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Downtown Los Angeles has seen huge growth in artist-owned galleries. Once a month the galleries and lofts are open late for an Art Walk. The streets are full of energy; it is very inspiring. We have seen a resurgence of the first-time art collector. I find that buyers are acquiring paintings that resonate with them emotionally, as opposed to buying strictly for décor.

There is a trend toward new interpretations on the traditional: sleek, contemporary still life and European cityscapes with an expressionistic edge and a bold use of color.

Selling well right now are **Matt Talbert’s** figurative work that sets a mood and tells a story and **Collier’s** striking, white florals. Also popular are works by **Linda McCluskey** and **Amy Lynn Stevenson**.

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