

Viewers Marvel at Steve Mills's Marbles at Granary Gallery

Island artist Steve Mills returns with a much-anticipated solo show to celebrate his 20-year association with the Granary Gallery in West Tisbury. Mr. Mills's work will be available to the public at 11 a.m. Sunday, August 13, with a special champagne reception from 5 to 7 p.m., and will be on display throughout the remainder of the summer.

Steve Mills lived on the Vineyard as a child, attending the Oak Bluffs elementary school. For more than 40 years, he has returned to his childhood home on the Vineyard to visit old friends and gather subjects for his paintings. His intimate knowledge of and love for the Island provides an unlimited source of inspiration and perspective. The Granary Gallery welcomes the return of Mr. Mills to celebrate his fine work for the past 20 years.

The paintings of Steve Mills are so

lifelike that often they are mistaken for photographs. His work demonstrates his skill, his technical ability and his meticulous rendering of every detail. He paints mainly Vineyard subjects. And though he has definitely not lost his marbles, they are a recurrent theme in this year's show. His ability to transpose the subtleties of refracting light through glass marbles to canvas causes viewers to marvel.

During his career as a painter, Mr. Mills has received recognition both nationally and internationally. Past shows have underscored the popularity of his work, once selling all of his new work in a single evening.

The Granary Gallery is located on Old County Road in West Tisbury and is open Monday through Saturday from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Sunday from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m.