basic concept for the painting is a fantastic and surreal world that is hidden away from the normal world. So, the bottom part is a somewhat normal forest scene with a natural forming staircase leading into a different and surreal world. The staircase is taken from a picture from Cedar Trace golf course in Cincinnati from 2005. For those of you that I play golf with, you might remember me telling you how awesome that would look in a painting...well, here it is.

I still haven't decided what is going into the surreal part of the painting, but a medieval theme might be a possibility. It could be anything really because I don't want to limit myself to a particular theme. We could have a medieval plague scene with a yard gnome watching it. We might have Neanderthal skull houses, Mayan artifacts, religious figures/relics, cheese doodles, psychedelic ponds...you name it and it has a chance to be in there. The final painting might not make sense to the average viewer but I guess my goal is to paint something that you can look at for a half and hour. Of course, all of this could completely change as I paint it. See pictures below for a size comparison of this colossal canvas.





## New Artifacts

As most of you know, I collect ancient artifacts and periodically present them in my newsletter. Well, it's time to share my latest acquisitions.



Moche Figural flask – Peru



Guangala Amulet - Ecuador



Homo Erectus Handaxe – West Sahara



Luristan Bronze Blade – Iran