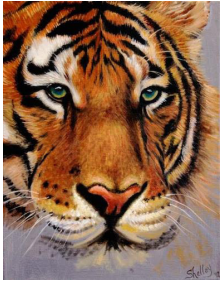




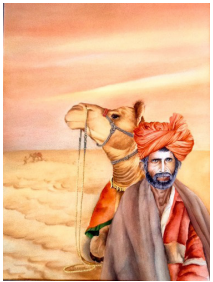
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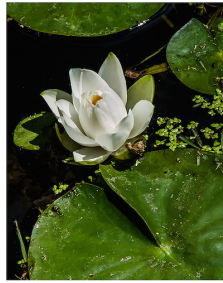
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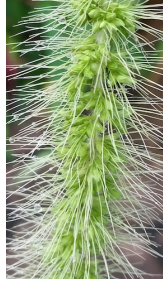
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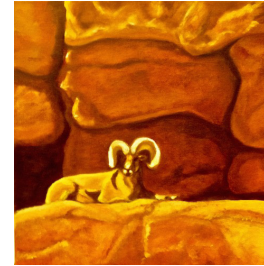
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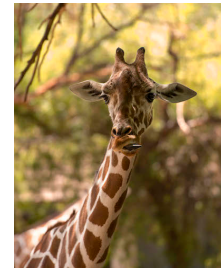
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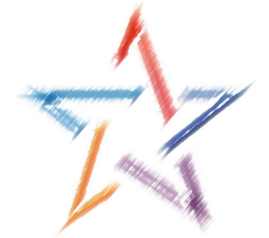
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Joan Arbeiter, Juror

For this Botany & Zoology exhibit, we are presented with a range of plants and animals as subjects. Many of the artists are engaged in a process of art-making and pull us into the process with them, for example, in *Leaves of Autumn*, Carole Grand has blended real leaves into her mixed media painting so that what we see can also be felt as a tactile experience. Nancy Scott's paper collage of a surreal domestic interior *Abundant* prompts the viewer to join in her experimentation, as if we were standing beside her urging her to try putting it "here," we think, not "there."

In some of the selections the level of activity clearly is built into the choice of color and its dynamic quality as in Sadi Mizrahi's *Gaicho*, Colleen Miller's *Peaceful Underwater World*, Steven Levine's *Cat-Tree #4* and NJ DeVico's *Garden Catalogs*, or as in *Fish Tales Series 4*, where Stephanie Barbetti really punches up the busy shapes along with the color.

Those viewers who have their own variety of experiences wielding a brush, from a delicate stroke to a dramatic dash, will be joining in



Lynn Cheng Varga's watercolor *Tropical Beach*, or Joanne Yang's *Flower of Paradise Bird*, or in Shahina Siddiqi's delicate and gorgeous unfurling petunia in her oil *Blooming in Blue*.

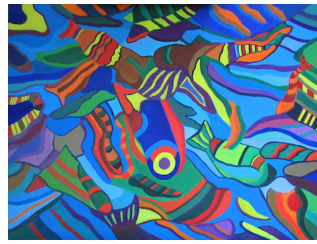
To this reviewer, perhaps the most enigmatic composition, *African Crow*, a latex painting on wood by Ed. Belding, seems at the same time to be dynamic yet completely balanced and still, an aesthetic puzzle.

It's tempting to put yourself on the photographer's trail, as together we very quietly approach Ann Sisko's *Dragonfly Duet* or Tari Pantaleo's *Mourning Doves*, nestled in the dappled sunlight. But would you want to follow photographer Joseph Gilchrist, who does not hesitate to place the viewer flat on the ground, peering up into the underside of his *Mushroom in the Garden*? Or what about accompanying oil painter Jere Tannenbaum on her rock-climbing to see the *Bighorn Sheep*?

A more cerebral experience comes from contemplating the shapes of carefully delineated subjects as in Lauren Curtis's photos, a collaboration of eye and mind, showing her fascination with pattern and texture in *Pumpkinguts* and *Tortoise*. A remarkable kind of expressive life force is added to the pattern and texture in Shelley Phillips's *Lettuce Leaves* and *Eyes of the Tiger*. Speaking of life force, you will enjoy contrasting and comparing the three giraffes, and I highly recommend you take the time to say 'hello' to both of Kristopher Schoenleber's horse photos. Finally there is a 3D ceramic piece by Sue Chiu, aptly named *Organic Fruit Bowl*, which compels the viewer to open both hands wide in a supportive and satisfying grasp.

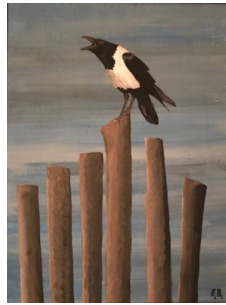
Visiting this exhibit of work by so many engaged artists is a very enriching experience. The art is a gift from the artist, but there are countless ways for the viewer to perceive each one.

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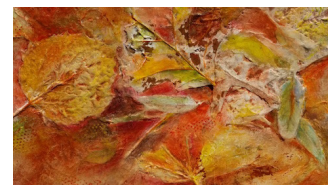
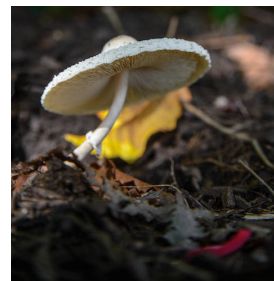
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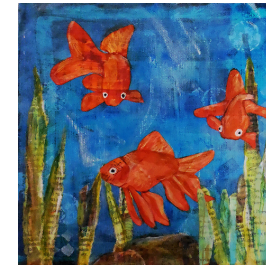
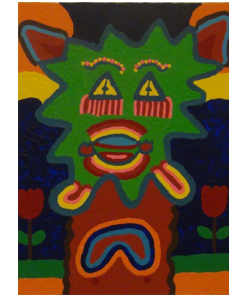
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