

Wayne Paige Drawings

The drawing "Moon Tail" serves as both reflection and interpretation of a convoluted voice in a likewise convoluted world. Using pen and paper, reality and perception are synthesized through the creative process, incorporating imagination, observation, and nostalgia. The drawing takes place in an otherworldly landscape where animals, forest creatures, spirits, and lost souls gather. Where a celestial armada of tadpole-like comets fills the skies, tree stumps and woodlands fill the grounds, and waterways envelop the landscape. These are all elements of my earlier drawings that are still evident.

By integrating varied styles and subject matter, I examine concepts of duality, transformation, and the bizarre. Encounters prevail in many forms. Often, they are created by tapping into strange or peculiar thoughts or memories. Eventually, they are transformed and reassembled into entirely new forms and images, and at times, never intended. The drawing is a cover of a story without the story, occurring at a twilight gathering.

My career as a regional Washington artist extends back to the early-1970's and includes thirty-plus solo or duo exhibitions, numerous gallery inclusion, and museum exhibitions that include The Corcoran Art Gallery and The Anderson Gallery in Richmond, Va. along with four exhibitions at American University Museum at the Katzen Center: "Elizabeth French Collection", "Remember Marc and Komei"; "Washington Art Matters II: 1940s – 1980s;" and "Communicating Vessels." Awards include First Prize in The Fairfax Art Council awards, First Prize in The George Washington University Alumni Competition, Arlington Alliance, and a Special Recognition award from The Virginia Commission of the Arts. Collectors include American University, George Mason University, George Washington University, Marymount University, the Elisabeth French Collection, Gudelsky Collection, Radio One, and Prudential.

I have been a member of Middle Street Gallery since 2004 and am employed as an adjunct art professor at Laurel Ridge Community College in Warrenton, Virginia.