

about the gallery

The purpose of the Stillwater Public Library Gallery is to provide education through exhibits and displays, to increase community involvement in the library, and to provide an enjoyable environment for the library's users.

For more information about the gallery, email us at:
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Public Library

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Pictured on Front:
Honey Locust, Oil on Canvas,
24 x 24, 2021



Art Exhibit
Michael Slagle

In the Gallery:
August & September 2022

Artist Reception:
Thursday, August 25
6-7:30pm

Artist Statement

My paintings are based on the landscapes of my neighborhood in Lakeland, compositions I have encountered on my daily routine: walking the dog, out and about with my kids, etc. If I spot an interesting composition I will either take a picture or draw it, or both, and manipulate the image in Photoshop. Using Photoshop I flatten areas in the image, play with the composition, and tweak the colors.

In my most recent paintings I take the process one step further in Photoshop by incorporating a street map of Lakeland into the painting. By incorporating a map into a painting I'm combining two different perspectives into a single scene: a map, which is meant to be read literally, and a painting, which is a stylized representation.



Early Winter, Oil on Canvas, 54 x 48, 2019

Artist Bio

I grew up in Lakeland, which is also where I currently reside. In 2000 I graduated from the College of Visual Arts with my BFA and graduated from Rutgers with my MFA in 2004. After graduating from Rutgers I moved to New York, and moved back to Minnesota in 2013.

I have shown my work in New York, Chicago, and the Twin Cities.

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*Prices for pieces shown in the gallery will be posted by the artist's work