

SHARING THE PILOT'S BLANKET (2014)

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As your eyes are drawn into the painting by the large rocky crown of Mt. Pilot you get a real feel of distance. The faint Sauratown mountain range capped with snow, seen just beyond Mt. Pilot, pulls your focus yet another level deeper. This location is fictional but the feeling of big open sky is very much what you'll find when you visit this majestic mountain. The local Indians used it as a major landmark for travel across the state. It also marked their tribal boundaries. Today it is a state park and well known by the residents of piedmont North Carolina.

The heavy snow drifts and puffy clouds are full of cool colors which give the viewer a slight chill as they stand close to view the details of the barn, fencing, trees and shadows across the foreground. If you have a room that always feels too hot, this painting should help balance things out. It makes me want to grab a coat and go play in the snow!

