

# Paintings By Margie Manyik

**June 15 - Aug 2, 2018**

**Please join me for a  
reception, June 15<sup>th</sup>  
5:00pm - 7:30pm**

at Centennial Art Center  
Centennial Park  
Nashville, TN  
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At an early age, I began painting nature as most people expect, as scenic views. But that did not express what my experience, running around in the woods while growing up, meant to me. Scenic views did not express the peace, the feel of the wind or the world I experience under water. I found that walking allowed my mind to drift, that, to just catch blurring ground as I walk, fulfilled my contemplations and perceptions the best. Using photos I take of ground to remind me of my feelings, I try to recreate this for others in my painting. In these paintings I invite the viewer to see their own dreams.

Though my paintings are nominally of minute settings in nature, they are an abstraction of nature. I try to transform reality—biopsies, if you will, that capture a moment. Up close I see details, which upon distancing myself, become decaying leaves, a stick or a frozen pond. I use the color, the layers of plant debris, the directions of the forms, to trigger emotions and dreams. I like to use color to express the different feelings of that bit of nature. So, though the color is based on nature I shade them to a more intense version of nature's palate. This is the basis of my expression. It is determined wholly by my perceptions. My canvas is that which allows vent for this expression.