

It's not the Star of Bethlehem on Christmas cards; it's a UFO

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ST. LOUIS (AP) — That glowing object on Chrystal Jackson's Christmas cards isn't the Star of Bethlehem; it's a UFO that she says chased her car through a Wisconsin woods recently.

"It just looks like Christmas," said Mrs. Jackson.

"That very bright, glowing object peeking through the tall pines seemed to carry a very optimistic message," she said. "It's not a star, but the same feeling was there."

Mrs. Jackson, who recently wrote a book on painting, has been commissioned to paint in Bavaria for National Geographic magazine.

But the Christmas card she painted differed from her earlier work.

"My painting changed after we saw the UFO," she said. "Seeing it made a deep impression on me. I'm not afraid of what might be out there. I feel privileged to have seen it. I have a very optimistic feeling about it."

Mrs. Jackson said she was asleep in the back seat of her car when her son, Chris, first saw the object at treetop level over an empty field as he was driving north near Rhinelander.

"He woke me up, and I was amazed," she said. "And then it followed us for about 10 minutes."

"I hope people don't make too much fun of me about this. I feel very serious about it. I think it may be the future."

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