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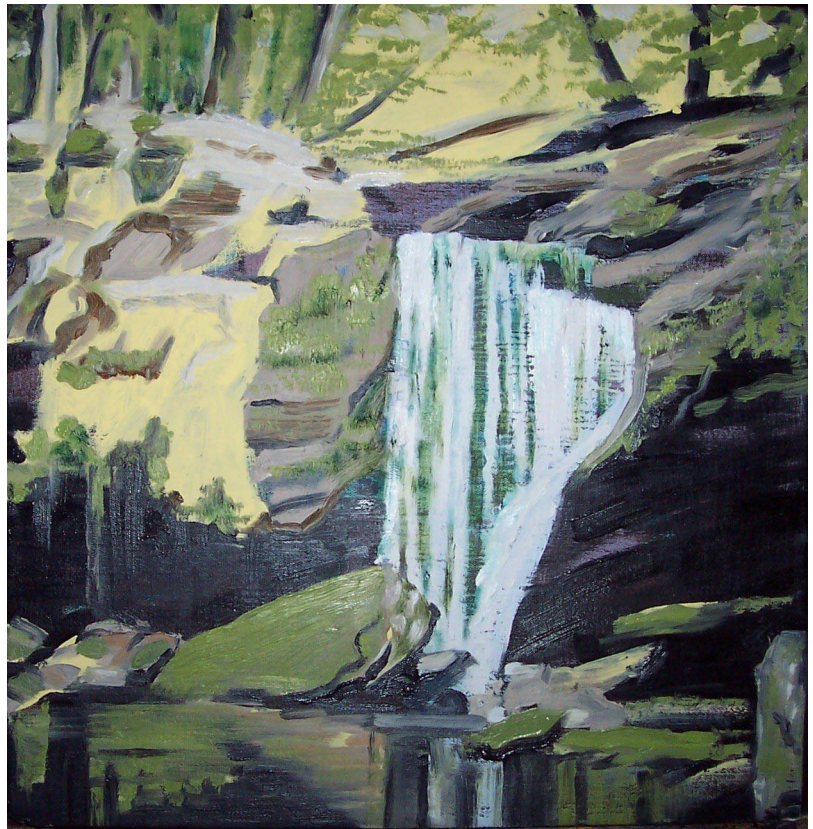
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### Susan Miiller's Art of the Landscape in Visitors Center

The Downing Park Planning Committee is pleased to announce that the June exhibit in the Visitors Center will feature the contemporary landscape paintings of Susan Miiller. Miiller's recent work brings to the forefront abstracted landscape elements. Her focus is on expressing the duality between technique and imagery. Through the use of oil paints and a wide variety of painterly techniques, Miiller's work obtains a beautiful presence of surface that underscores the painted beauty of the surface.

She says of her work, "In order to make good contemporary landscape art, I believe my paintings must explore the subject of artistic transformation and ways of making an age old painting tradition fresh and original. I make my landscape paintings a viable means of contemporary expression by tugging at the confines of landscape tradition. My paintings begin as an abstract color field that is then overpainted. The paint is stripped away from this layer, outlining classical landscapes. The technique that I use is a subtractive one. This subtractive painting method unifies disparate imagery and creates dramatic modulations of color and space."



Miiller received a B.F.A. in painting from SUNY New Paltz in 1988 and an M.F.A. in drawing and painting from the University of North Texas in 1992. For more than 12 years, she has taught drawing and painting, first in Texas, at the University of North Texas, Texas Christian University and the University of Texas at Dallas, and then at SUNY New Paltz where she has been on the

faculty since 1999. Included in her curriculum are innovative classes in painting, mixed media, art criticism, portfolio development and the creative process. Miiller is the recipient of several awards including the Artist in Residence Award, 2006: Catskill Conservation Center/ NYFA Special Opportunity Grant, 2003/ Faculty Development Awards, 2004 and 2002: SUNY New Paltz/ Artist in Residence Award, and others.

Her work is included in many important public and private collections including the Samuel Dorsky Museum of Art, Houston Museum of Fine Arts, The University of North Texas, Arkansas Arts and Science Center, Centex Corporation, Sterling Software, and SAP America.

The exhibit will be on view from June 7- June 28 in the Visitors Center Gallery, located in the Shelter House in Downing Park, Carpenter Avenue and Third Street, Newburgh. Gallery hours are 11 a.m.-5 p.m. Wednesday through Sunday. An Opening Reception will be held on Saturday, June 7 from 2-4 p.m. The public is invited. For information call 845-565-5559.