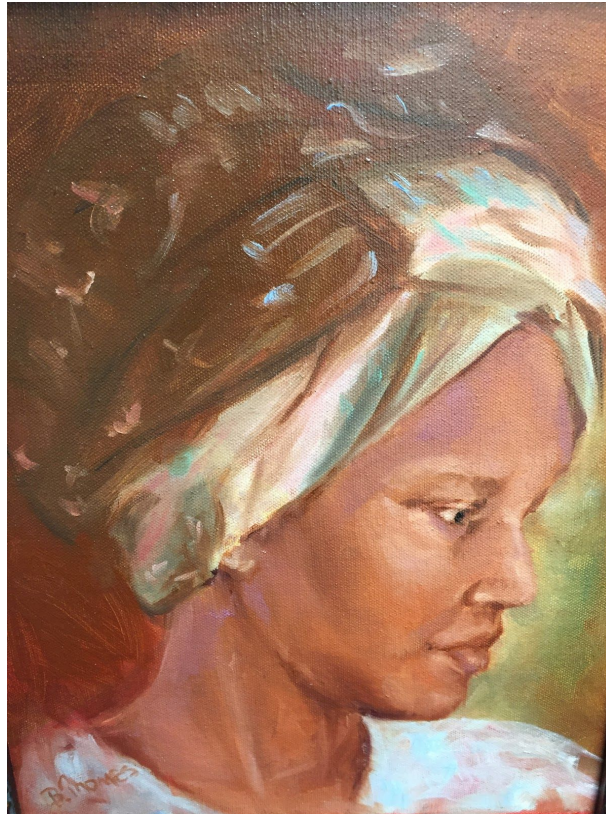


I was pleasantly surprised Saturday afternoon when Sister Grace Ann Schiffer mentioned she had something for me. A painting. Beautifully framed. Of Sister Thea Bowman. Grace Ann was at a retreat in Buffalo, MN (suburb Twin Cities) some days ago when a retreatant said she had a painting for FSPA. Turns out Barbara Thomes of Buffalo heard Sister Thea speak. She was enchanted by Thea and decided to do a Thea portrait. Buffalo retreat center staff directed the Thea painting to FSPA headquarters in La Crosse WI.



The portrait shows Thea in a pensive mode. Depending on the light, the colors show browns, fawns, beiges, taupes, blue-grays, pale pinks, copper, greens and more. Thomes' painting captures the light Thea often sang about in "This Little Light of Mine." Oil on canvas. 16.5" x 19" framed c2012.



The Thomes Thea makes a worthy addition to the ever-growing collection of Thea art and artifacts. Temporary display site to be determined.

