VERA

Only just. So again, my name is Vera and I am your artist slash teacher slash tour guide for the evening. I am not, however, your bartender, so you're on your own for that. But, as we like to say about our paint as well as our cups... refill at will. Just be sure to keep your paint dipping cup on one side of your canvas and your drink sipping cup on the other. Because, trust me when I say, you do not want to sip where you meant to dip. Yes. It's happened. So, a little about me. I was an art major in college, I planned to be the next Frida Kahlo but I found I wasn't very good at the whole starving or even slightly hungry artist thing, so I went into advertising and eventually became a creative director. I had a couple of kids. Now they're grown. I tried retiring but was bored out of my mind so... here I am. And here we are. Now Fern has chosen a tree with a moon in the night sky.

Vera holds up a sample.