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## BEVERLY DEAK, FLORAL ARTIST #1

interpreting the artwork of

### Bonnie Ploger "Stirring Painted Waters"

#### FLORAL ARTIST STATEMENT

I simply enjoyed staring at "Stirring Painted Waters" by Bonnie Ploger from her collection FROG DANCE 1. The colors and the movement of the frogs was amazing. My ordinary way of looking at a frog changed! I thought perhaps I could have fun creating, too. And . . . I remembered I had my Aunt Margaret's favorite vase - 3 green frogs!

The pollinator flowers I used are Cone Flowers, Bee Balm, and Brown Eyed Susans. I also used a sweet potato vine called Sweet Georgia Bullfrog, Eryngium Thistle, White Daisies, Zinnias, and marsh plants.

I encountered a new way of seeing in this arrangement through the eyes of the painter. I had fun!



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## ELIZABETH EVERITT, FLORAL ARTIST #2

interpreting the artwork of

Teri Power "Beach"

#### FLORAL ARTIST STATEMENT

In *Beach*, the clay and the earth itself are Ga 4.5, or 4,500,000 years old. In 130 Ma (130,000 years ago) the first flowering plants appeared and changed the way the world looked. By 100 Ma, flowering plants diversified in an explosion of varieties.

In my interpretation, the stones of Ga 4.5 have been replaced with a variety of living flowers to illustrate how flowering plants changed the way the world looks today. I chose this art work because I could see the stones transformed into living flowers to tell a story of how the world has changed since Ga 4.5 and continues to change.

Pollinator Flowers:	Joe-Pye Weed/Eutrochium purpureum
	Bee Balm/ Monarda
	Butterfly Weed/Asclepias tuberosa
	Perennial Sunflower/Helianthus multi. Flore Pleno
Other Flowers:	Penta 'Graffiti Red Lace'
	African Daises/Osteospermum
	Black Eyed Susans/Rudbeckia hirta
	Cloth of Gold Yarrow/Achillia filipendalina



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# BONNIE FRAIN, FLORAL ARTIST #3

interpreting the artwork of

Suzanne Lewis "Marsh Marigold"

#### FLORAL ARTIST STATEMENT

I chose this art work because Marsh Marigolds are one of my very favorite plants.

To me the artist captured their beauty in this piece. It is simple and shows the delicate flowers as they are.

They are perennials that are mounding about 1-2' and are in the family (Ranunculaceae) and bloom April-May. I am substituting yellow Factor Daisies, which came from Columbia, for the marigolds. I have also added Joe Pye Weed (eupatorium purpurem), a fabulous pollinator plant I grow in my garden, both for butterflies and other insects, a pink Magnolia (magnolieceae), variety "Ann", from my garden and some sea shells I got in Florida.



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## STEVEN FREUND, FLORAL ARTIST #4

interpreting the artwork of

David Spohn "Monarch"

#### FLORAL ARTIST STATEMENT

Life Cycle

This arrangement is built around Milkweed, a volunteer in my garden, that I struggled without success to eliminate for many years. Though the plant starts as a small attractive bit of greenery, by mid-summer a substantial sturdy plant overshadows most of what surrounds it as it sends out runners to establish a colony of similar giants. There is a reward in July when clusters of lavender stars explode like a firework display from the top - but these are soon replaced by a growing pod which, if left through fall, explode and shower the world with hundreds of little parachutists riding the breeze. Do children still search out the ripe pods as part of their fall play?

As I have become aware of the Monarch's plight, the battle lines I'd drawn against the Milkweed have gradually softened. This year a truce was established and I began protecting areas of my garden and yard as "Butterfly habitat." I even took a further step and began to take in eggs and small caterpillars as a way of protecting them from predators. To date, my wife Artis and I have released over forty Monarch butterflies.

On this arrangement you will find several stages of the Monarch. Some of them will be resting in their chrysalis stage forming their butterfly wings but most will be happily munching on the center of this arrangement surrounded by some of the flowers the butterflies feed on including goldenrod, yarrow and coneflowers.



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# SHARI HAMILTON, FLORAL ARTIST #5

interpreting the artwork of

Emily Gray Koehler "On the Horizon"

#### FLORAL ARTIST STATEMENT

I have been a longtime Mahtomedi Garden Club member and served as club president for 6 years. I am excited to be a new member of the White Bear Center for the Arts. My passions include gardening and art, making this event a perfectly fun and exciting thing to try.

When I walked into the gallery, I was drawn in by the artist's brilliant, bold colors and knew immediately that this was the piece I wanted to work with.

For my interpretation, I created a fused glass vessel of blues, then mixed in pollinator plants of hydrangea, Rudbeckia, and Joe-Pye weed. The "river" is composed of purple statice.



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# ROBBIE JOHNSON, FLORAL ARTIST #6

interpreting the artwork of

Emily Gray Koehler "Milkweed"

#### FLORAL ARTIST STATEMENT

The theme of my display is August Garden

I was inspired by the artwork. Last year one milk weed plant volunteered in my front yard garden. Monarchs were attracted to it. This year ten plants emerged and many monarchs have visited and feasted on the plants.

I know that monarchs existence is waning so I have encouraged these plant's growth.

Plants that are included in this display are wisteria seed pods, wild phlox, milk weed, peony greens and few miscellaneous.



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# SUE KOWALSKI, FLORAL ARTIST #7

interpreting the artwork of

### Cynthia Starkweather-Nelson "Sprouting Lavender (Early Spring Series)"

### FLORAL ARTIST STATEMENT

It's True! flowers do emerge in the marsh!

Six of the miniature bouquets are created from wild perennial flowers that I picked from the marshes of White Bear Lake and the rest are from my gardens.

Flowers included in my art interpretation include:

- Thistle
- Gomprhrena
- Panicum grass
- Lisianthus
- Garden hyacinths
- Egyptian star cluster
- Orange coneflower or echinacea
- Pink coneflower or echinacea
- Zinnia
- Dahlia
- Fern
- Larkspurs or Delphinium



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# MARY ANNE LINSER, FLORAL ARTIST #8

interpreting the artwork of

### Tom McGregor "A Front Sneaks In At Dawn"

### FLORAL ARTIST STATEMENT

The painting depicts the merging of the waters. It also represents to me a composite of the natural world of prairie and woods with the human engagement with that world in the two hiking figures. The encroaching storm is a reminder that nature is still in charge and can always assert itself even in a bucolic scene.

The three levels of plant material show the natives, the invaders, and a blend of garden favorites and herbs. Almost all the plant materials, including the invasive species, are attractive to pollinators.

Some of the natives include lavender bergamot, Joe Pye weed, brown eyed Susans, goldenrod, swamp milk weed, pink coneflower, and blue vervain.

The cultivated plant material includes white phlox, Russian sage, pink astilbe, yellow zinnias, marjoram, purple basil and hosta.

The invaders all on the bad list include Dalmatian toadflax, yellow tansy, white wild carrot, purple loosestrife, buckthorn with berries, pink-purple spotted knapweed, and honeysuckle.



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## KAY MARTIN, FLORAL ARTIST #9

interpreting the artwork of

Marj Davis

### "Polyphemus Moth Caterpillar on Paper Birch Tree"

#### FLORAL ARTIST STATEMENT

I knew nothing about moths when I chose this unique piece of art to interpret, but walked back to look at it three times and decided that I would like to work with this beautiful moth.

Since then I have learned some things about the Polyphemus moth and its incredible journey through its life cycle.

For instance, the very notable eye spots on the back of the adult moth is to ward off predators if there is an attack eminent. He is a favorite of birds and squirrels.

After going through five molts in the caterpillar stage they are finally an adult. This is the time for mating and laying eggs. Unfortunately, adults do not have a mouth so they only live for about five days.

During the fifth stage, the caterpillar, is an very notable yellow/green color, and is about six inches long. If you have ever seen one you would never forget it. This green color helps him hide from predators.

Pollinator plants in this design include coral bells, dogwood, aster, salvia, lantana and birch branches.

Also used are alstroemeria, iris, and Leucadendron (Safari Sunset).



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## LAUREL MARTIN, FLORAL ARTIST #10

interpreting the artwork of Diane Wesman "5:00 AM" FLORAL ARTIST STATEMENT

I chose 5:00 am by Diane Wesman because summer mornings in Minnesota mean so much to me. I take my coffee to the porch where the garden grows right up to the screens and meditate with the Ruby-throated Hummingbirds, the Monarchs and the Mourning Cloaks, the Goldfinches and the slow moving Bumble Bees.

All of the flowers in this arrangement are from my yard which is curated as a haven for humans and other wildlife. All of these flowers are favorites of the birds, bees, and butterflies that have found an organic home for the season. Some are natives, like Silphium perfoliatum, the Cup Plant, which is a nectar source for butterflies and hummingbirds, provides seeds for other birds, and is of special value to native bees. It also attracts predatory beneficial insects that prey on pests we'd rather not have around. The other golden flower is Rudbeckia laciniata "Hortensia", an heirloom Coneflower selection lovingly referred to as the 'outhouse plant.' I didn't know that the Joe Pye Weed (Eutrochium) I've included was named for a Mohican healer who shared native knowledge of its medicinal qualities with early immigrants. It supports a world of pollinators and is especially favored by Monarchs and Swallowtails. Russian sage (Perovskia altriplicifolia) and a purple sedum round out the perennials in this arrangement. The annuals are represented by 'Black and Blue' salvia, a hummingbird magnate, Bachelor Buttons, loved by the finches, Verbena bonariensis, and 'Victoria Blue' Salvia farinacia. You might not think of grasses as a pollinator plants but Little Blue Stem serves as a larval host for nine skipper butterflies as well as winter habit for other insects.



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## SUE MIELKE, FLORAL ARTIST #11

interpreting the artwork of

Cynthia Starkweather-Nelson "Flooded Shoreline 1 (Early Spring Series)"

FLORAL ARTIST STATEMENT

I picked this particular painting because it made me feel like I was wading through a marsh like a heron.

With a low bird's-eye view, I see warm dappled sunlight streaming through the new green reeds and water. I hope to see amphibians and fish!

Rudbeckia hirta 'Gloriosa' daisies are placed at different levels for sunlight. Chives and cattail reeds are arranged for the texture, shape and color of the marsh. I placed smoke bush blooms within the arrangement to portray the water.



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## LISA MONZEL, FLORAL ARTIST #12

interpreting the artwork of

Robyn Beth Priestley "Alders in Fog"

#### FLORAL ARTIST STATEMENT

In my rendition of Robyn Beth Priestley's Alders in Fog, I chose to use many native prairie plants, birch branches, and curly willow. The substitution of birch for alder is a strongly personal one, because of my love of birchbark, and my fond memories of my business named Birchbark & Blossoms.

I colored the horizontal willow branches shades of blue to mimic the gentle movement of fog and riverlets of water. The garden flooring is made of moss and fern frond leaves. I used as many native flowers as I felt that I could, without losing the essential minimalist esthetic.

The native plants that I used were Joe Pye weed, common boneset, gray-headed coneflowers, rudbeckia cultivars, horsetail, tall bluegrass, and switchgrass. All of these flowers are from my garden.

The green bird is made of reindeer moss and common solidago. A tiny shell from Door County makes up the bird's eye.



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# MAGGIE YOUNGBERG, FLORAL ARTIST #13

interpreting the artwork of

Teri Power "Nests"

#### FLORAL ARTIST STATEMENT

I felt drawn to select this piece of art because I have a love of "found" objects.

Plants in my arrangement include:

- Verbena bonariensis
- Bells of Ireland
- Salvia 'Victoria Blue'
- Rudbeckia
- Ferns

Grape vine is used as the base



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# JEANNE ZLONIS, FLORAL ARTIST #14

#### interpreting the artwork of

### Kim Gordon "The Road to Listening Point"

### FLORAL ARTIST STATEMENT

I have created for you a "forest" of Milkweed, the larval host plant of my favorite pollinator, the Monarch Butterfly.

Milkweed species in the arrangement include:

- Swamp Milkweed -Asclepas incarnata,
- Butterfly Weed-Asclepas tuberosa,
- Whorled Milkweed-Asclepas vertiillata, and
- Showy Milkweed- Asclepas speciosa

Birch trees are the host plant of Tiger Swallowtail and Mourning Cloak Butterflies.

Accents of **Rough Blazing Star**-Liatris aspera and **Leadplant**- Amorpha canescens represent native plant species whose nectar provides food to bees and butterflies.

