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Tova Speter

environmentally friendly artwork

Tova Speter is an artist, art therapist, and community muralist based out of Vernon Street Studios in Somerville. She finds time to paint in between working at The Art Connection (a local arts nonprofit), teaching art, and engaging various communities (both locally and internationally) in creating murals. Tova welcomes any comments and/or inquiries about purchasing existing or commissioned work. She'd also really appreciate any donations of scrap wood that you might otherwise think to throw away. You can see more of her work online at www.tovaspeter.com or email her directly at tovaspeter@gmail.com.

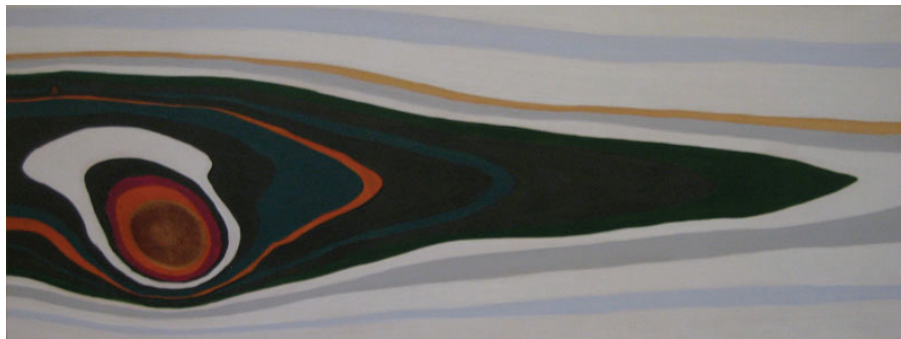


Autumn Highlight

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Birch Eye

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Lilac 1



Lilac 2

About the Art

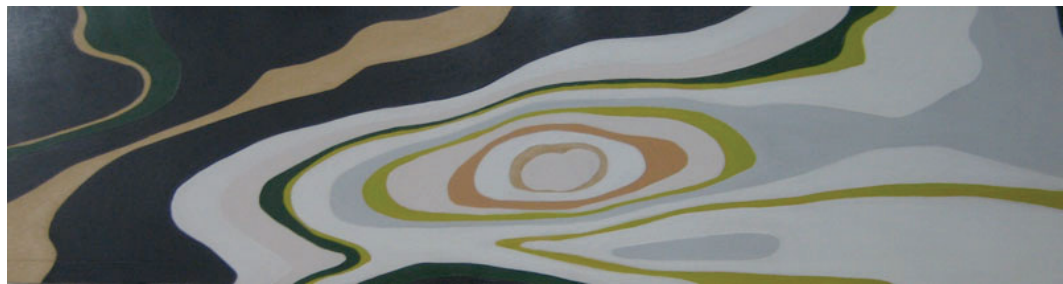
My art utilizes found wood as a conduit for an exploration of the energy found in nature. With the original grain as my guide, I work to transform scrap wood into works of art that highlight natural design, and hope to share the idea that everything has an inherent beauty when the time is taken to look at it from a new perspective. This collection features new works inspired by the colors of the Arnold Arboretum in Boston.

There is so much beauty in the Arboretum that it is hard not to feel moved as you walk through the paths and take in the magnificence all around. I decided to work from photographs I took between Lilac Sunday in May and the foliage season of 2010. Though finding the inspiration was easy, I then worked to study the stacks of scrap wood I had accumulated in my studio so as to find the right "canvas" to explore the colors and patterns captured in the photographs. Paints used all are leftovers from a past mural project (yay recycling!) and are from a new line of zero VOC paints that are environmentally friendly. The original photographs are included in this feature as well so that the viewer can look deeper at the imagery to find the hidden colors and enjoy the natural inspiration that I discovered.



Lilac 3

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Lilac 4



Looking Up