

Fantin-Latour Narcissus Painting

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My husband and I were in Seattle recently, and saw this lovely painting by Victoria Dubourg Fantin-Latour in the Seattle Art Museum. She was the wife of the more famous painter Henri Fantin-Latour. Thought you all would enjoy seeing the picture!



The caption on the painting read as follows (note they call these flowers 'paperwhites'):

"Victoria Dubourg was trained as a portraitist and met her future husband, the painter Henri Fantin-Latour, while both were copying paintings at the Louvre. Like her husband--and many women artists before her--she specialized in flower still lifes. This exquisite study of crisp paperwhites against a plain brown ground shows the formal restraint and compositional precision that may have been influenced by popular Japanese woodblock prints, as well as the new medium of photography."