

## GAINING ALTITUDE: The Growth Spurt

'As an artist you live for those wondrous moments - the Spanish call it duende - when everything comes together.' Wendy Stavrianos, artist

In nature, plants respond to light as do artists. Growth is a colourful time with leaves and new buds that lead to flowers and fruits that sustain all. For artists striving to create at the highest level, growth takes them past the mundane. The fruits of their labour allow others to connect to the work at a place of thoughtful response, igniting in turn their own passion for living. There is joy for all in this.

There is a time to reap the rewards of hard work and in creative development it is the breakthrough work that comes out of reaching another level of understanding and skill. Ecclesiastes 3:1 and 3:2 from the New King James Bible reinforces this,

'To every thing there is a season, A time for every purpose under heaven: A time to be born, And a time to die; A time to plant, And a time to pluck what is planted.'