

Three paintings by Betty LaDuke

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*Rwanda: Celebrating the Gift of the Heifer "Consolation"; Poland: Brzezowka Village Hen Project; Uganda: Mrs. Nanfuka Teopista's Goats, by Betty LaDuke*

Oregon artist Betty LaDuke writes: "My art work is based on multicultural explorations of how we love, live and die. Individual and shared expressions of grief, joy, dignity and hope are the themes of my drawings and paintings." In her color-rich acrylic paintings on panel, she portrays individuals of different cultures accompanied by the gift of animals—cows, chickens, goats—that feed, nurture and sustain their communities.