

# Traversing The Landscape



*Featured Image: Cascade*

## MARY OPATZ HERGES

Meet the Artist: Reception  
Tuesday, Feb. 6 from 4-6PM



GALLERY SAINT GERMAIN  
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# Artist's Statement

I would describe this body of work as abstract landscapes. Recently I've moved away from plein air painting, where I set up my French easel in a pleasing landscape and try to capture the scene in front of me. Instead of slavishly trying to document a setting by putting down the colors, details, and light I observe in nature I'm trusting my instincts to interpret the scene. The finished result may not be realistically accurate but, I feel, is more emotionally charged.

When deciding to leave out unnecessary parts, envisioning a different take on a landscape rather than copying it, and putting colors where I feel they best belong, the paintings become fresher. This move toward abstraction has allowed for much more personal expression. Giving myself the freedom to interpret a scene by using my language has opened a new world of artistic growth.

My inspiration continues to be from what I observe in the great outdoors. The changing colors and shadows, and their effect on surfaces will always be a source of inspiration. Though the final painting may not look like the scene I observe, being in the natural world gives me limitless painting ideas.

Recently, I have been doing etchings and silkscreens in the SCSU art building. The work I'm doing in printmaking is affecting the way I approach painting. I look at the interesting textures I am creating with the variety of techniques used on my etching plate and ask myself, "How do I create that on my canvases?"

This show at the Paramount gallery represents the interesting communication between my etchings and paintings.

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## *To Purchase*

- Let the cashier know what item you would like to purchase.
- If you need time to think about buying work, you can also contact the Paramount at 320-257-3120 and provide a credit card over the phone while it is still on exhibit.

NOTE: We hope to retain the work through the end of the exhibition/show. However, special accommodations can be made upon request.



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Mon. - Fri. 10-5PM

Sat. 10-2PM



## ***FOG DESCENDING***

OIL ON CANVAS

16" H X 20" W

**\$720.00**



## ***REFLECTIONS***

OIL ON CANVAS

14" H X 18" W

**\$630.00**



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OIL ON CANVAS

15" H X 24" W

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OIL ON CANVAS

14" H X 18" W

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OIL ON CANVAS

36" H X 36" W

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OIL ON CANVAS

17" H X 28" W

**\$990.00**



## **CASCADE**

OIL ON CANVAS

24" H X 30" W

**\$1500.00**



## **WATER'S EDGE**

OIL ON CANVAS

12" H X 16" W

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## ***BOOGIE WOOGIE***

*SILKSCREEN*

9" X H 13" W

**\$190.00**



## ***THE DEVIL TREE***

*SILKSCREEN*

13" H X 8" W

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**APPARITION**  
HAND PAINTED ETCHING  
9" H X 6" W

**\$150.00**



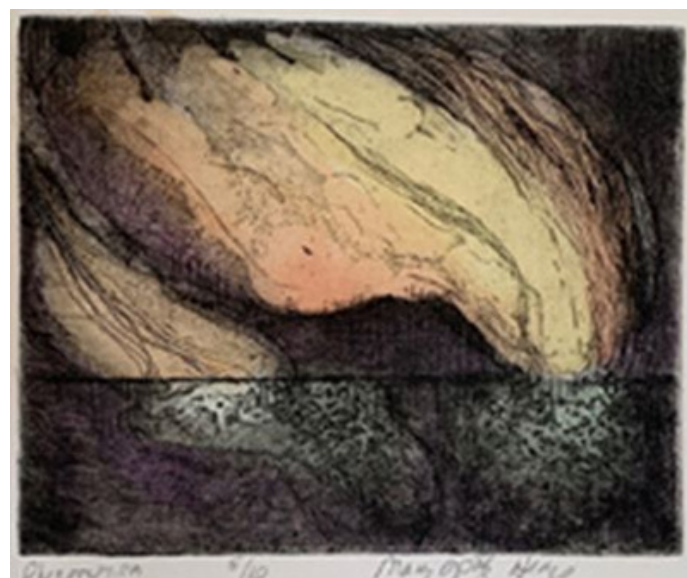
**WATERFALL**  
HAND PAINTED ETCHING  
4" H X 6" W

**\$90.00**



**SOLAR EVENT**  
HAND PAINTED ETCHING  
4" H X 6" W

**\$90.00**



**VISTA**  
HAND PAINTED ETCHING  
9" H X 6" W

**\$50.00**



# Artist's Biography

For the first half of my art career I was a printmaker. Over time I tired of not knowing until the paper was removed from the plate what the final image would look like. The beauty of painting is its directness and honesty. I find the landscape, in particular, the most powerful way I can communicate emotion. I want my work to awaken an emotion in the viewer. The landscape has been used as a metaphor of the human condition for a millennium. Think of a gathering storm or an overcast, rainy day, or “a pink sky at night, a sailor's delight.”





## *Our Vision*

Our vision is that all art will change people.

The Paramount Center for the Arts will inspire through artistic excellence, transform through exploration of many different art forms, and connect one resident to another as citizen artists, who together, generate a positive impact on the culture and economy of the region.

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