



Studio Portrait holding a Sumi-e Brush

REBA DICKERSON-HILL

1918 - 1994

TO HER LIFE, MEMORY, ARTIST TALENTS AND ECLECTIC BODY OF WORKS

Philadelphia native Reba Dickerson-Hill was a prolific, life-long artist who exhibited extensively in the United States and Internationally. She was recognized as an artistic virtuoso who received numerous awards, citations and honors in her lifetime. Among them:

The Andrew Wyeth Watercolor Prize;

The National Design Award;

The Sumi-e Society of America Purchase prize,

and Pearl Award.

Highly talented and skilled in a variety of media, (watercolor, oil, Sumi-e, pen & ink, pastels, and acrylics); and a master calligrapher and sculptress), the broader art world found it difficult to categorize her genius. She portrayed a compelling combination of intellect, and delicacy in her treatment of people and nature, and her technical mastery and unique interpretations are an unusual variety of genre, forms and formats.

She was a member of the Sumí-e Society of America and a life-long member of the Philadelphia Watercolor Club and a member of its Board of Directors







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Temple University Law School Exhibition



Exeter England Sumí-e Workshop



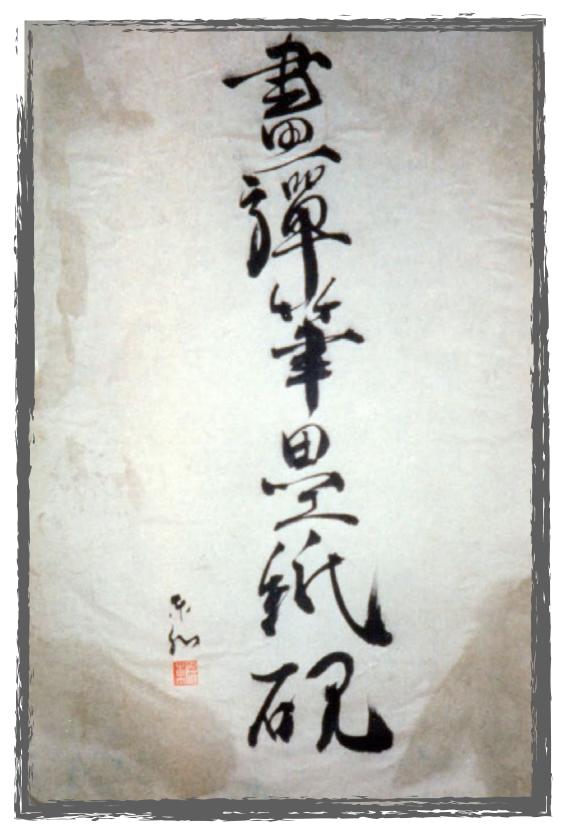
Tokyo Japan- Sumi-e Society of America Dinner



Tokyo Japan- Sumí-e Society of America Dinner



At Cliveden Porch



Calligraphy

C1981

SUMI-E ON RICE PAPER

20"x 14"

The Art of Sumí-e

by Reba Dickerson-Hill

"Sumí-e is the art of black ink painting and forms one of the great traditions of Far Eastern art. Its primary colors are black and white.

Sumi-e are painted on what we call rice paper and on silk. Expression in sumi-e is simple beauty. The unique beauty of ink paintings derives from the harmony created through the contrast of the whiteness of the paper and the blackness of the ink.

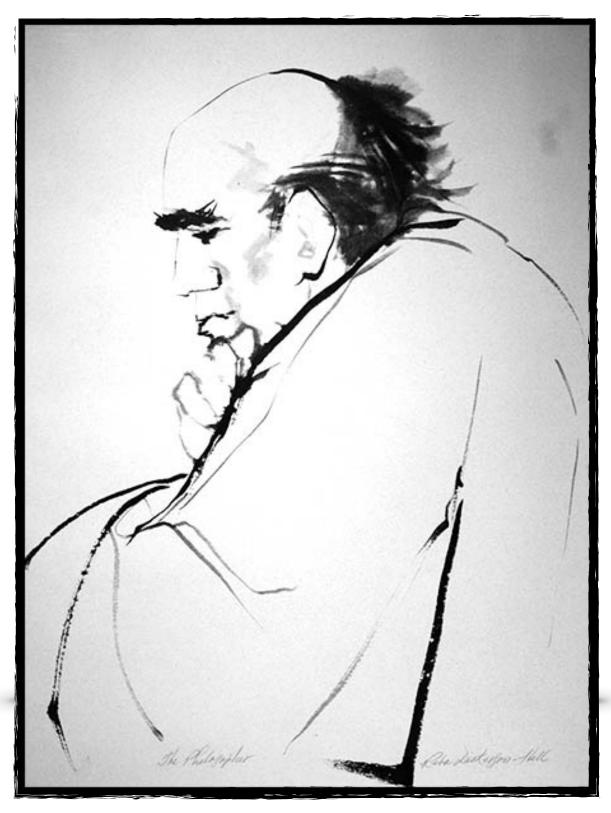
Through centuries of refinement in Japan, sumi-e has come to embody the aesthetic of simplicity and subtlety—of richness and of things suggested,. Sumi-e artists usually portray about sixty percent of their subject, leading the viewer to sense that which is left unsaid (unstated).

Sumi-e teaches self-awareness in that the discipline of sumi-e requires that artist to unify various elements of the self during the act of painting.

There must be physical control, emotional focus and spiritual concentration present at the moment of creation.

In sumi-e, there is no treasure, no paintings or scraping out—only starting over again and again until the right combination of elements is achieved, Because sumi-e is spontaneous and direct, it is an art form which records the spiritual and physical state of the artist at the moment of creation. Sumi-e is a discipline in which the artist learns harmonious and balanced relationships with each other.

Because the art of sumí-e allows no corrections or retouching, the artist learns through patience and constant practice to strive for perfection."



The Philosopher

1969 S Sumi-e on Rice Paper

16"x 20"



Oriental Landscape

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Elegant Blossoms
1989 WATERCOLOR 18"X 6"



1992 INK DRAWING 9"X 12"



Clouded Valleys

C1980 SUMI-E ON RICE PAPER 20" x 18"



Marshland

C1991

WATERCOLOR

18"x 24'



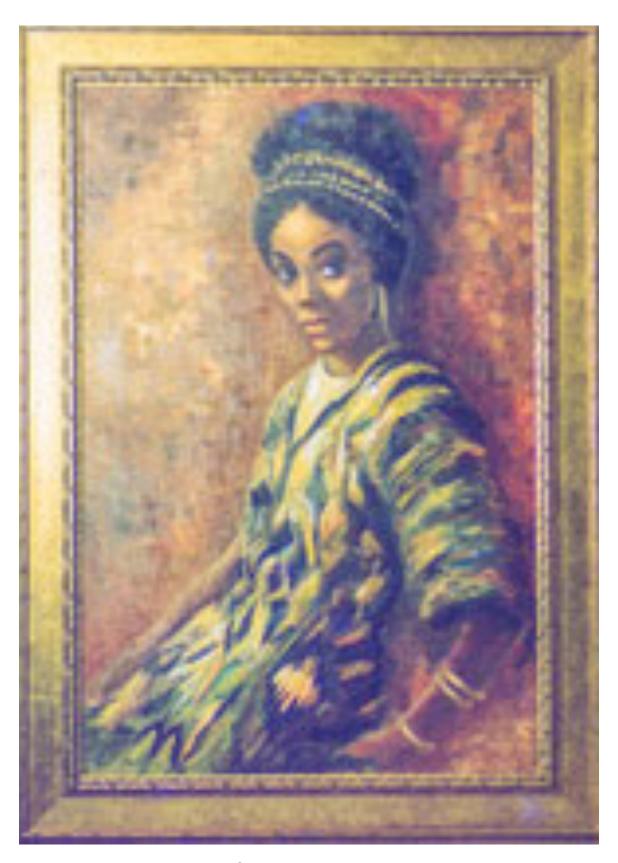
Above the River

1992 WATERCOLOR 24" x 18"



Hidden Valley

1989 SUMI-E ON RICE PAPER 31"x 33.5"



Study In Copper & Bronze

1968 OIL ON CANVAS 36"x 24"



Samburu Flowers

C1990

ACRYLIC ON BOARD

12"x 12"



Bamboo at theRiverbank
SUMI-E ON RICE PAPER



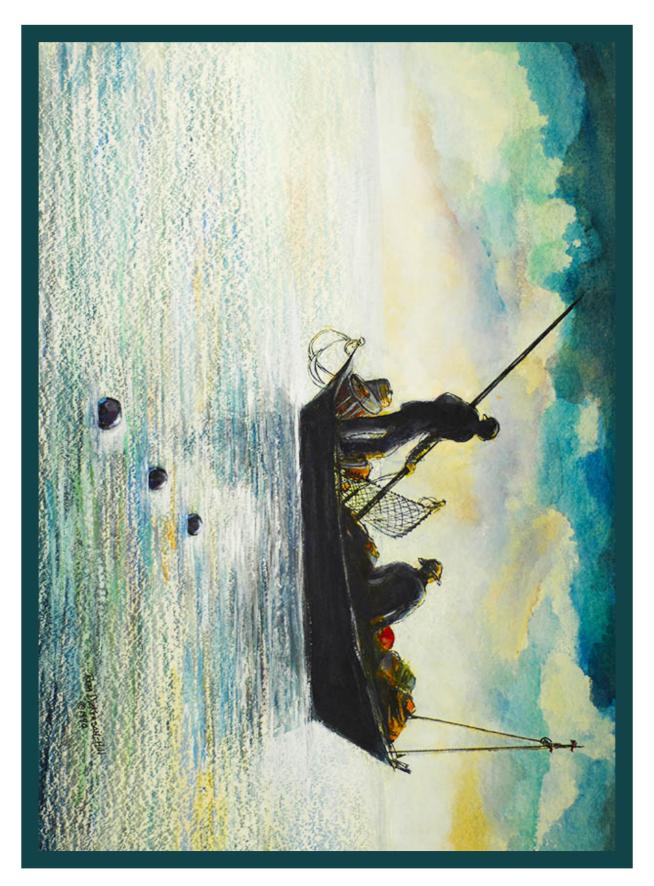
Bamboo #3
Sumi-e on Rice Paper



Bamboo #2
SUMI-E ON RICE PAPER



Bamboo #1
SUMI-E ON RICE PAPER



The Fishermen of the Camarque



Oriental Landscape Vista



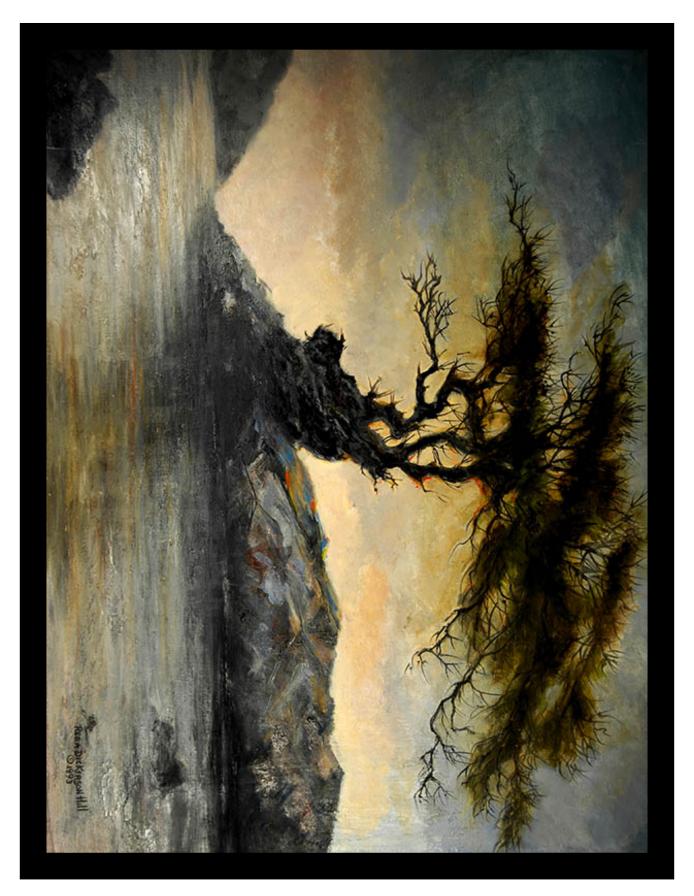
Marshland Scene

C 1986 WATERCOLOR 12"X 17"

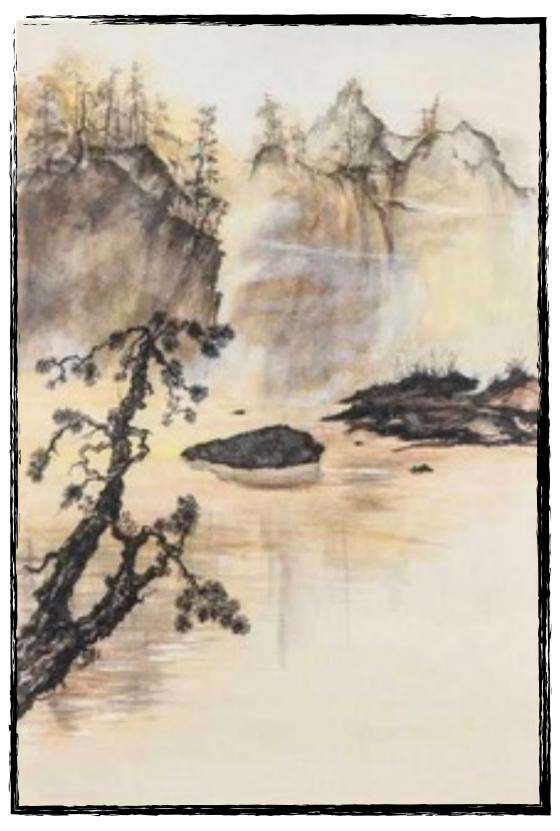


STORMY DAY

1980 OIL ON CANVAS 16"X 20"

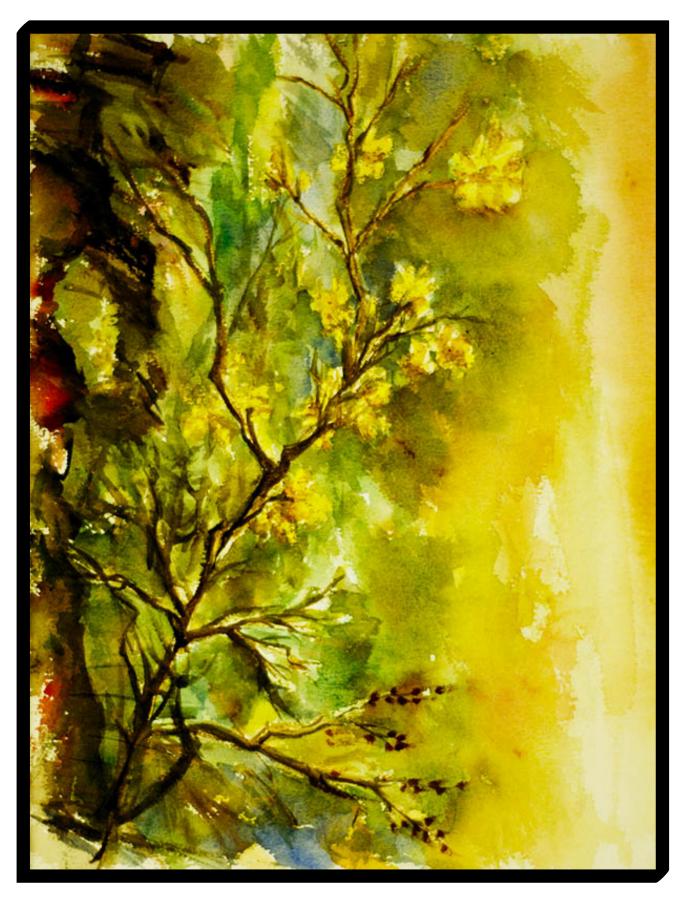


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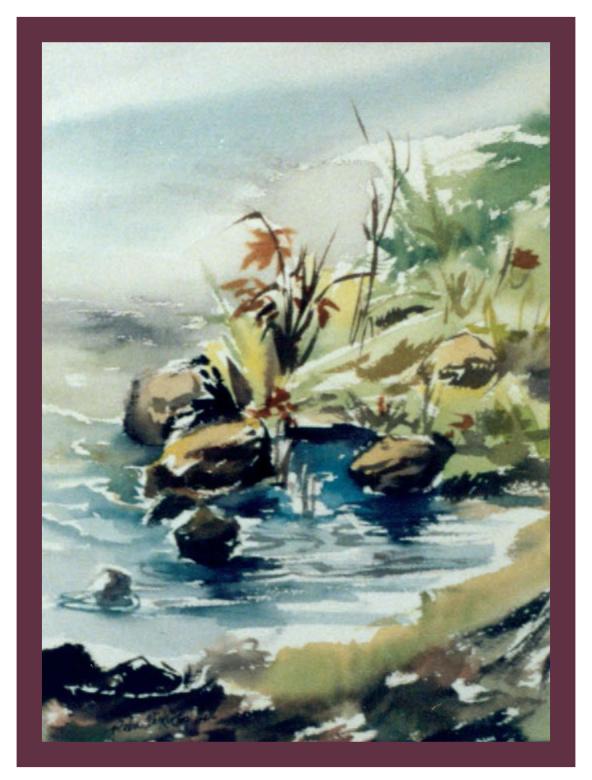


Lake View Hills

C 1970 SUMI-E ON RICE PAPER FROM AUCTION RECORD SALE



Meadow Flowers in Yellow



Tidal Pool

C 1980 WATERCOLOR 16"x 20"



Cascading Mountain Stream

1989 SUMI-E & MINERAL COLORS

20"x 18"

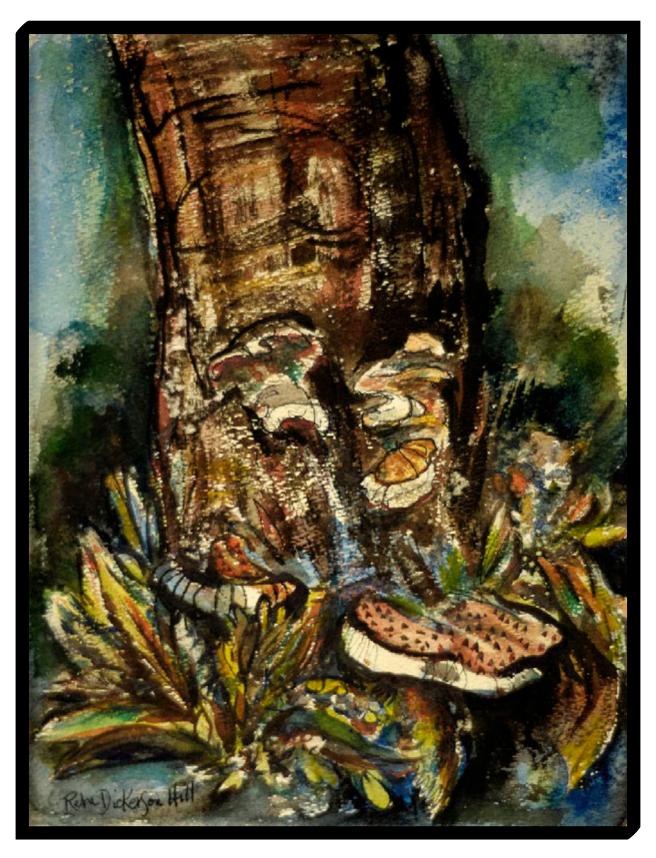


Boulder Log and Tree Thicket

1992 INK DRAWING 12"x 14"

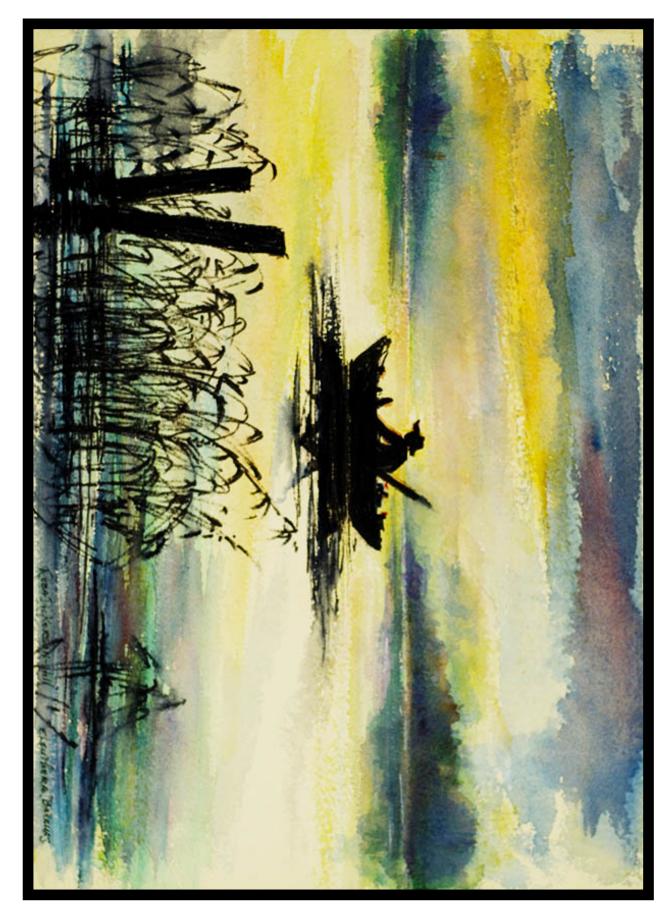


Cape Cod Massachusettes

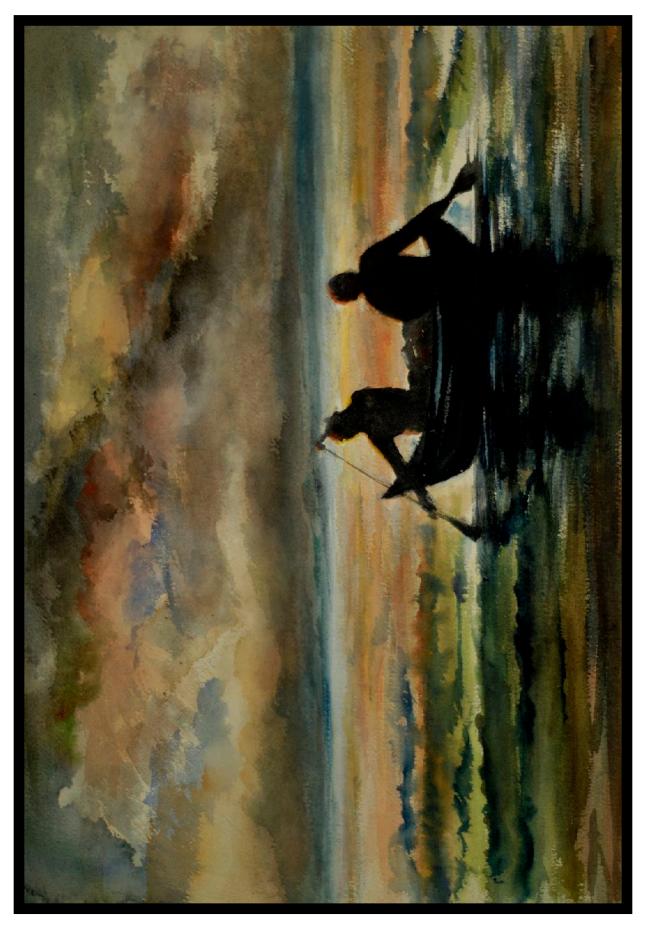


Forest Fungí

C1980 WATERCOLOR 20"x 18"



Eluthera Bahamas



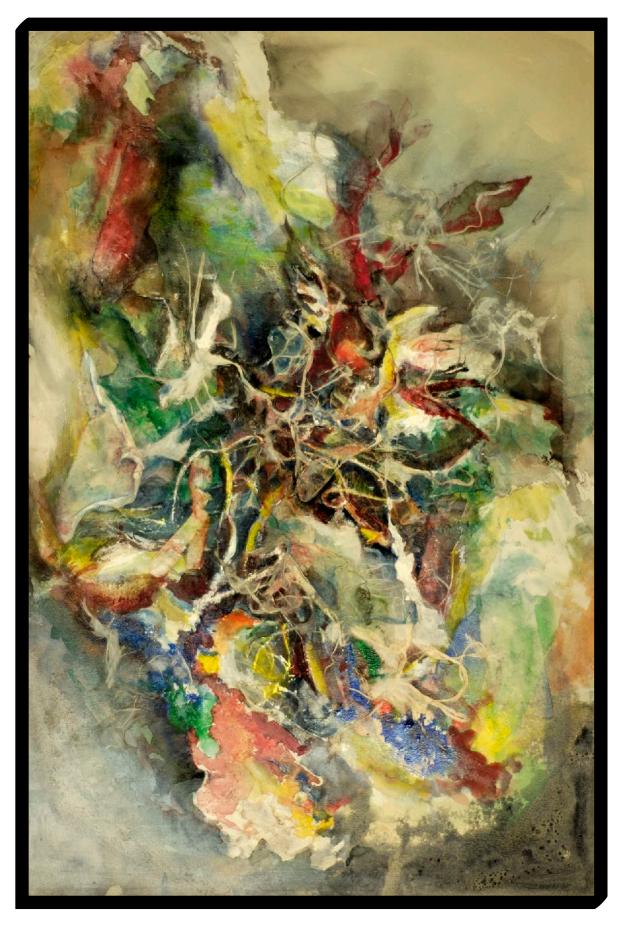
Late Afternoon Canoeists



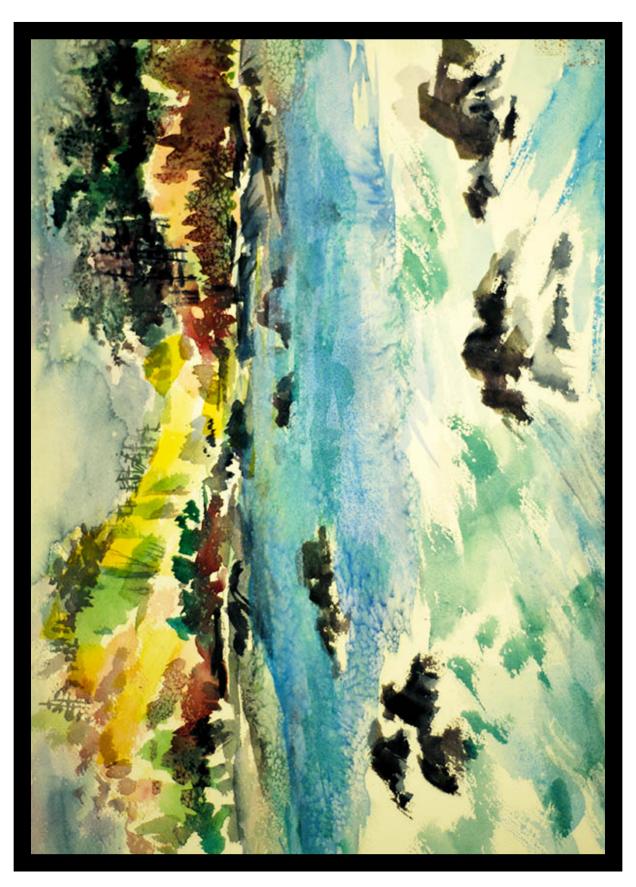
The Straw Bonnet



Sakana



Complexity



Colorado Rapids



Leanin' Into the Wind

1971 INK BRUSH DRAWING 9"x 12"

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The Fire Within

MIXED MEDIA ON CANVAS 37"x 29"

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Mother



Withered

1960 SUMI-E ON PAPER

8.5"X 11"



Cherry Blossoms Branch



Cherry Blossoms #2

1992

SUMI-E ON RICE PAPER

12"x 9"



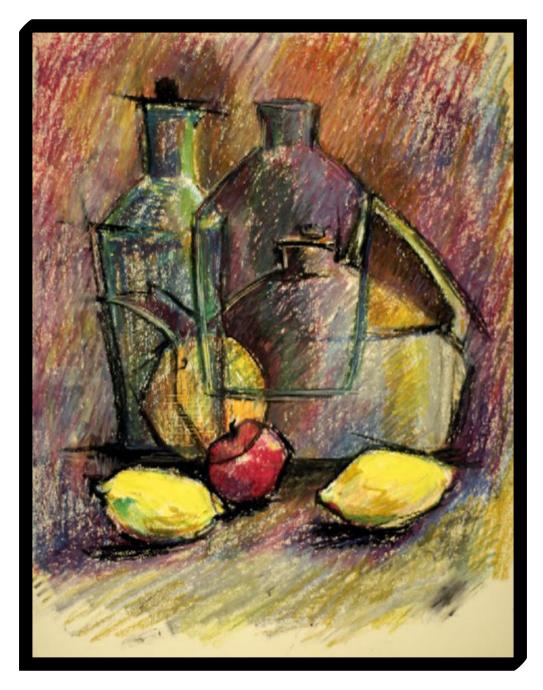
Bamboo Brush Stokes

C 1991 SUMI-E ON RICE PAPER

14"x 12"



Reflections



Lemons & Bottles

C1970 COLOR PENCIL STILL LIFE 12"x 9"



Westmont St Philadelphia

1960 LINOLEUM CUT 9"x 12"



TREE BRANCHES



Dense Red & Yellow Flowers

1990 WATERCOLOR 12"x 9"



Mountain Pine Branch



Focused

C 1981 INK DRAWING & MINERAL COLORS 18"x 24"

DELAWARE ART MUSEUM 50TH ANNIVERSARY AFRO-AMERICAN IMAGES 1971



Norway Rapids



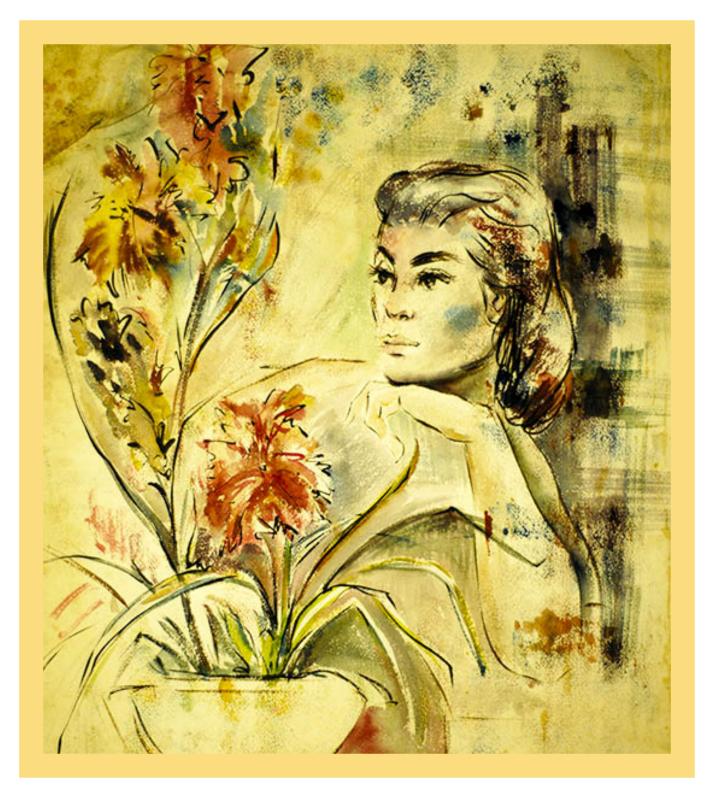
Abstraction #2

C1985 WATERCOLOR 18"x 24"

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Wooded Stream



Contemplation

C1980 INK DRAWING 12" x 12"



Prayers

C1975 PENCIL SKETCH 9"X 12"



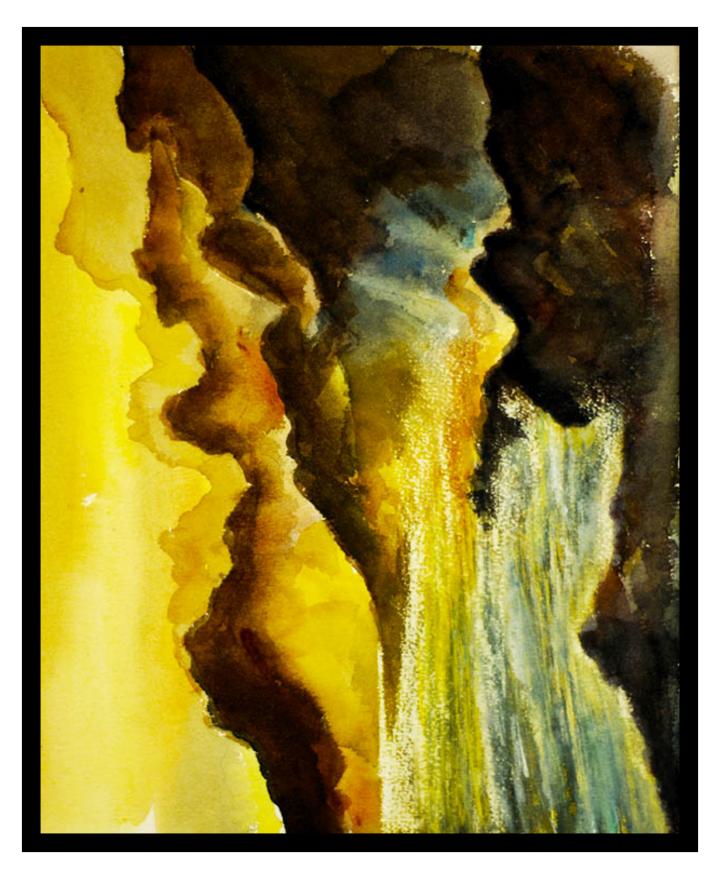
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1989 SUMI-E ON RICE PAPER 17"x 21"

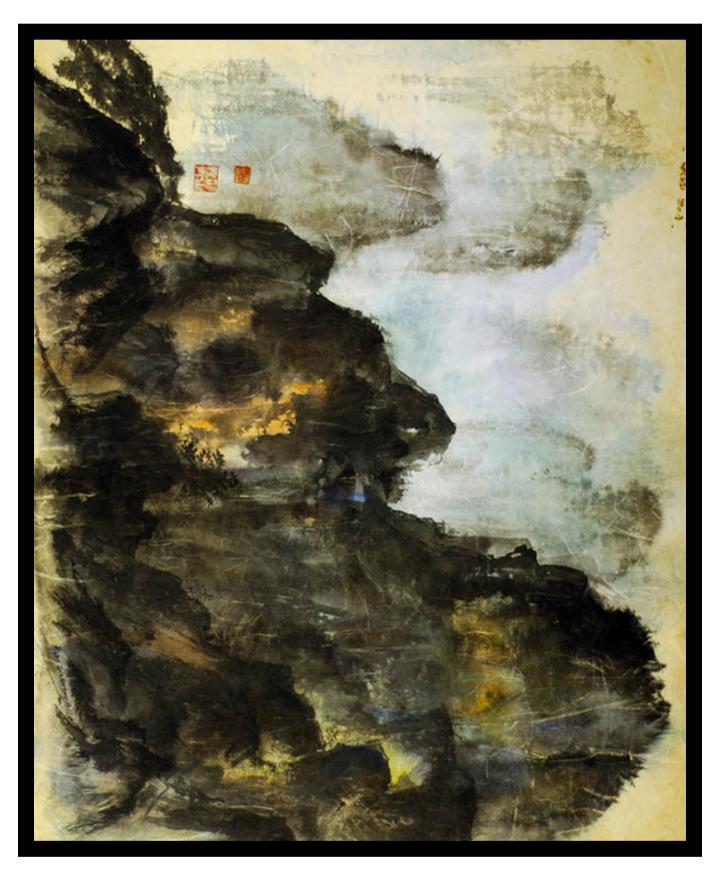


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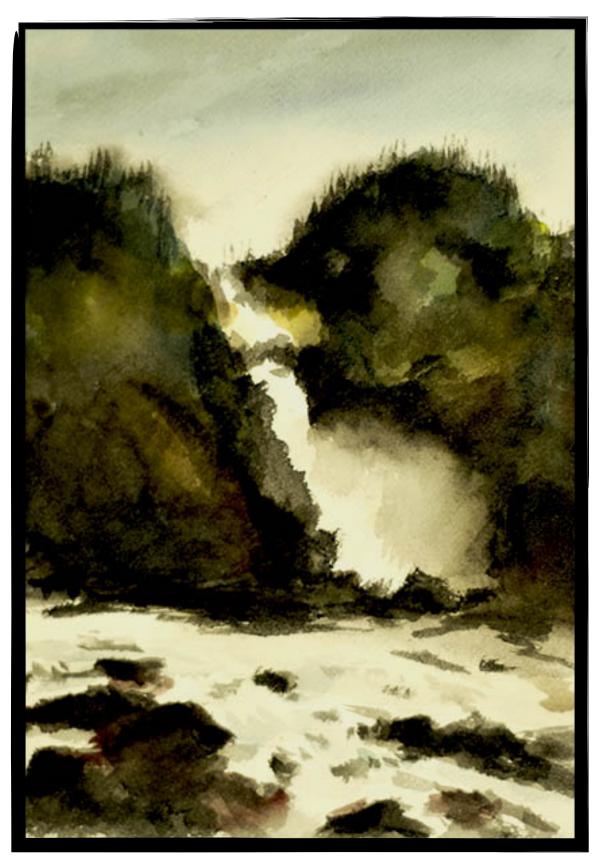
C1970 INTAGLIO 9"x 12"



Cove



The Mountain

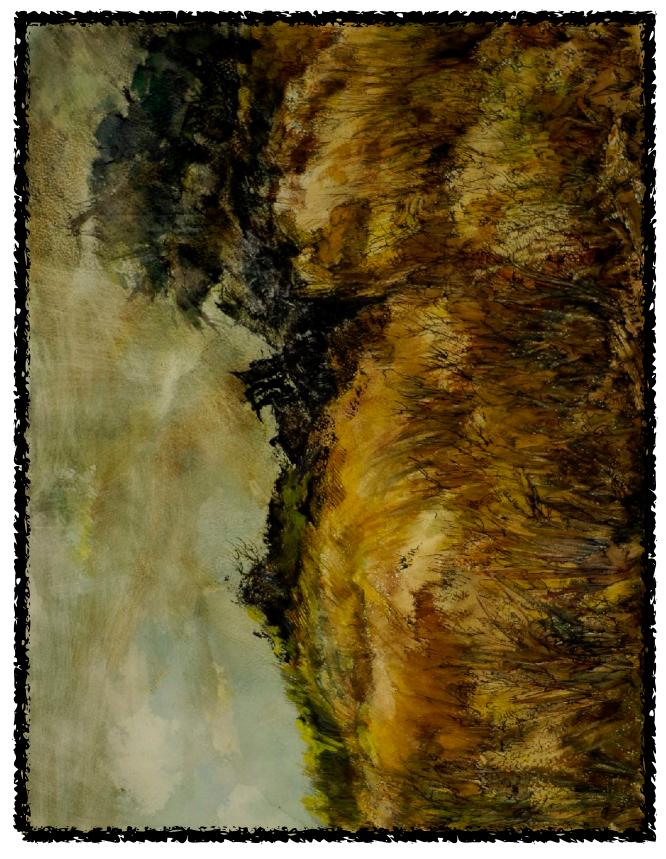


Mountain Waterfall and Rapids



Geísha

C1980 INK DRAWING 12"x 14"

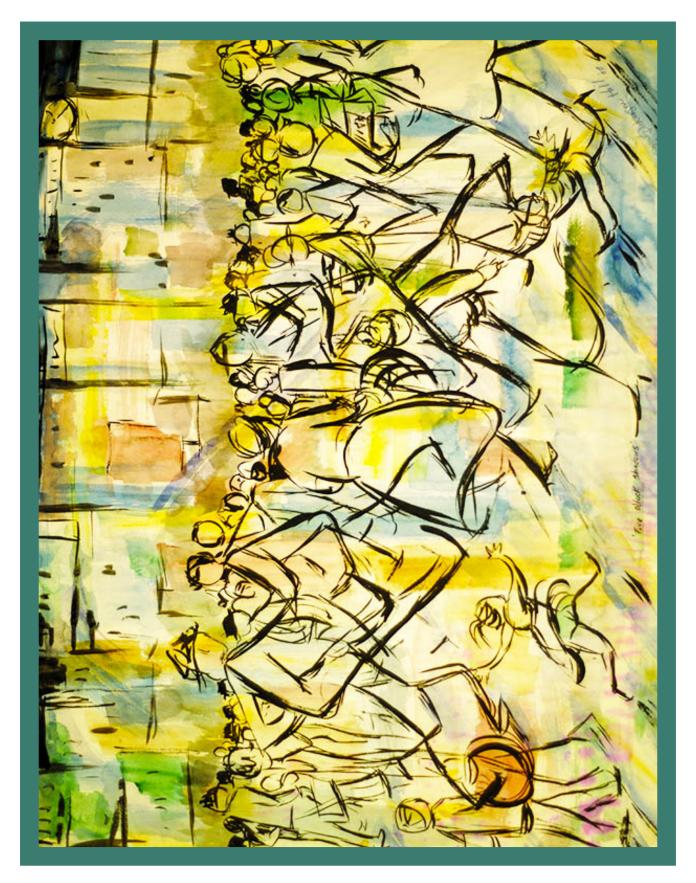


MEADOW GRASSES

C1980 WATERCOLOR 14"X 16'



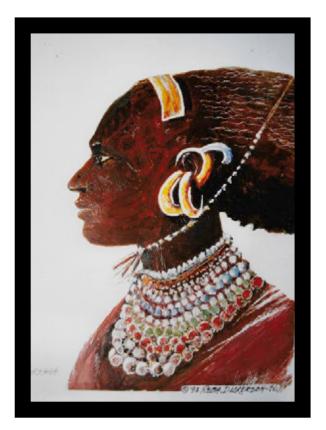
Three Exotic Blossoms



Five O'Clock Shadows



 ${\cal D}$ ínka C 1980 Acrylic on Ceramic Tile 9"x 12"



Turkana #2

1990 ACRYLIC ON CERAMIC TILE 9"X 12"



Samburu

1990 ACRYLIC ON CERAMIC TILE 9"X 12"



Samburu

1990 ACRYLIC ON CERAMIC TILE 9"X 12"



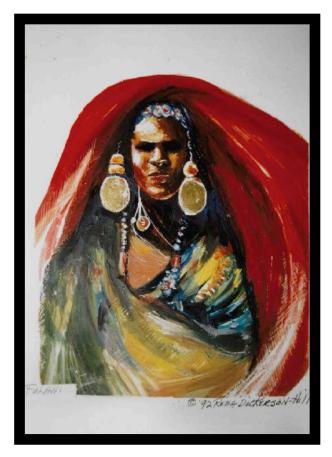
Carnival

1976 WATERCOLOR ON PAPER 16"X 18"



Herero

1990 ACRYLIC ON CERAMIC TILE 9"X 12"



Fulaní

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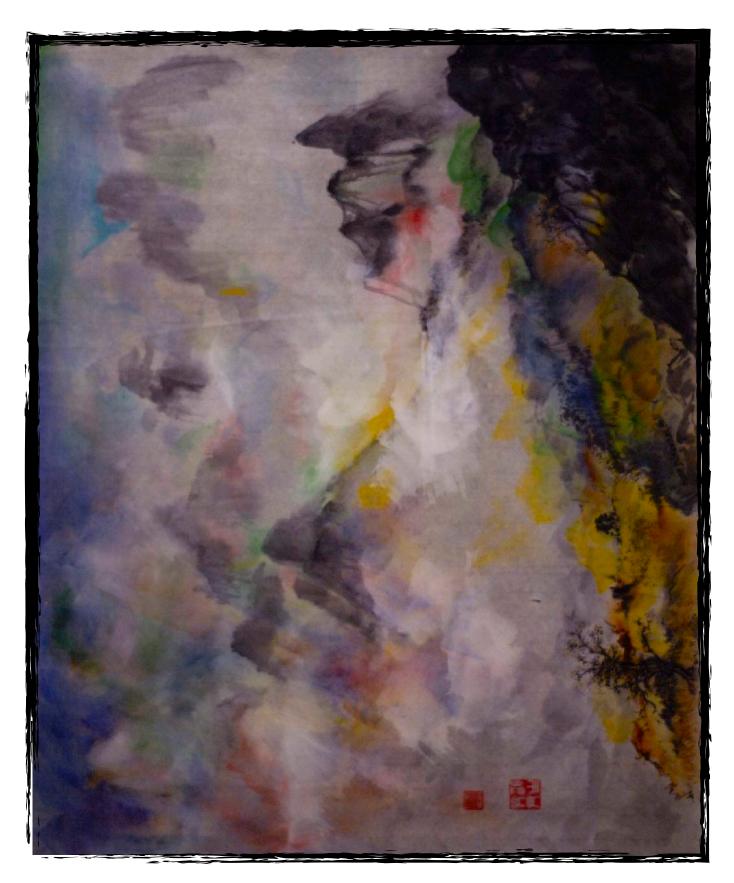


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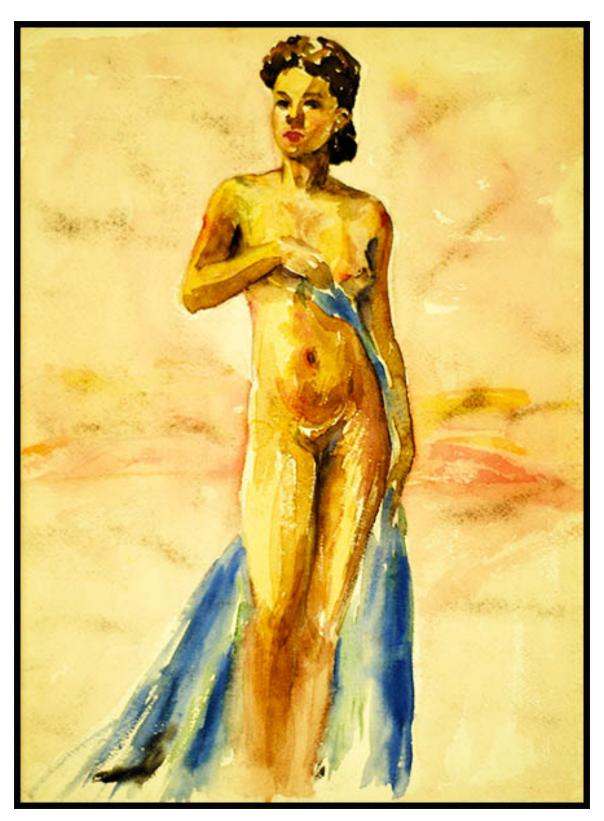


Zulu

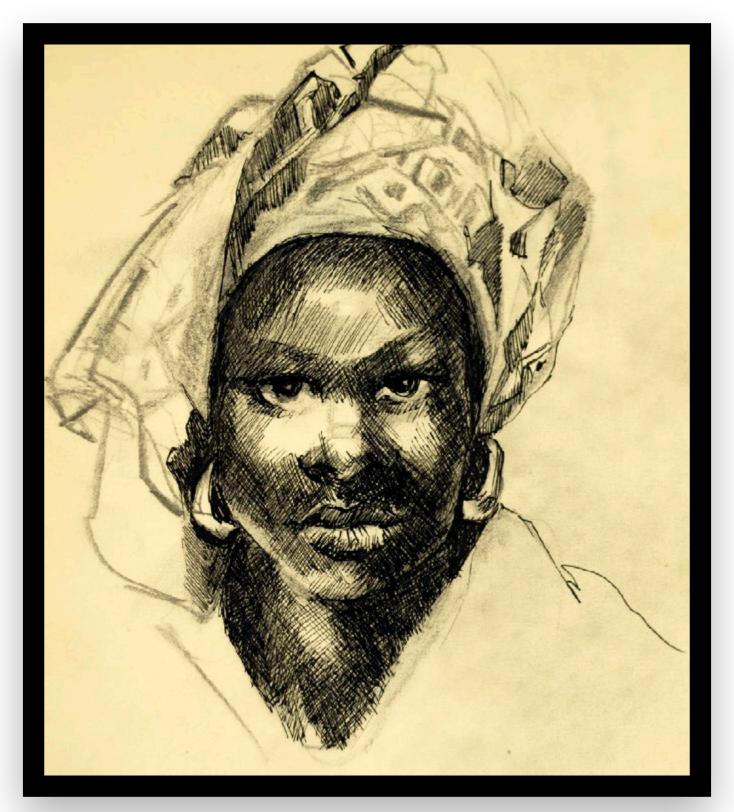
1990 ACRYLIC ON CERAMIC TILE 9"X 12"



Mountain & Colorful Valleys



Elegant Nude Study



Look Into My Eyes



Exotic Tropical Floral

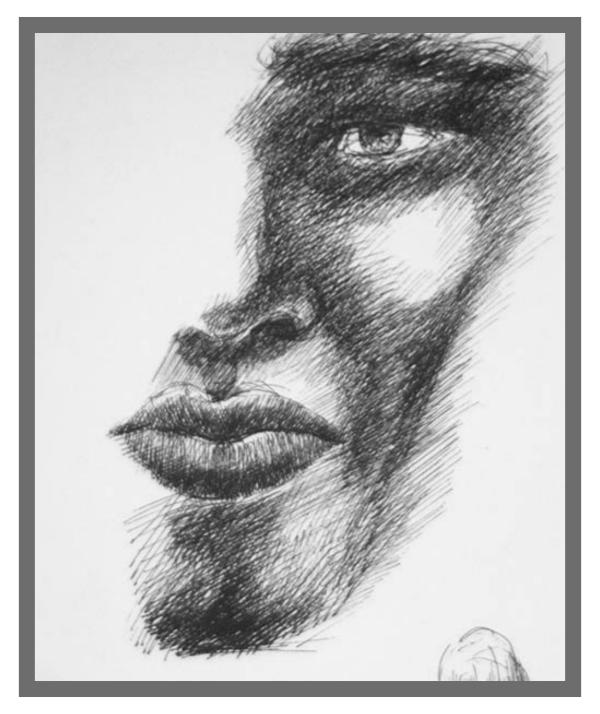
14"x 18"



Edge of Night



Storm-Shipwreck at Sea



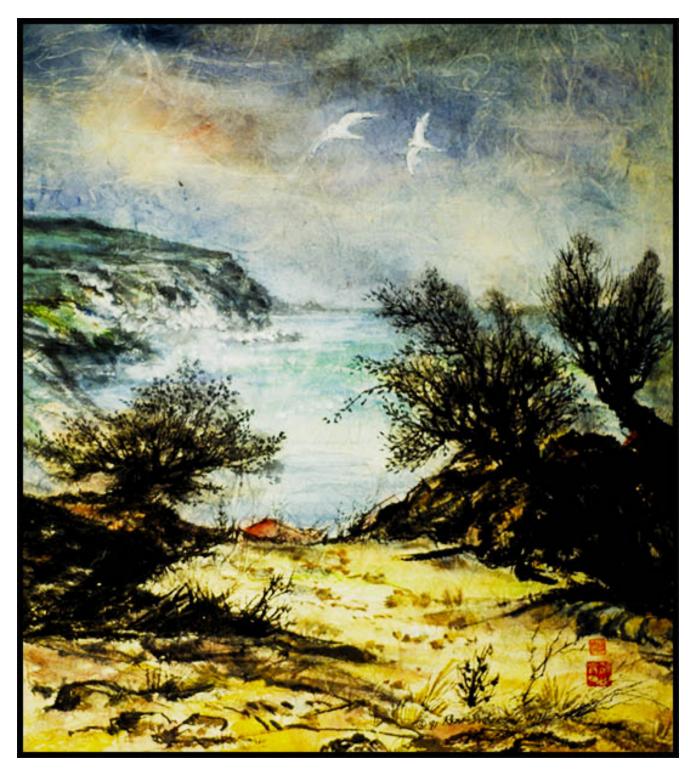
Straight Ahead



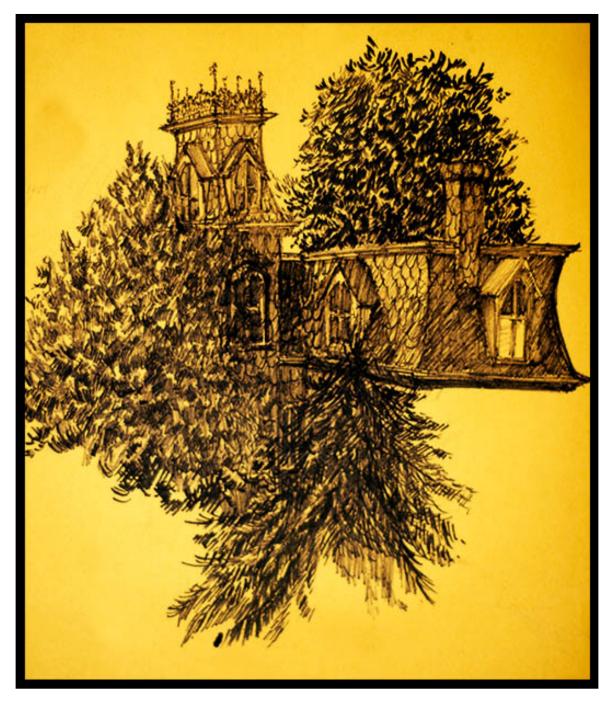
Dense Woods



Stream Edge Detail



Ocean Beach Path



Mt Airy Victorian Gabled Rooftop



Listening To The Story



Listening Closely

C1970

INK DRAWING

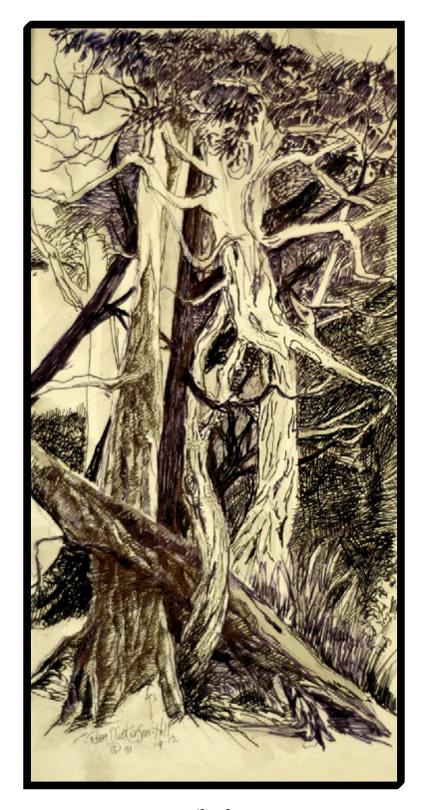
9"X 12"



Forest Path Edge



Exquisite Detail



Thicket



Flamenco Dancer #1

C1950

1950

INK DRAWING 9"X 12"



Dancer #5

INK DRAWING 9"X 12"



Dancer #7

1950

Ink Drawing

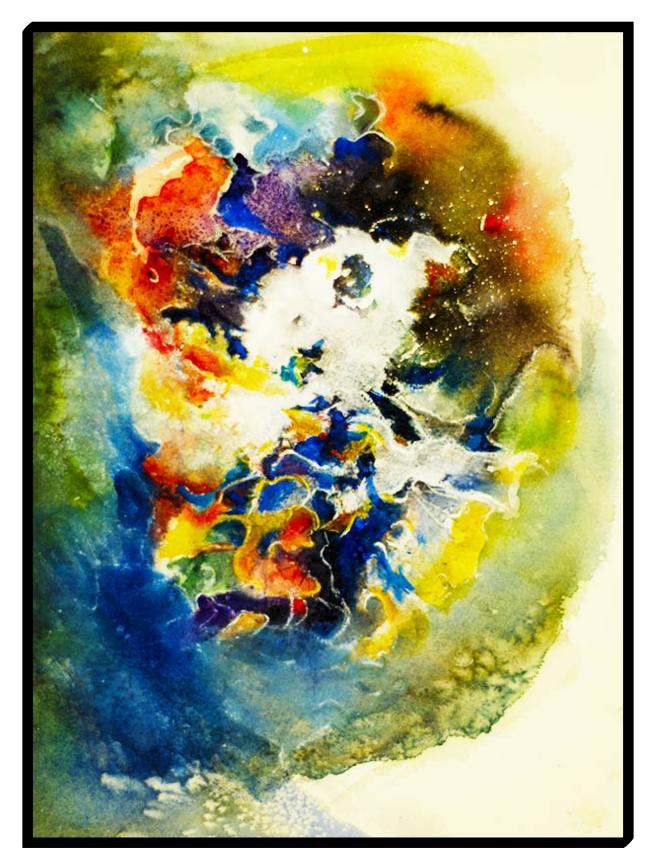
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Dancer #2

C1950

INK DRAWING 9"x 12"



Abstraction #6



Abstraction #5

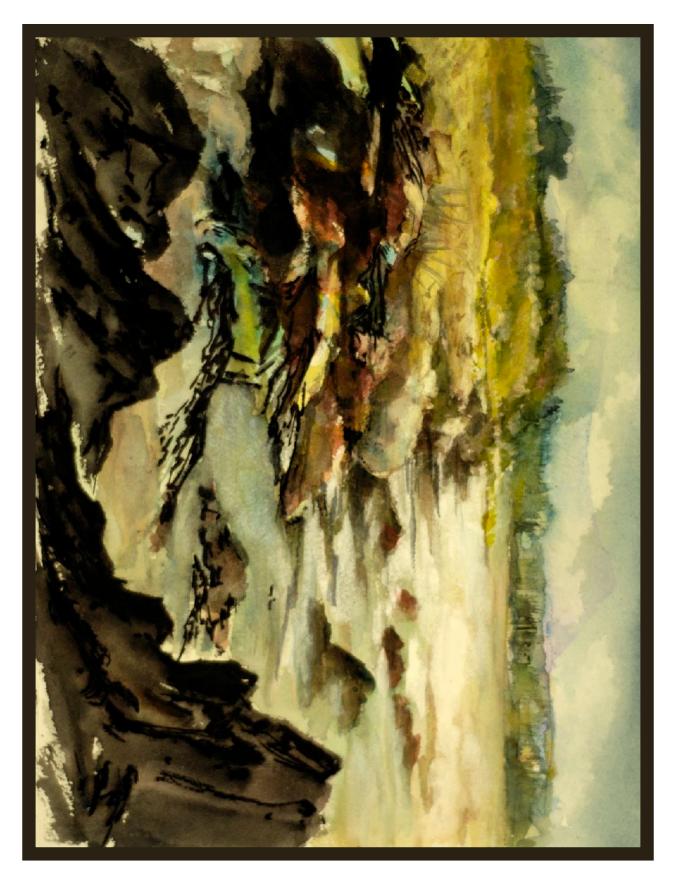


White Umbrella



Lighting Strike

C1970 WATERCOLOR 18"x 20"



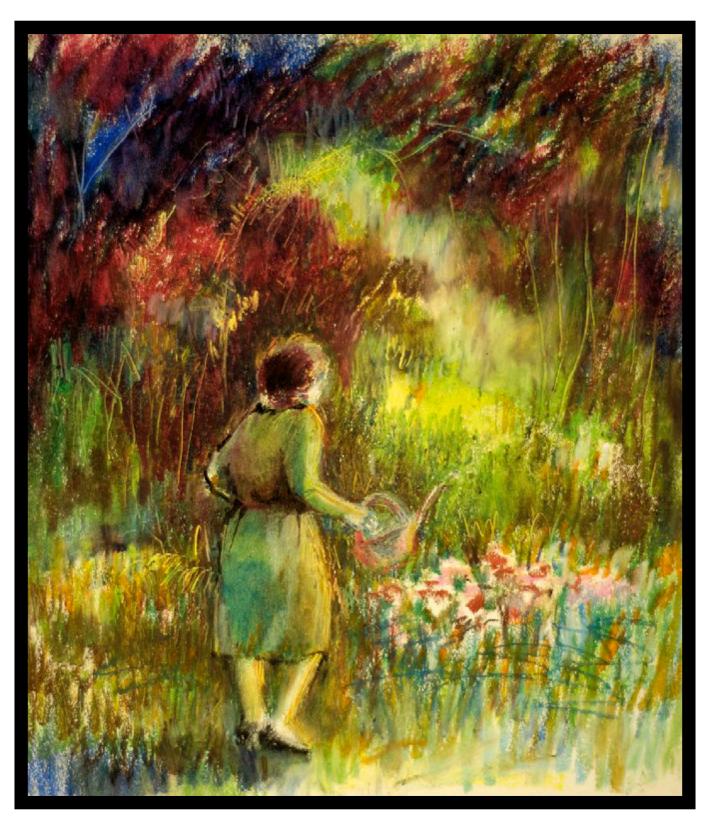
Stream Embankment



Red Flowers



Mississippi John Hert Blues



Afternoon Watering



Patriarch



Clam Shell With Potted Flowers



Generations

1991 SUMI-E ON RICE PAPER 22" x 30"



Lakeview Landscape

C 1981 SUMI-E ON RICE PAPER 14"x 24"



Cave At Dawn Light



Deep Inner Red Core



Summer Bouquet



Withered Pine



Lotus #2



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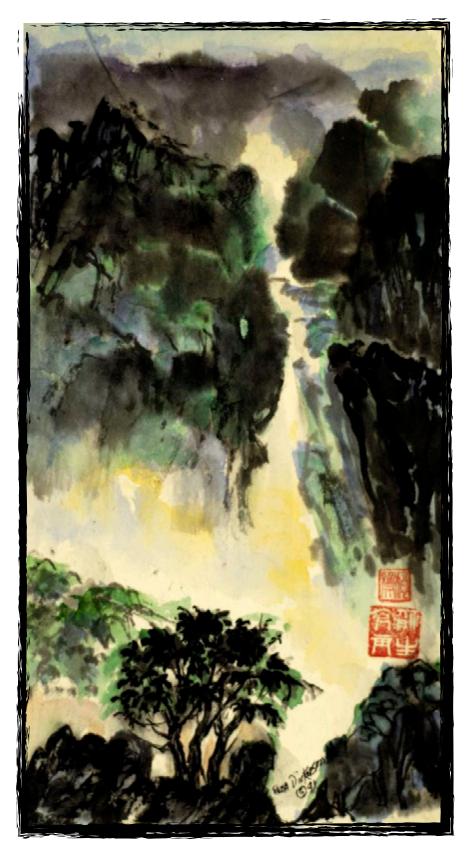
Windy Day

1959 PENCIL SKETCH 9"x 12"

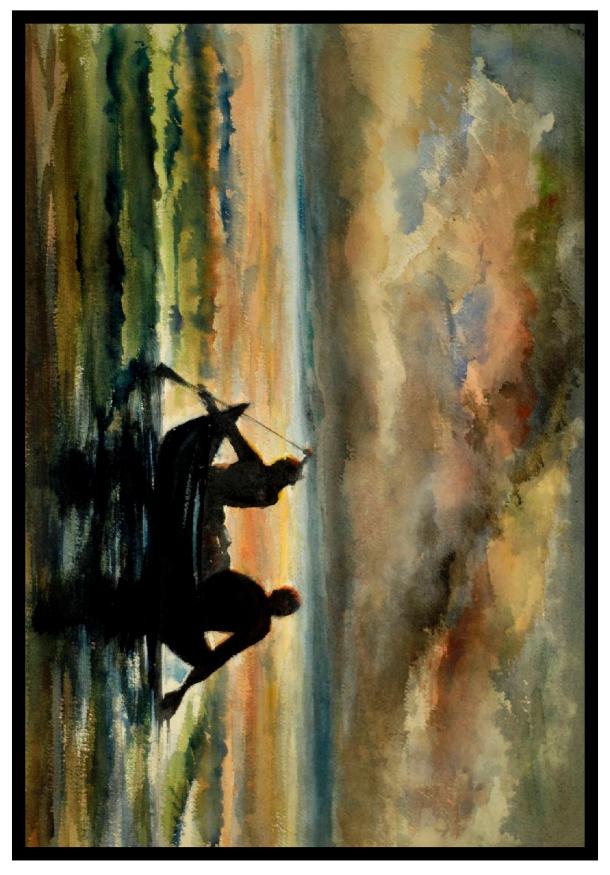


Organic

C 1975 MIXED MEDIA 14"X 16"



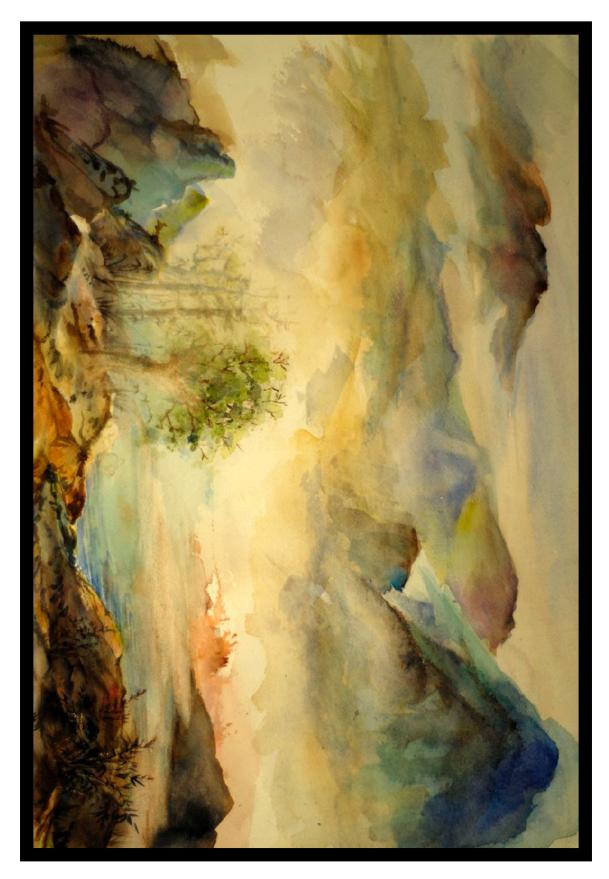
Mountain Waterfall & Mists



Late Afternoon Canoeists



Ravine Landscape



Watercolor Landscape



Maríon Anderson

1971 INK DRAWING 12"x 9"



Duke Ellington

C 1970 INK DRAWING 12"X 14"



Benny Goodman

C1960 INK DRAWING 12"X 18"



Mountain Pines



I Love Thy Rocks



Mother & Child Reclining



The Distant Massif



A/P Rain Forest Floral



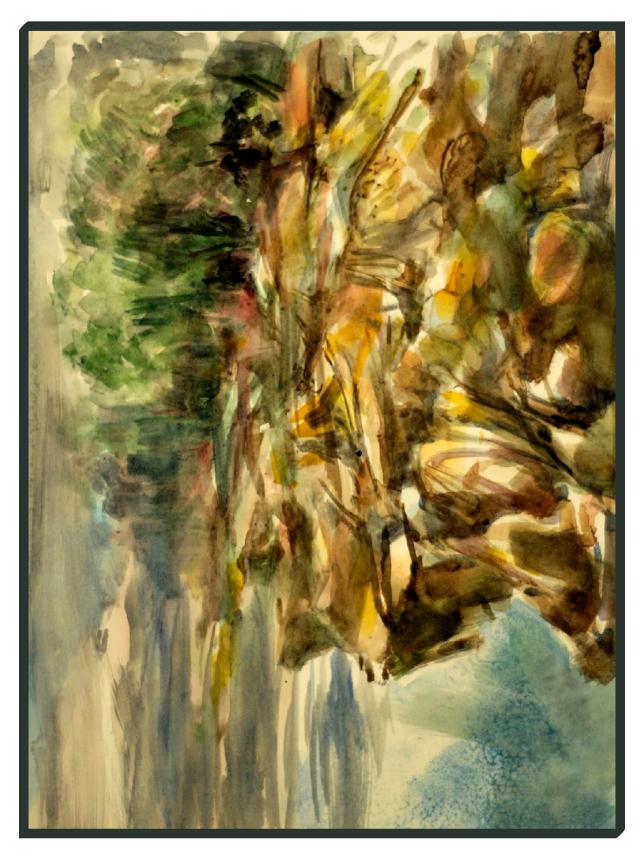
Distant Sail



Fleur Du Temps: Anja Enters...

C1961 PENCIL DRAWING

9"x 12"



EDGE OF THE FALLS



Falls At the Gorge

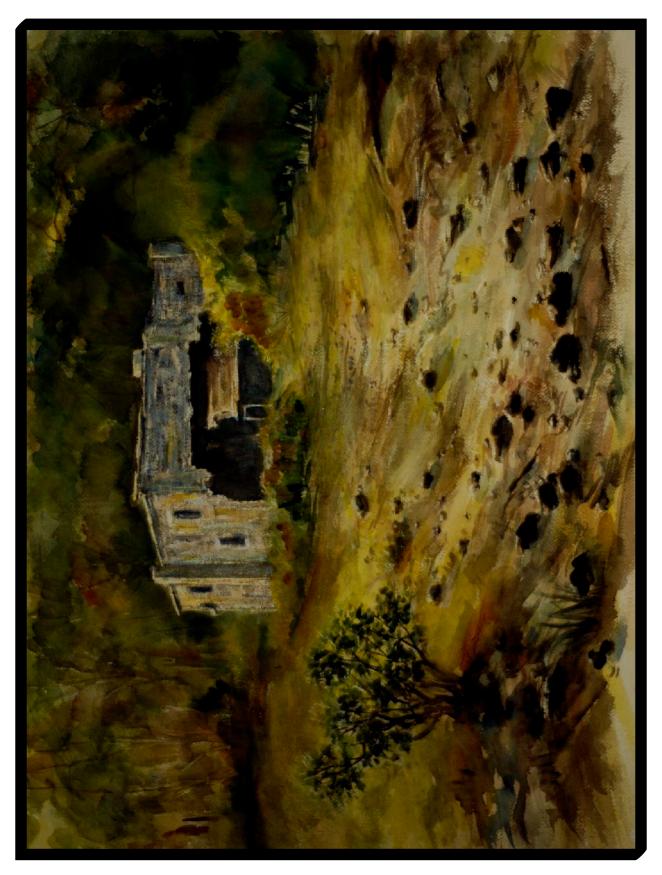


MUGZIE



Samurai Warrior

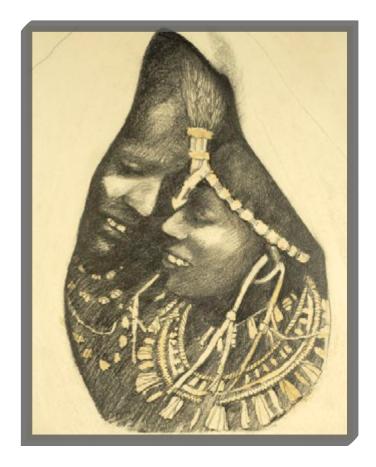
C1980 LINOLEUM CUT 6"x 10"



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NORTH AFRICAN



Maasaí Lovers

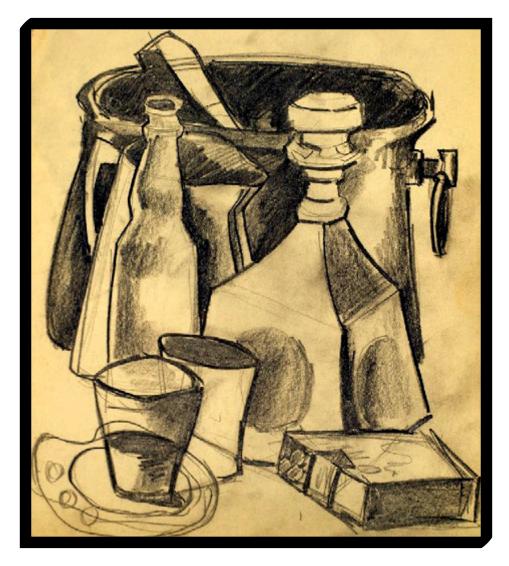
C1980 PENCIL DRAWING

9"x 12"



Couple

1970 PEN & INK 12"XX 12"

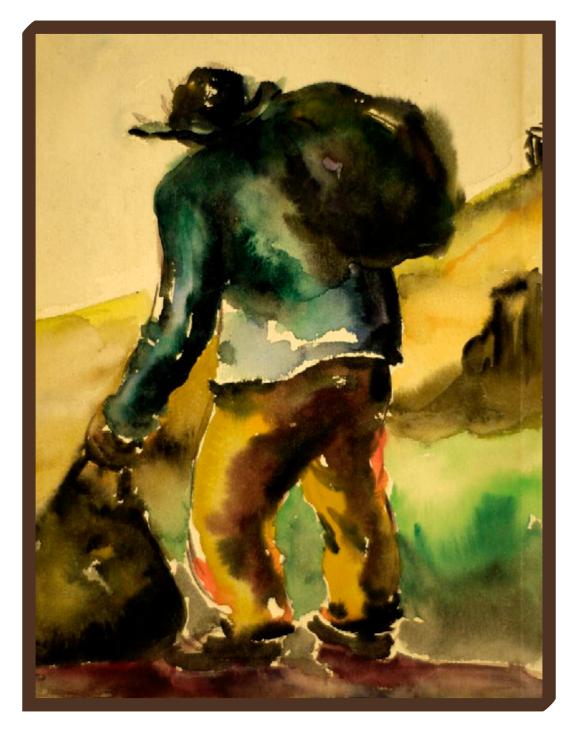


Bucket, Bottle, Flask, and Camels

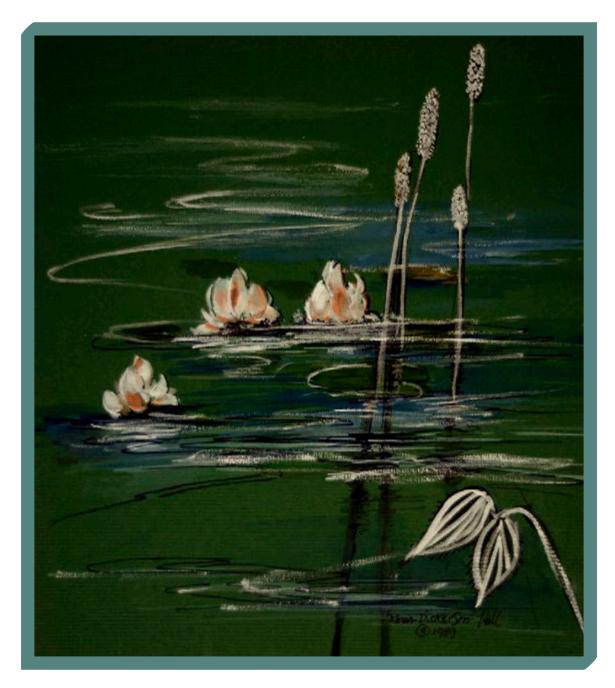
C1960

STILL LIFE PENCIL DRAWING

12"x 12"



One Step At A Time



Blossomed Lillies

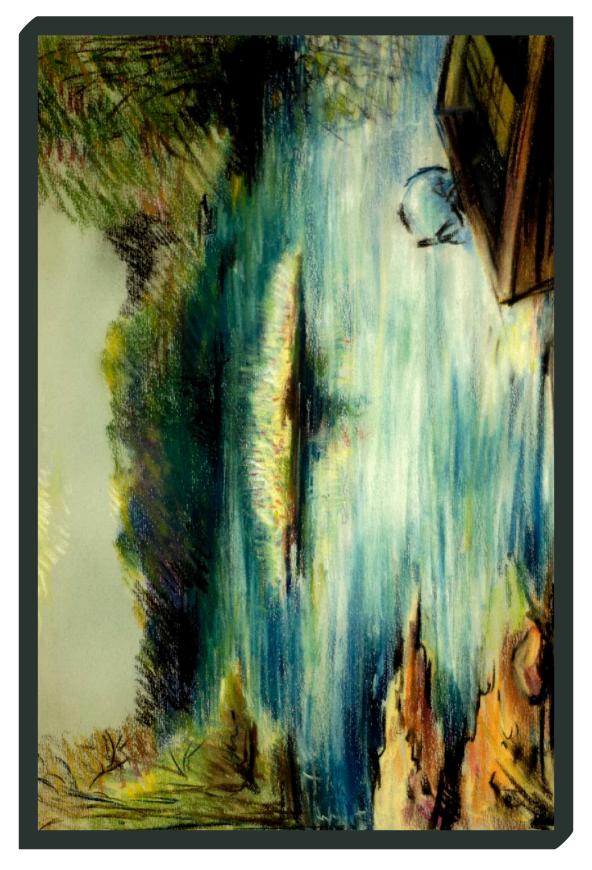


Yellow & Lavender

C1981 WATERCOLOR 14"x 18"



Clouded Valleys



SMALL BOAT IN THE LAGOON



Harlequín

1967 WATERCOLOR 9"X 12"



Young Harlequin

1967 WATERCOLOR 14"x 16"



Eleuthera Bahamas

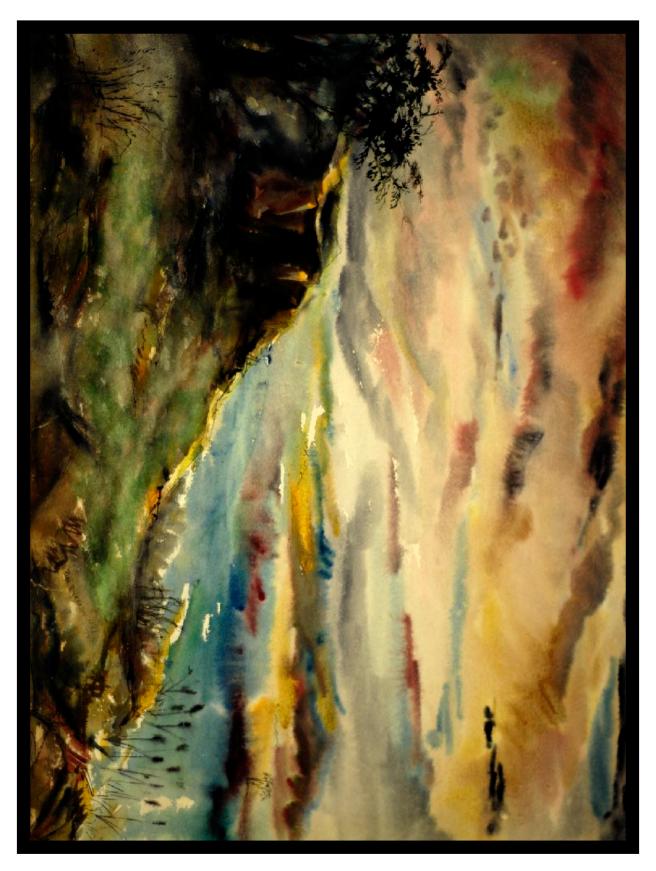
1978 WATERCOLOR 14"X 18"



Red Robed Monk



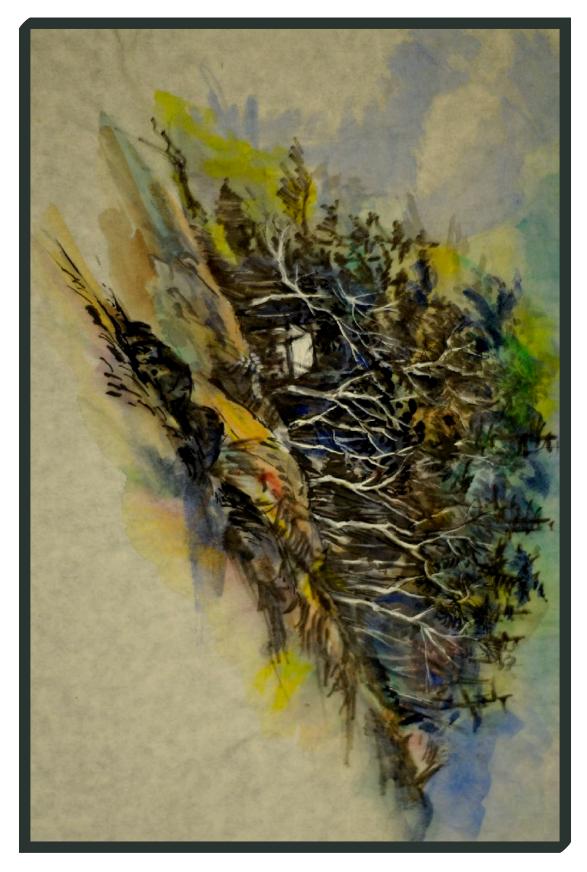
Marshland Twilight



Summer Sky After the Storm



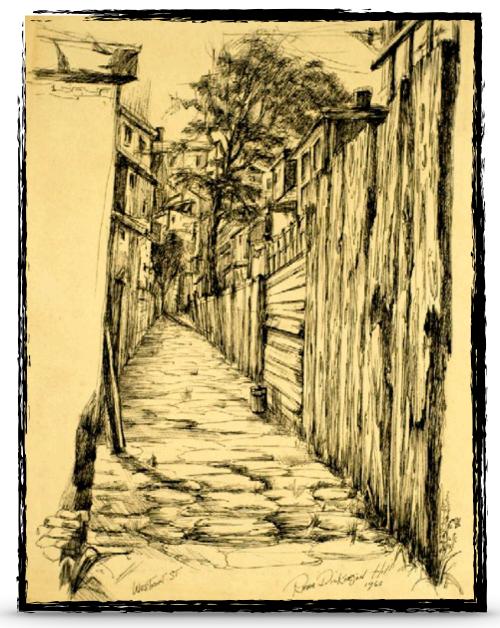
Maasai Warrior
C 1970 WOOD CUT ON SILK 14"x 8"



HOUSE ON A WOODED HILL



Abstraction In Black and Red



Westment St



The Mandolin Player



Storm Clouds Over A Meadow Boulder

C1980 WATERCOLOR 16"X 20"



Philosopher as Artist

<u>AWARDS</u>

- National Design Award
- First Prize Oils: L.F.B
- Andrew Wyeth Award-Watercolor 1980
- Sumi-e Society of America A.S.F. Prize 1983
- Purchase Prize: The Annual Exhibition-Oriental Brush Painting
- 1986 Citation and Honors as a Master Artist Mayor of Philadelphia

COLLECTIONS

- Executive Offices: First Pennsylvania Bank, Philadelphia, PA 1977
- Atlanta University: Atlanta, GA 1977
- Cheyney University: Leslie Pinkney Hill Library, Cheyney, PA 1978
- Executive Offices: American Frame Corporation
- Executive Offices: Philadelphia, PA 1983
- Executive Offices, International Airport, Philadelphia, PA
- William King, Philadelphia, PA
- Sammy Davis. Jr.
- Evangelical Manor PA 1980
- Executive Offices Corestates Bank/1st Pennsylvania Bank
- Executive Offices: A.S.F. Sales Co, New York 1978
- Philadelphia International Airport 1985
- Brazil
- France
- Germany
- Bermuda
- Bahamas
- Virgin Islands- St Thomas

FACULTY

- Cheyney University, Fine Arts Department
- Teen Workshops— Ocean County NJ
- Workshops for Young Artist Gloucester County, NJ
- Workshops and Seminar for the Docents of the Afro—American Historical and Cultural Museum.
 Philadelphia, PA

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PRIVATE STUDY

- Ramon Fina: Chinese Kinesthetic Chinese watercolor
- Shozo Sato: Exeter, England (Sumi-e)
- Roppe Matsumoto; Oriental Brush Painting -Exeter, England
- Elizabeth Robinson, Oriental Brush Painting, Eisenstadt. Austria
- Shozo Sato, Master Class, Eisenstadt, Austria
- State Teachers College: Cheyney University -BS Ed. Pendle Hill Advanced Cultural Center, Wallingford, PA
- Temple University, Philadelphia, PA-Graduate Study Elementary Ed
- University of Pennsylvania Barnes Foundation, Merion, PA
- University of the Arts.
- Philadelphia College of Art

MEMBERSHIPS

- Artist Equity
- Who's Who Encyclopedia of American Oriental Brush Painters
- Philadelphia Watercolor Club
- National Museum of Women in the Arts, Washington D. C.
- Sumi-e Society of America, Inc.
- Sumi-e Club of America, Inc.
- Sumi-e Society of America, Inc., VA Chapter
- Japan Society of-America Sumi-e Club, Inc. N.Y.C
- Watercolor Club: a life member
- Charter member of the National Museum of Women in the Arts, Washington, D.C. National Conference of Artists, Philadelphia Chapter.
- Legal Intelligencer— Philadelphia, PA
- NBC TV: Guest Artist interview
- Art Editor/Cover Artist, Journal for New Teachers, Philadelphia, Board of Education
- American References: Who's Who in Contemporary American Artists, Chicago, IL.
- Illustrator (medical): J B Lippincott Publishers

INDIVIDUAL AND SOLO EXHIBITIONS

- Joseph A. Mack Gallery, Philadelphia, PA
- Continental Bank, Chestnut Hill, PA
- The Bank of Chester County, PA
- Cathedral Village, Andorra, PA June 1984

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Group Shows

- 1960, 1977 Atlanta University, Atlanta GA
- 1960 Philadelphia Urban League
- 1960 Artcraft Gallery Philadelphia, PA
- 1960 Pennsylvania Academy of Fine Arts, Philadelphia, PA
- 1965-'55, '73, '79, '84, '85 Allens Lane Arts Center, Chestnut Hill, PA
- 1967-1968 University of Pennsylvania, Philadelphia, PA
- 1969 Pennsylvania State University
- 1969 National Bank of Washington, Washington, DC
- 1970 LaSalle University, Philadelphia, PA
- 1971 National Exhibition-"Black Artists" Smith-Mason Gallery, Washington, DC
- 1971 "Salute to Black Artists" Invitational Exhibition-New Jersey State Museum, Trenton, NJ
- 1971 Aesthetic Dynamics, Washington, DC
- 1974 African-Caribbean Heritage, Wilmington, DE
- 1976 Architects Building, 17th & Sansom St, Philadelphia, PA
- 1978-1979 New Jersey State Museum, Trenton, NJ
- 1978-'79-'82 Woodmere Gallery, Chestnut Hill, PA
- 1979 Philadelphia Watercolor Club, Philadelphia, PA
- 1979 Franklin Plaza Hotel, Philadelphia, PA
- 1979 Philadelphia Art Alliance, Philadelphia, PA
- 1979 Cheltenham Art Center, Cheltenham, PA
- 1979 Hill Gallery, Philadelphia, PA
- 1979, 1981 The Afro-American Historical & Cultural Museum, Philadelphia, PA
- 1980-1987 Philadelphia Civic Center, Philadelphia, PA
- 1980 Skidmore College, Saratoga Springs NY
- 1981 The Afro-American Historical & Cultural Museum, Philadelphia, PA
- 1981 Governor's Mansion Exhibition, Harrisburg, PA
- 1981 World Health Organization, Washington, DC
- 1982, '83 Ocean City Art Center, Ocean City, NJ
- 1982 The American Institute of Architects, Washington, DC
- 1983 Antioch University, Philadelphia, PA
- 1983 Cape May Art Center, Cape May, NJ
- 1983 Pavilion Gallery-Abstract Artists Exhibition, NJ
- 1983, 1984 The Germantown Gallery, Philadelphia, PA
- 1983 WFLN Channel 12 Headquarters
- 1984 Bell Telephone Exhibit
- 1984 Mellon Bank Group Show
- 1985 Salmagundi Club-Sumi-e Society of America Exhibition, New York
- 1986 Beaver College, Philadelphia, PA
- 1986 Temple University Law School- Invitational
- 1986 The National Arts Club, New York City
- 1986 Kinkaleba Gallery "The Unbroken Circle"
- 1986 The Cork Gallery- Japanese American Club Exhibition, Lincoln Center, NY
- 1987 Seven Afro-American Artists of Delaware Valley, Philadelphia, PA
- 1987 Expressions of Excellence, Pittsburg, PA

PUBLICATIONS:

- Encyclopedia of American Sumi-e Artists; Tokyo. Japan
- 1979 Franklin Plaza Hotel, Philadelphia, PA
- 1979 Philadelphia Art Alliance, Philadelphia, PA
- 1979 Cheltenham Art Center, Cheltenham, PA
- 1979 Hill Gallery, Philadelphia, PA
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- 1987 Seven Afro-American Artists of Delaware Valley, Philadelphia, PA
- 1987 Expressions of Excellence, Pittsburg, PA
- 1987 University of Exeter, Exeter England
- 1988 Esterhazy Palace, Eisenstadt, Austria
- 1988 Afro-American Historical
- 1989 Arnesen Gallery Vail, CO
- 1985 68th Annual Philadelphia Watercolor Club,
- Woodmere Museum, Chestnut Hill, PA
- St. Thomas Episcopal Church Pro-Arts Society
- Sumi-e Society of America, Salmagundi Club, New York City
- October Gallery, Philadelphia, PA
- Gallery 309, Trenton, NJ
- The Federal Reserve Bank, Philadelphia, PA
- DeShong Museum of Widner University, Chester, PA
- Liberty Federal Savings & Loan, Inc, Philadelphia, PA
- Bank of Chester County, Chester County, PA
- Greenleaf Galleries, City Line, Philadelphia
- The Gallery, Barnegat Light, NJ
- The Curtis Gallery, Seattle WA
- Eleuthera, Bahamas
- Rittenhouse Square, Philadelphia, PA'
- Artists' Equity-Waterworks Annual