



# GORDON SMITH

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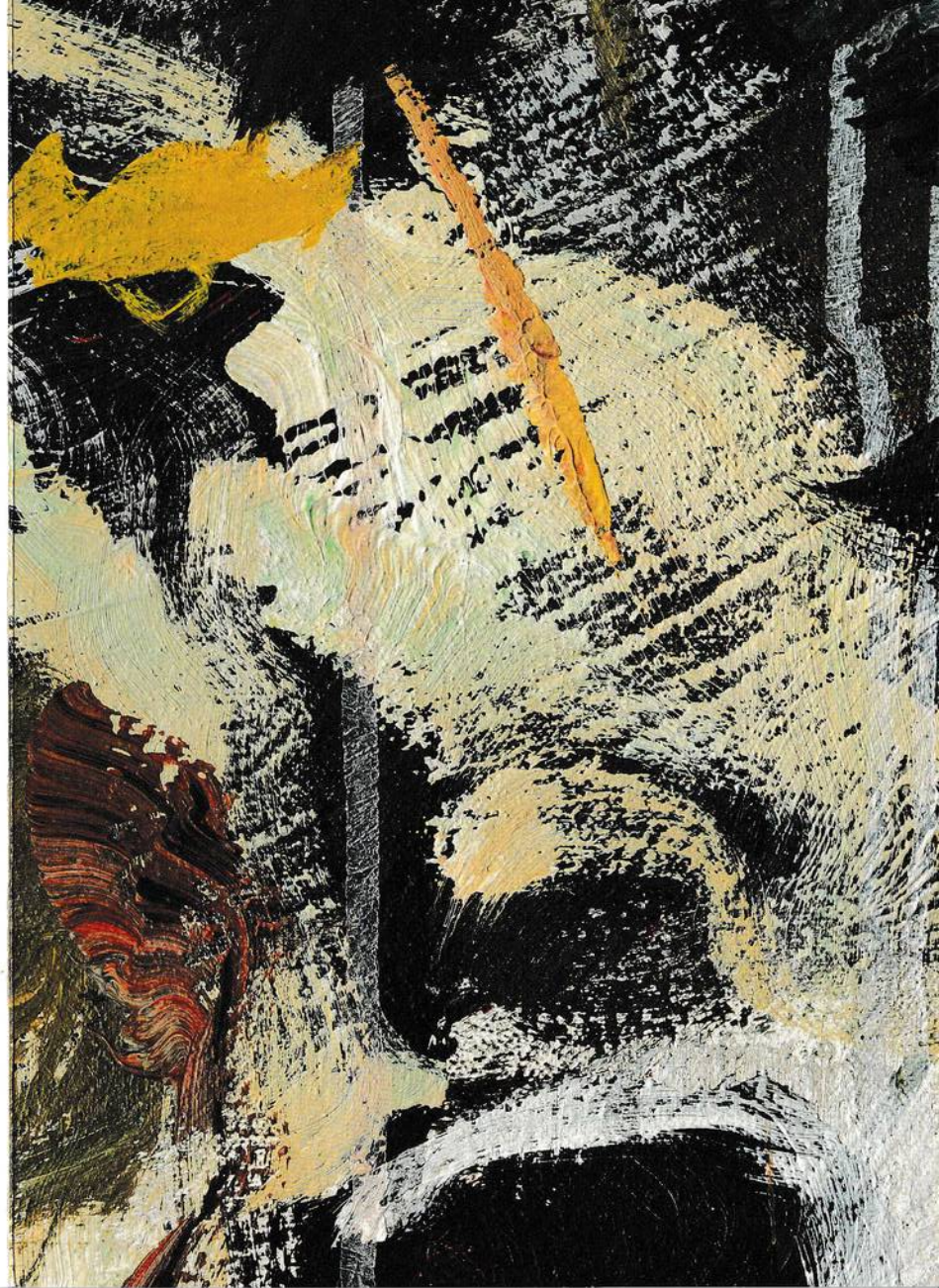
Please join Gordon Smith  
for the opening reception  
of his exhibition on  
Wednesday, January 15  
from  
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## Gordon Smith *The Act of Painting*

Saturday  
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7:00 to 9:00 pm

The artist will be in attendance  
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Admittance will begin at 7:00 pm.  
We will be unable to accommodate early  
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*The exhibition will be  
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*to join renowned artist Gordon Smith in providing quality art programs for children by supporting the Artists for Kids Trust.*

*When you pledge to purchase the print "A Friend's Flowers" through payroll deduction, post-dated cheques or with credit card, you receive a quality work of art by one of Canada's leading artists and at the same time, ensure that thousands of children will continue to be served by Artists for Kids in the future.*

*"A Friend's Flowers" Gordon A. Smith, 1997  
12 colour serigraph, edition 100, 21" x 26" \$500*

- ☐ *Yes, I would like to support Artists for Kids and purchase "A Friend's Flowers" through my employer's payroll plan.*

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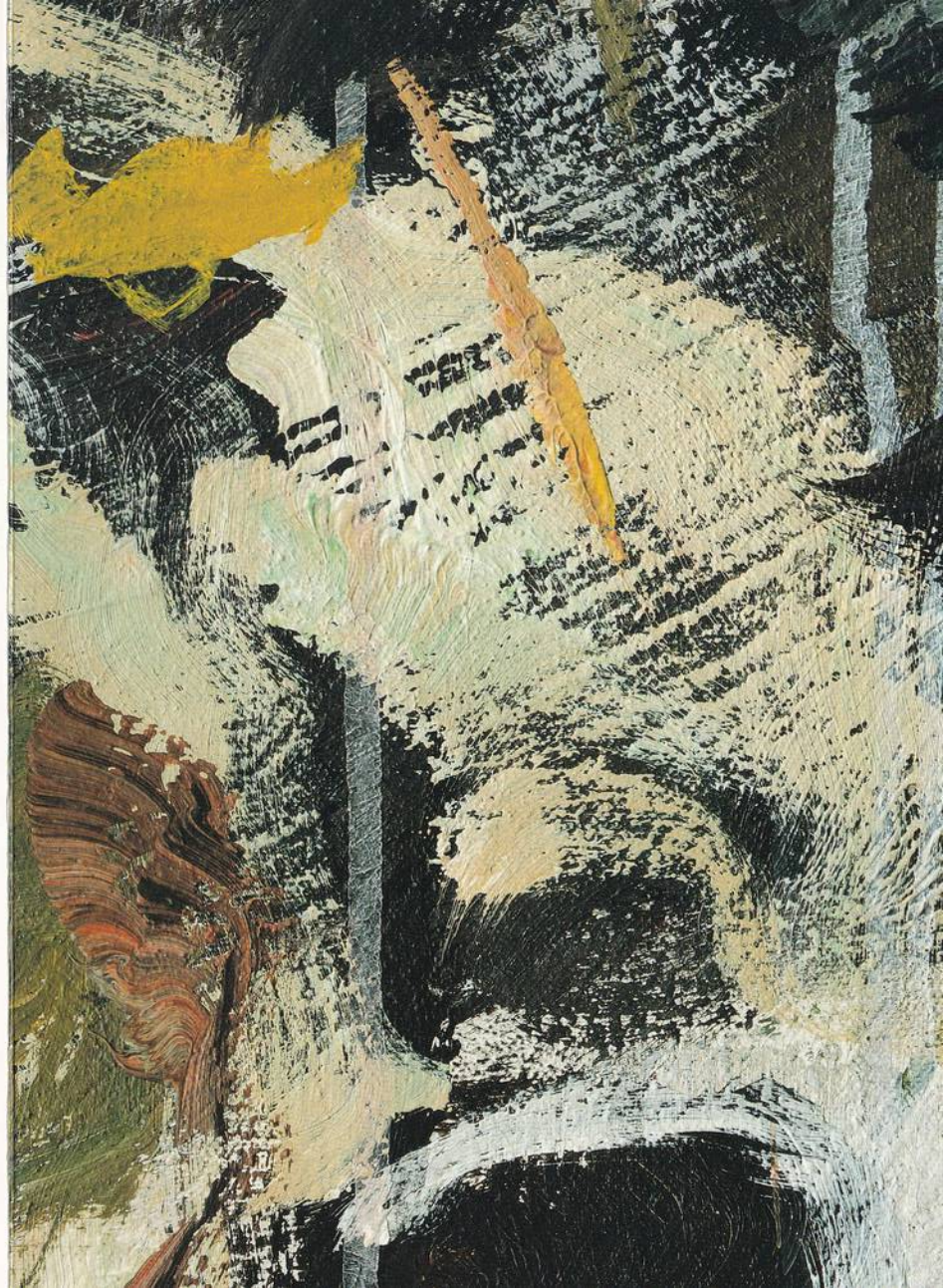
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Job Site \_\_\_\_\_  
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X cut here and return to Artists For Kids

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# GORDON SMITH

September 16 – October 23, 2004

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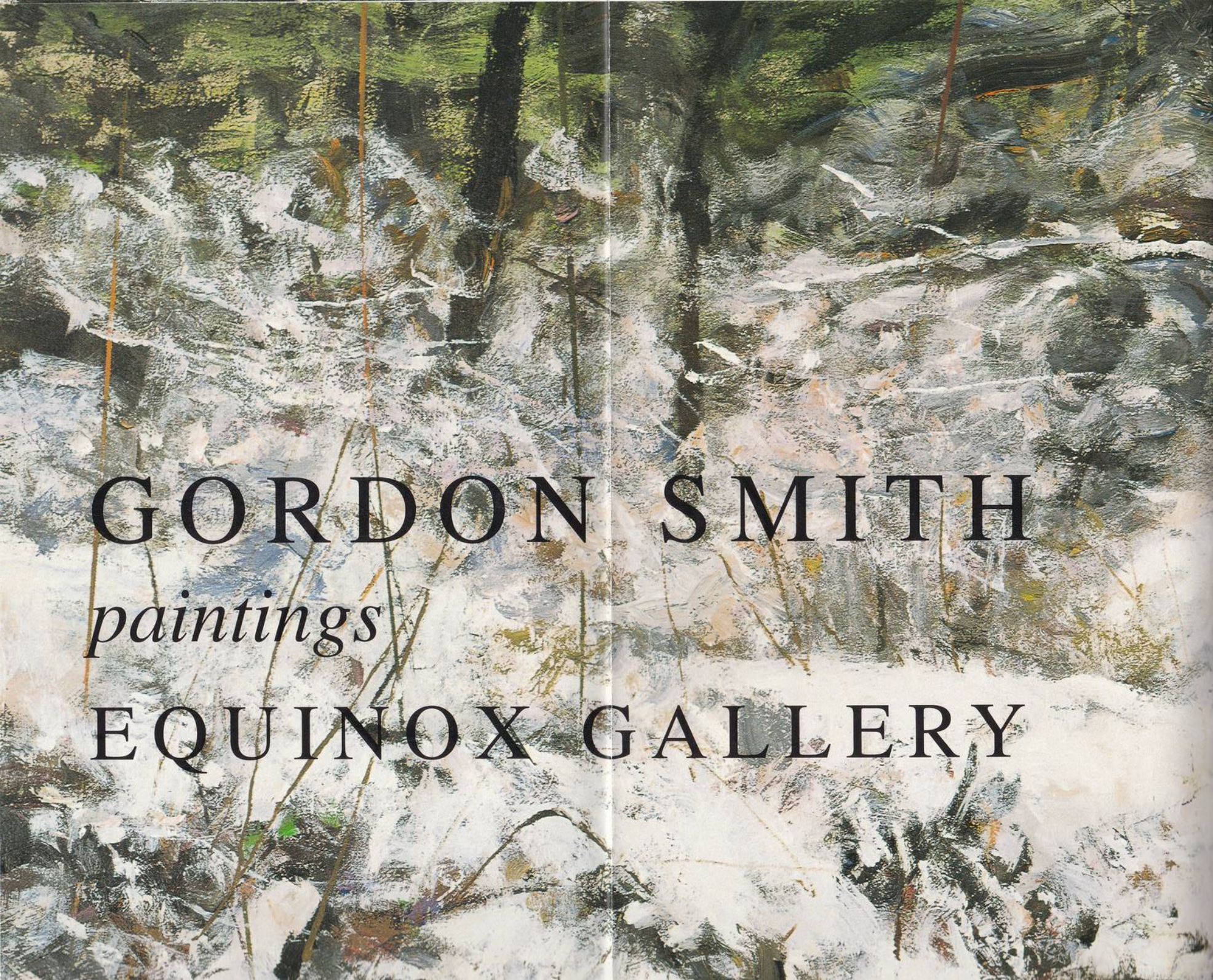
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An abstract painting with a complex, layered texture. The composition is dominated by dark, earthy tones like black, dark green, and brown, which are interspersed with lighter, more vibrant areas of white, light green, and pale yellow. The brushwork is visible and expressive, with thick, impasto-like applications of paint in some areas and more delicate, wispy strokes in others. The overall effect is one of organic complexity and dynamic energy.

GORDON SMITH

*paintings*

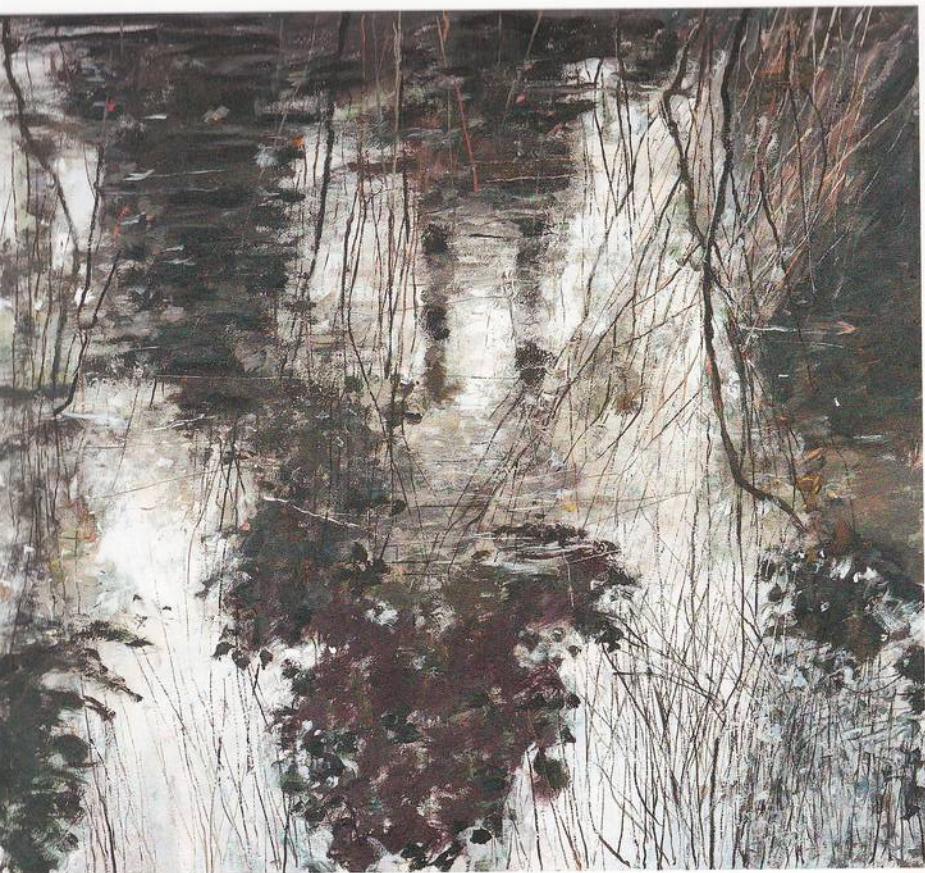
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, 2002, acrylic on canvas, 60" × 108"

# GORDON SMITH

*on Reflection*



*Winter Pond I*, 2002, acrylic on canvas, 60" x 67"



*Winter Pond II*, 2002, acrylic on canvas, 60" x 75"



*Winter Pond III*, 2002, acrylic on canvas, 60" × 67"

# GORDON SMITH

*on Reflection*

May 2 - June 1, 2002

OPENING RECEPTION

Wednesday, May 1, 6-8 p.m.

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*"Green Park (the Victoria Line)", acrylic on canvas, 67" x 50", 1989*

**GORDON SMITH**

**BAU-XI**

OCTOBER 9 - 28, 1990

Please contact the Gallery for preview

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Throughout his career, Smith has maintained an active presence in the Canadian and International art scene. He has exhibited regularly and has work included in countless public and private collections in Canada, the United States and Europe including the National Gallery of Canada in Ottawa, the Museum of Modern Art in New York, the Smithsonian Institute in Washington D.C., and the Victoria and Albert Museum in London, England. His work can also be found in the Vancouver Art Gallery and in the Artists for Kids Gallery in North Vancouver.

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Canadian artists who generously support the program include: Gordon Smith, Jamie Evrard, Graham Gillmore, Greg Murdock, Ross Penhall, Ted Harrison, J. Carl Heywood, Rodney Graham, the late Toni Onley, Douglas Coupland, Kenojuak Ashevak, Roz Marshall, Robert Davidson, the late Jack Shadbolt, E. J. Hughes, Robert Young, Jane Ash Poitras, Michael Snow, the late Jean McEwen, Robert Bateman, David Blackwood, Betty Goodwin, Joe Fafard, Gathie Falk, Alan Wood, the late Guido Molinari, Molly Lamb Bobak, the late Anne Meredith Barry, Takao Tanabe, George Littlechild, Irene F. Whittome, Arnold Shives, Ann Kipling, Charles van Sandwyk, the late Bill Reid, the late B.C. Binning and, the bequest of Frederick and Betty Amess.

To make an appointment to view Gordon Smith's print LG III, or if you require more information about other Artists for Kids prints or its programs, please contact the Managing Director: Bill MacDonald at the Artists For Kids Gallery, 810 West 21st Street, North Vancouver, BC Canada. V7P 2C1 Phone: 604.903.3797  
 Fax: 604.903.3778 bmacdonald@nvsc44.bc.ca www.artists4kids.com

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Artists for kids  
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Canadian artists in  
support of children,  
their art education  
and, their future.

*Celebrating*  
**10**  
*terrific years*

## FEBRUARY SNOW

black and white intaglio, edition 45, 5 artist's proofs  
printed on BFK Rives paper by New Leaf Editions  
signed and numbered by the artist  
62 x 80.5 cm. (24.5 x 31.75")  
released April, 2000  
issue price: \$850.

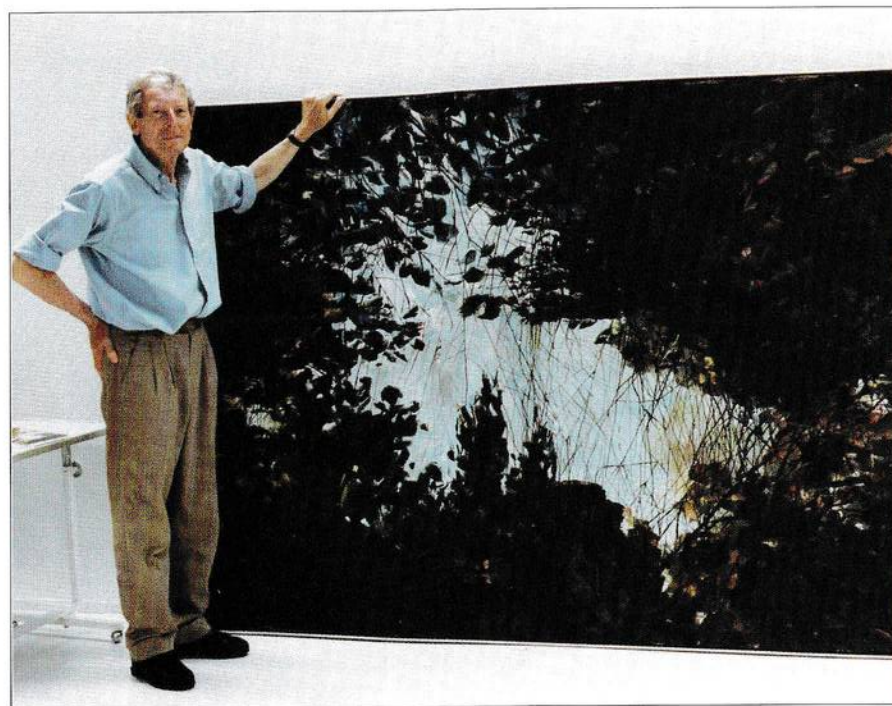
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## PINE FOREST

eight colour serigraph, retouched, edition 95, 15 artist's proofs  
 signed, printed and painted by the artist  
 printed on BFK Rives 100% rag paper  
 60.5 x 106 cm. (24.5 x 41.5")  
 released April, 2000  
 issue price: \$850.

## PINE FOREST

explores the imagery of forest reflections in the medium of silkscreen (*serigraph*) and painting. Smith's excitement in creating silhouetted colour and form is most evident in this varied edition. Each print contains more than eight colours of acrylic paint applied by brush and synthesized in the screen printing process. The resulting edition of prints are at once rich, unique and definitely Smith at his graphic best!

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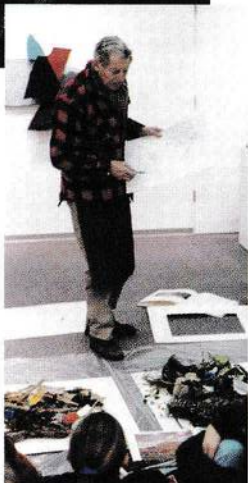
is an etching that shows an artist excited by the exploration of both process and form. This two plate etching (*intaglio*) combines photogravure and drypoint techniques in a work that is both complex and soft, yet strong and endearing. Deeply moved by the rich dark and light patterns provided by the Winter environment, Smith clearly depicts his drawing strength as a mature artist in this work.

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## GORDON SMITH

has been instrumental to the success of Artists For Kids since its inception in 1989. We are forever indebted to his generosity and commitment to the program, to children and to art education.



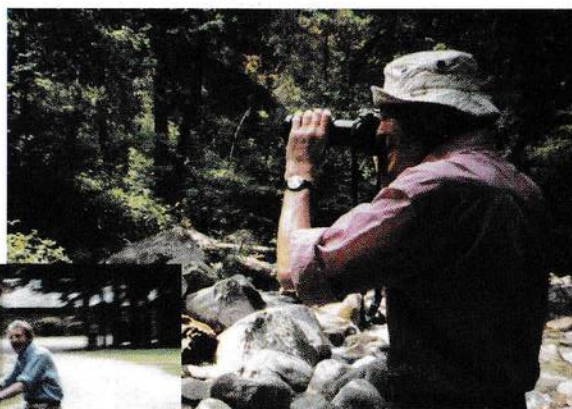
Teaching painting in the Gallery, 1996



Honouring BC Binning, 1993



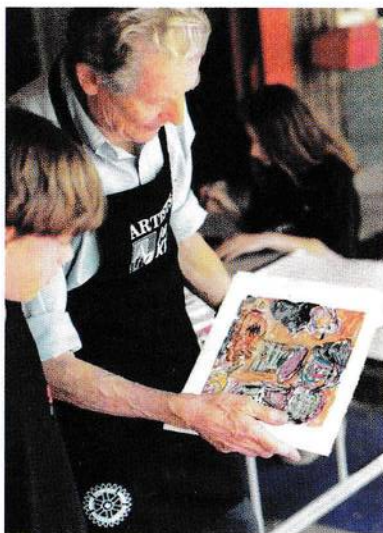
Cycling at the Paradise Valley Summer School, 1994



Finding a Forest Section, 1995



In the beginning with Gordon, Bill and Jack, 1989



Teaching monoprints at Paradise Valley, 1995



Printing the Sea Edge edition, 1991



Gordon and Jack at Upper Lynn School, 1989

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## ARTISTS FOR KIDS

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The Artists for Kids Trust presents:

# GORDON SMITH



## "SEA EDGE after GOYA"

16 colour serigraph, edition of 75, signed and numbered by the artist

55 cm. X 76 cm. (22" x 30")

issue price \$350.00 + taxes

printed on D'Arches 100% rag paper

four deckle edges, 7 artist's proofs, 4 remarque prints,  
available February, 1991

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For more information about Gordon Smith's "Sea Edge after Goya" or the "Artists for Kids Trust", contact: Bill MacDonald, Visual Art Consultant, North Vancouver School District, 810 West 21 Street, North Vancouver, B.C. V7P 2C1  
Phone: 604-987-6667 Fax: 604-987-8967

## PRINTMAKING TECHNIQUES

**Etching, Engraving, Aquatint, and Drypoint** are *intaglio* processes. The image is incised with a pointed tool or bitten with acid into a metal plate (traditionally copper, zinc or steel). Ink is rubbed into the grooves, the areas that hold the ink below the surface of the plate. The differences between these processes are in how the grooves are made. They are all rolled through a press to print the image onto paper.

**Etching**, a process introduced in the early 1500's, uses acid to make the grooves in the plate. The plate is covered with a waxy coating and the image is drawn with a sharp needle that scrapes through the ground but not into the plate itself. The plate is then placed in an acid bath which eats into the exposed metal to make the grooves. The quality of line that is produced is dependent on the tool used to draw the image and the length of time the plate is left in the acid bath.

**Engraving** is a highly skilled craft that was introduced around 1450. The grooves are cut directly into the metal plate with a *burin*, a sharp pointed steel rod set into a handle. The burin is pushed across the plate and cuts a clean V-shaped furrow. The slivers of metal that are forced up in front of the furrow are removed with an instrument called a scraper. This technique creates a crisp line that forms an image. Shading is traditionally rendered in cross-hatching or other like marks.

**Aquatint** is a form of etching that was introduced in the 1650's that produces gradual tonal effects. Through a variety of means powdered resin is made to adhere to a metal plate. The metal that remains exposed around the tiny drops of resin is bitten in the acid bath, creating a pitted grainy surface that holds a thin layer of ink. This prints as an area of tone that can be greatly varied with skill.

**Drypoint** is a process that originated in the 1500's. The grooves are cut directly into the plate with a needle-sharp instrument that is generally held like a pencil and pulled across the plate. The displaced metal is forced up on either side of the scratched line and gives a velvety texture when inked. The disadvantage to this method is that the plates break down quickly, yielding fewer prints than other intaglio methods.

**Lithography and Silkscreen** are called *planographic* prints as the surface from which they are printed is flat.

**Lithography** was discovered at the end of the 1700's. It is a process that is based on the fact that grease and water do not mix. On a smooth stone or plate the image is drawn with a greasy crayon or painted with a greasy ink called *tusche*. The surface is covered with water, which is attracted only to the blank areas, and then inked. The ink adheres to the greasy areas. A press is rolled over the stone or plate to transfer the image onto paper.

**Silkscreen** (also called **Serigraph** or **Screenprint**) dates to the early 1900's. It is, however, based on the stencil, one of the oldest graphic principles. A stencil is adhered to a silk (or fine nylon) screen and ink is forced through the mesh with a squeegee. The ink prints through the open areas onto the paper underneath. The stencil can be cut from thin material, or painted directly onto the screen with a liquid block-out.

A **Woodcut and linoleum cut** is a *relief* print. The process was used as early as the 1400's in Europe. The image is cut into a block of wood with straight or scooped knives called gouges. The raised uncut surface holds the ink. Paper is placed over the block and rubbed by hand or a press to transfer the ink from the block to the paper to create the image.

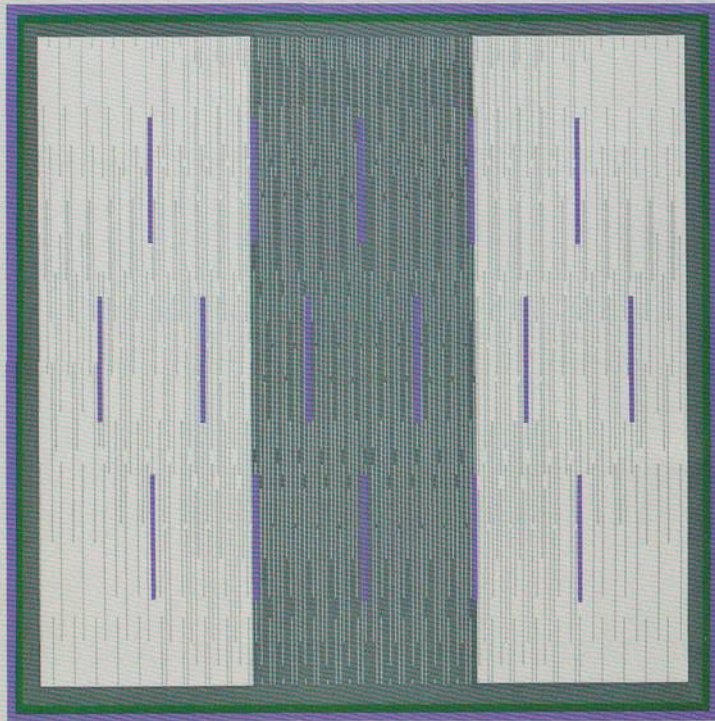
**Iris print** is a recent form of printmaking technology. The iris print process uses a customized Iris 3047 ink jet printer with high quality fine art ink. The image is sprayed onto the paper in droplets the size of 10 microns (the size of a human blood cell) to deliver a rich image of continuous tonality.

**Pochoir** is a printmaking technique used to apply small areas of color with a stencil.

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December 8, 2009–March 7, 2010



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GRAHAM HERZOG  
HOWLOWNIA HUGHES  
JARVIS KIPLING  
LEMIEUX LUKACS LUM  
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## New Paintings

September 23 – October 21, 2006

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From 6:00 – 8:00 pm.

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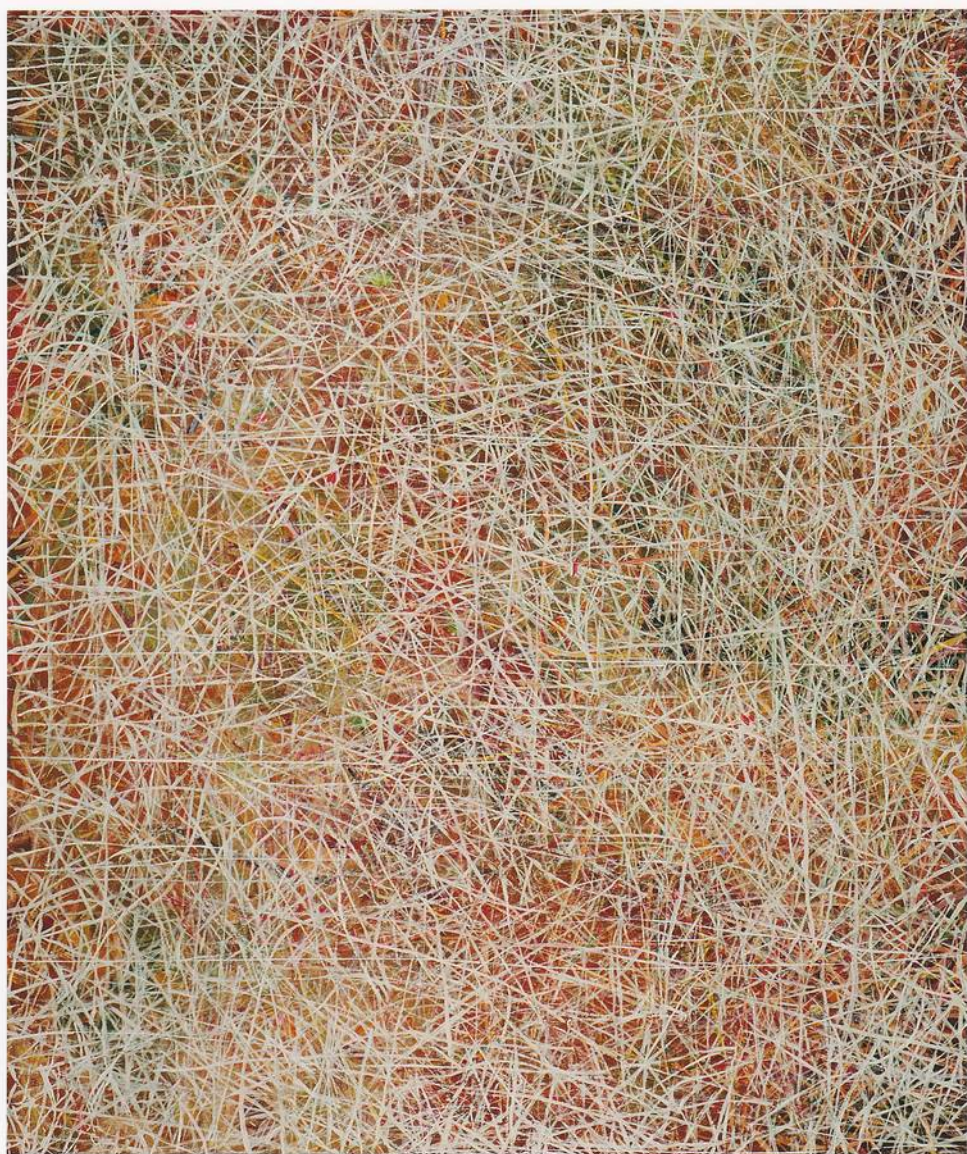
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Acrylic on Canvas  
67 x 60 inches

CENTRE: Whytecliff Shore  
2006  
Acrylic on Canvas  
60 x 67 inches

INSIDE RIGHT: Beach Tangle L  
2006  
Acrylic on Canvas  
67 x 80 inches









# Marlborough Godard

Original limited signed and numbered editions



## Gordon Smith

### Biographical Details

1919

Born in Hove, England

1934

Came to Winnipeg; attended Winnipeg School of Art, continued studies at Vancouver School of Art and the California School of Fine Arts 1945-1956

Taught for 10 years at Vancouver School of Art  
Since 1956 Professor of Fine Arts at University of British Columbia

### Exhibitions

1957

Guggenheim International Exhibition

1960

Sao Paulo Biennial

1961

Warsaw, Poland

National Gallery Group Exhibitions in Mexico,

Australia, London, England; 1966

"Ten Years of Painting by Gordon Smith" exhibition organized by the University of Columbia

1970

Graphic Exhibition — Martha Jackson Gallery, New York

"Screenprint 1970" — First International Exhibit; sponsored by Screenprint International; Chicago, Illinois

"New Graphics from Canada" — University of New Mexico

"Editions Unlimited" — White Mountain University

Carnegie Institute, Pittsburgh  
Delaware Art Museum

Tacoma Museum, Washington  
Katonah Museum, New York  
Portland Museum, Maine

1971

Albright Knox Gallery, Buffalo  
Upstairs Gallery, Ithaca, New York  
University of New Mexico, Albuquerque  
Gallery Three, Connecticut  
Cornell University, Ithaca, New York  
National Collection, Smithsonian Institution

1972

Gallery of Contemporary Arts  
Pratt Art Center, New York  
Margo Leavin Gallery, Los Angeles  
Solo exhibitions in Toronto, Montreal, Vancouver and Victoria

### Awards

Canada Council Senior Fellow  
First Prize — Biennial of Canada  
Baxter Award, Toronto 1960  
First Prize — Group Exhibition, London  
Prizes in Vancouver Annuals  
Prizes in Victoria Annuals  
2nd Prize Winnipeg Biennial 1961

**Montreal**  
**Toronto**

**New York**  
**London**

**Zurich**  
**Rome**

**Tokyo**

Santiago, Chile

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First Prize—Canadian Group, Montreal 1968  
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Engraving

### **Murals**

Queen Elizabeth Theatre  
Vancouver Law Library  
University of Western Ontario  
Simon Fraser University  
Canadian Trade Pavilion, Tokyo  
Canadian Pavilion, World's Fair 1970, Osaka, Japan

### **Collections**

National Gallery  
Hart House  
London Art Gallery  
Vancouver Art Gallery  
Museum of Modern Art, N. Y.  
Toronto Art Gallery  
Winnipeg Art Gallery  
Victoria Art Gallery  
Victoria & Albert, London, England  
Montreal Museum of Fine Arts  
Carnegie Foundation, Pittsburg  
Albright-Knox Member's Gallery  
Marine-Midland Bank Building, Buffalo  
Gulf and Western Building, New York  
Atlantic-Richfield  
Cummins Engine Company  
Bank of New York  
National Collection, Smithsonian Institute,  
Washington  
The Chase Manhattan Bank  
Markle Foundation  
Quaker Oats Collection  
Ashmolean Museum, Oxford  
Birmingham Art Gallery,  
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First National City Bank.  
Confederation Art Gallery & Museum, Charlottetown

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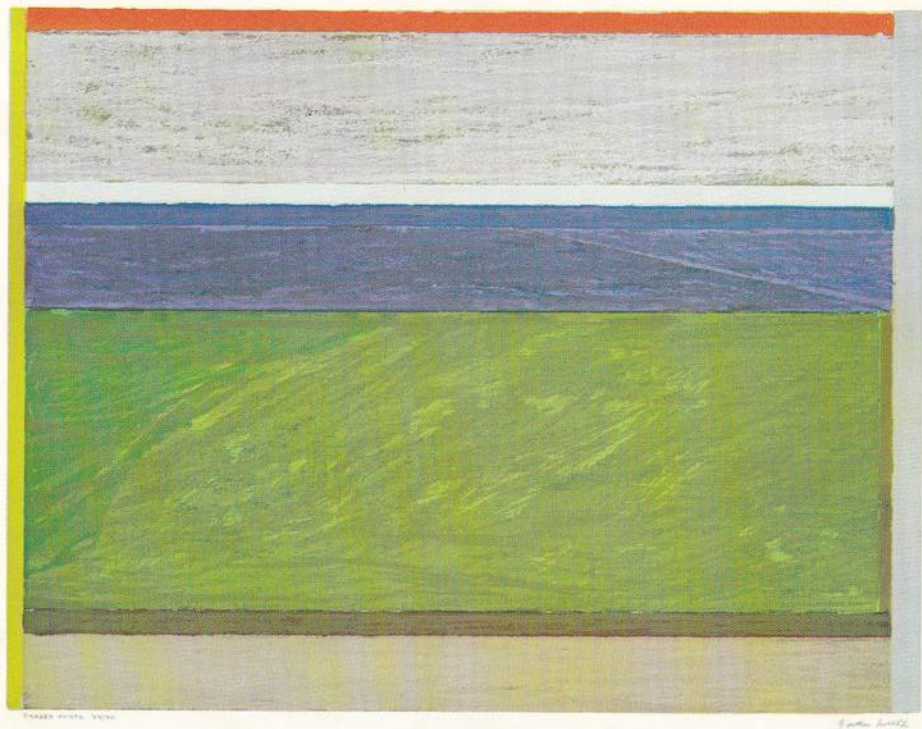
**Kettle Point**

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**Fraser Flats**



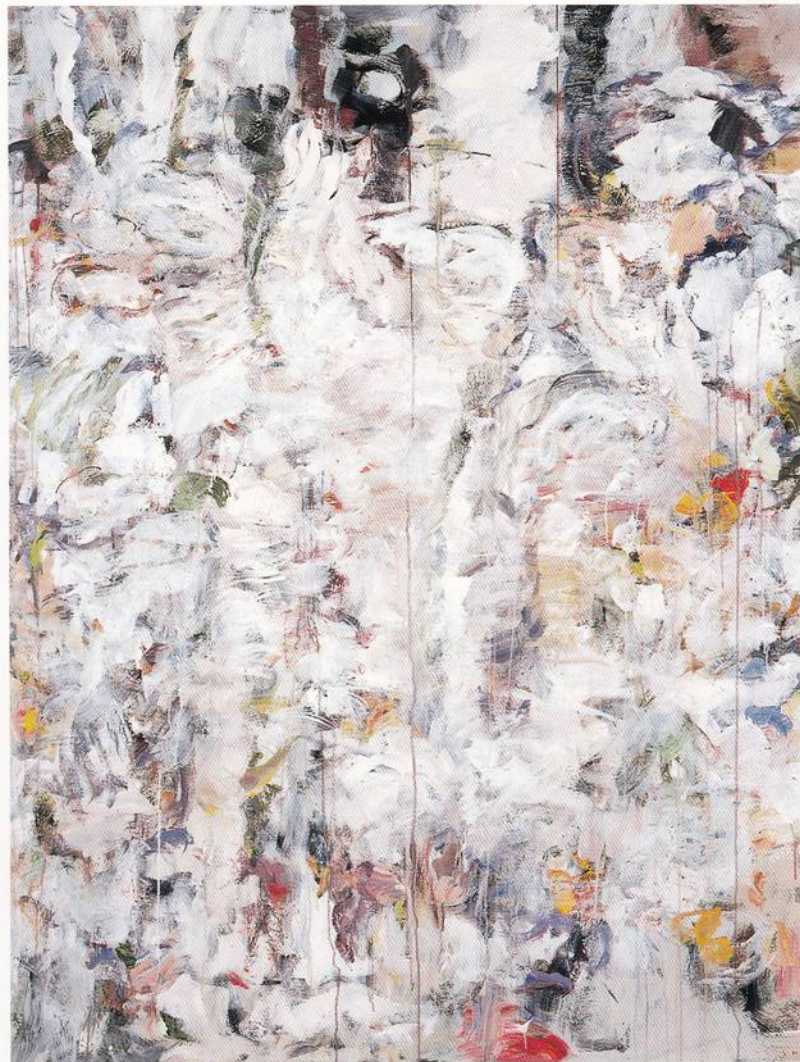
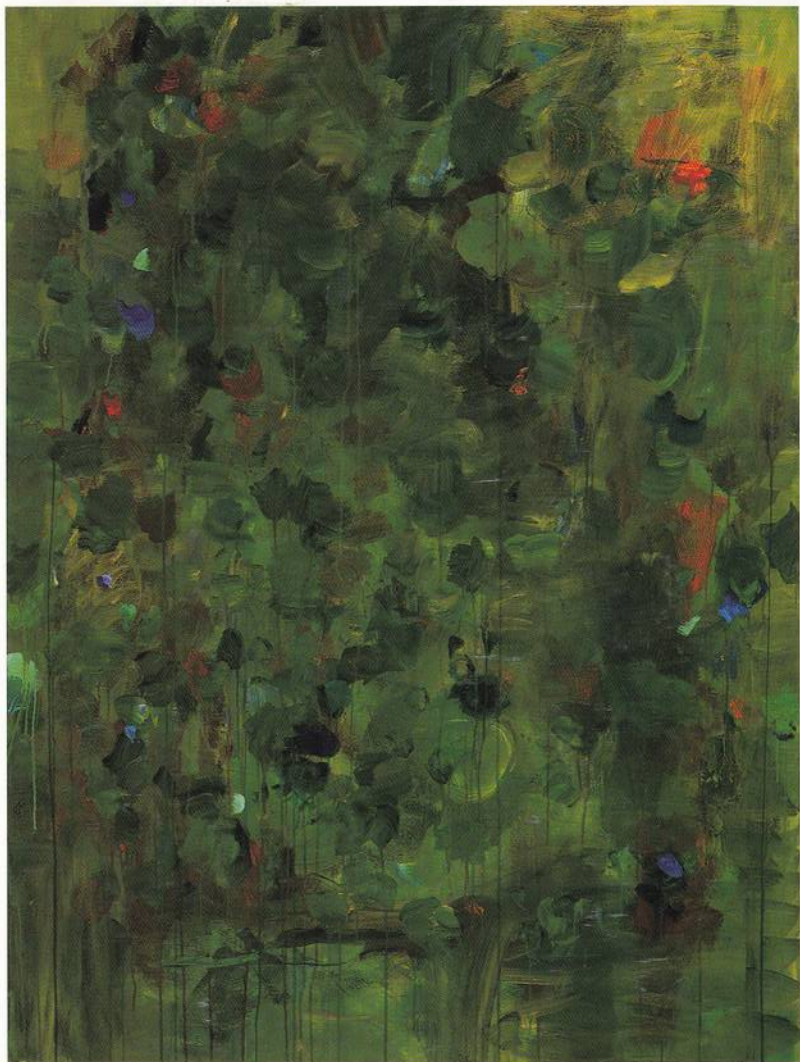
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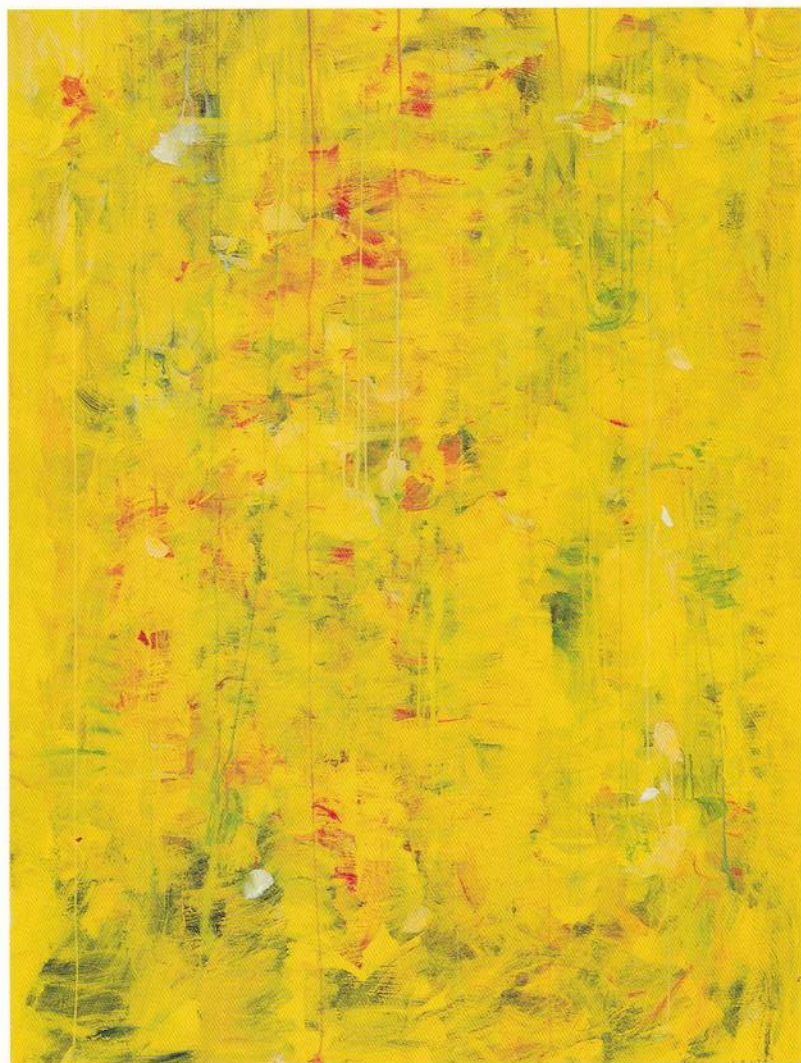
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**Sand Bars**



GORDON SMITH



## *New Paintings*

Sept 14 - Oct 14 2000

Please join Gordon Smith to celebrate

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Wednesday, September 13th

from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m.

### FRONT COVER

*Summer Painting #11*, acrylic on canvas, 2000, 80" × 67"

### LEFT PANEL

*R11*, acrylic on canvas, 2000, 67" × 50"

### RIGHT PANEL

*Y1*, acrylic on canvas, 2000, 67" × 50"

### BACK COVER

*GIV*, acrylic on canvas, 2000, 67" × 50"

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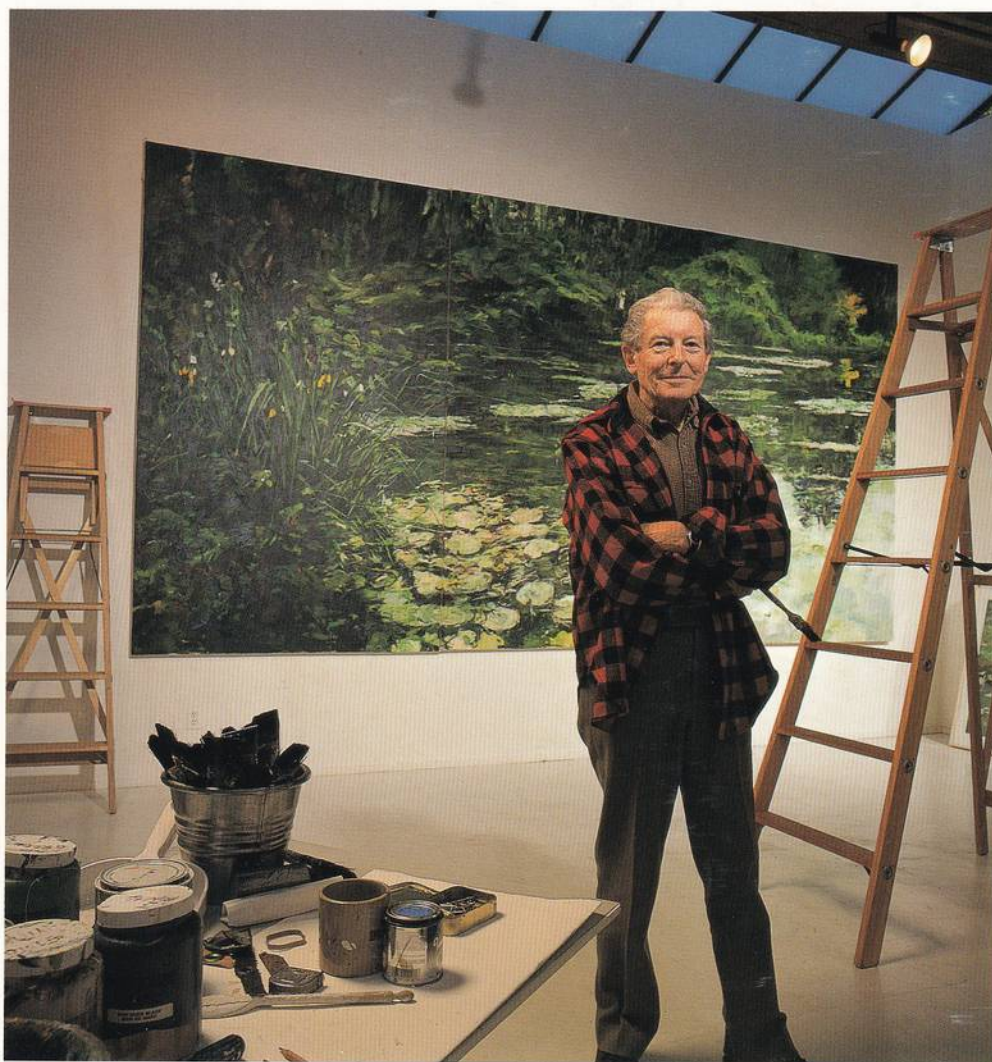
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# GORDON SMITH

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## NEW PAINTINGS

FEBRUARY 8 - MARCH 9, 1996



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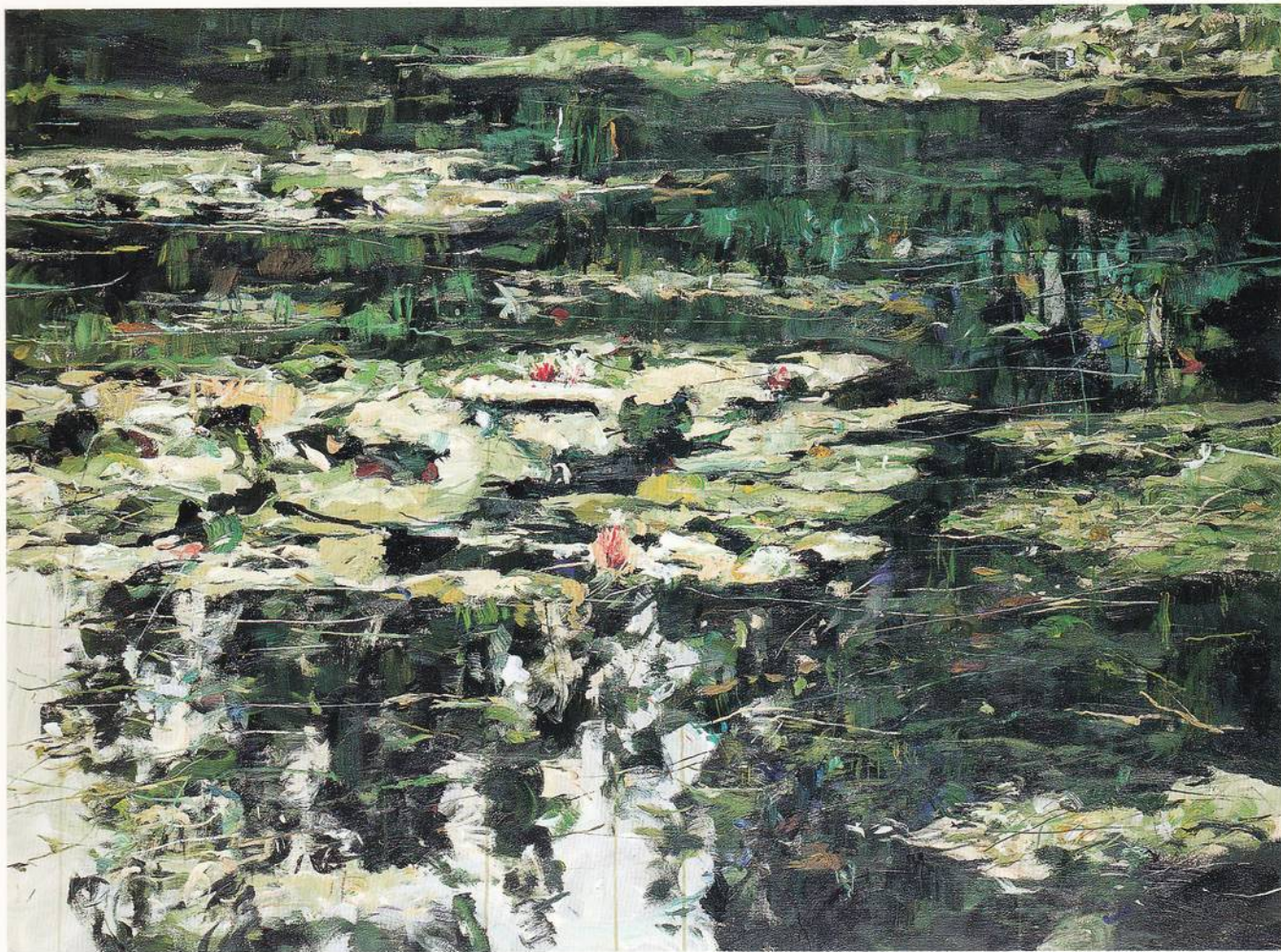
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The creative process is a mysterious and complicated endeavour, particular to the individual and usually accompanied by hard work. The public perception for some artists however, is that their creative impulse is not followed by anxiety and trepidation, but rather it is a fluid and effortless journey that ends with works of art that are complete and resolved. Gordon Smith may have this public persona, but as Keith Wallace pointed out in a 1987 catalogue essay for the Vancouver Art Gallery, "...his movement through abstract painting has not been sudden or easy." By the time a painting leaves his studio, it has been through a process of change so that the painting may have been altered several times into a work suitable for presentation.

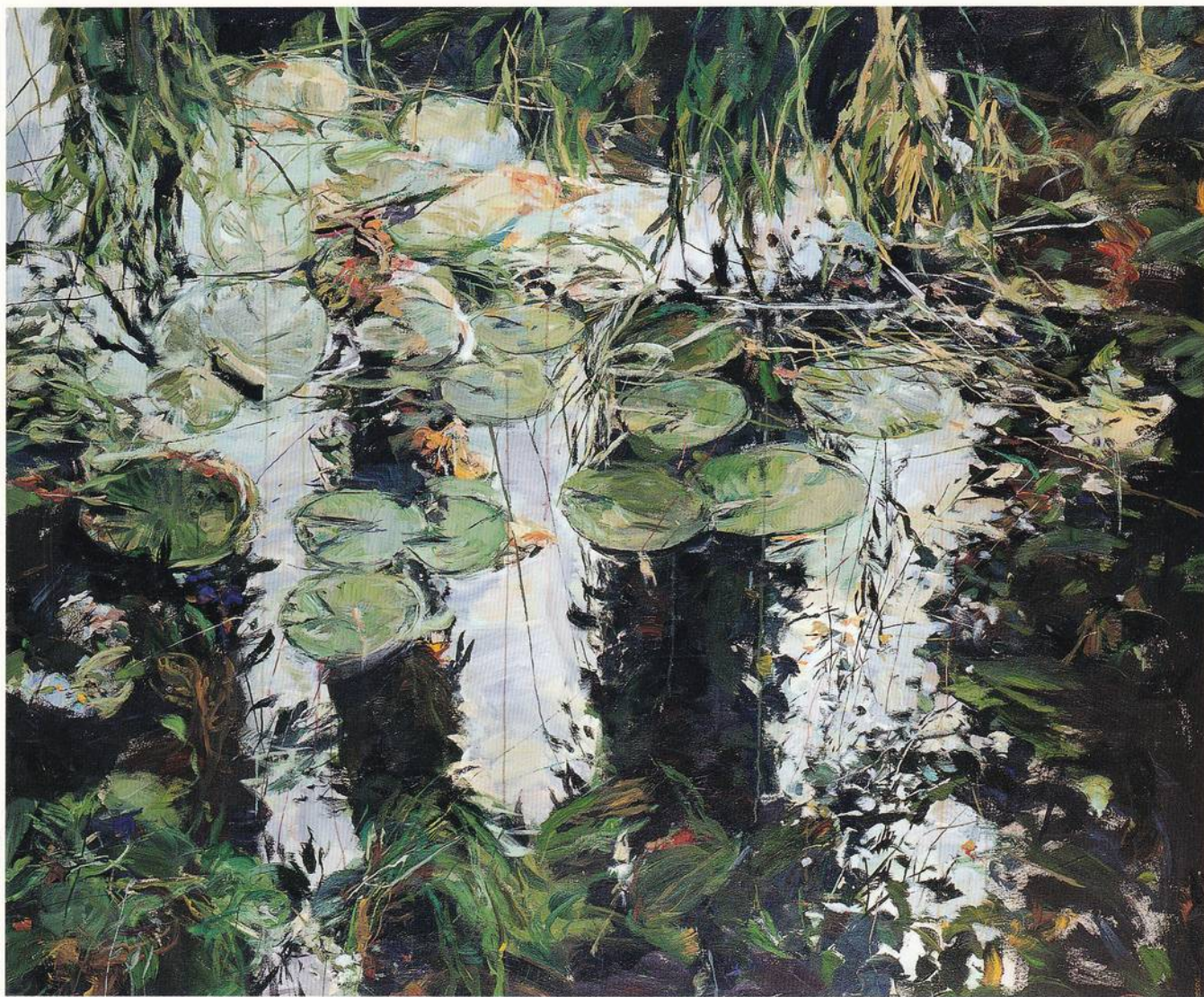
It may come as no surprise to collectors who have heard about the "art bonfires" that Gordon and Marion have arranged over the years in their West Vancouver garden, to realize why this quote from the day books of Claude Monet made an impression on Gordon.

"...at night I am obsessed with what I am striving to achieve. In the morning I get up broken by fatigue. The dawn gives me the courage, but my anxiety rushes back as soon as I set foot into the studio. How difficult it is to paint... It really is torture. Last autumn I burned six paintings with the dead leaves from my garden. It is enough to make you lose all hope, yet I would not want to die without having said everything I have to say, or at least tried to say. And my days are numbered... Who knows what tomorrow will bring..." MONET

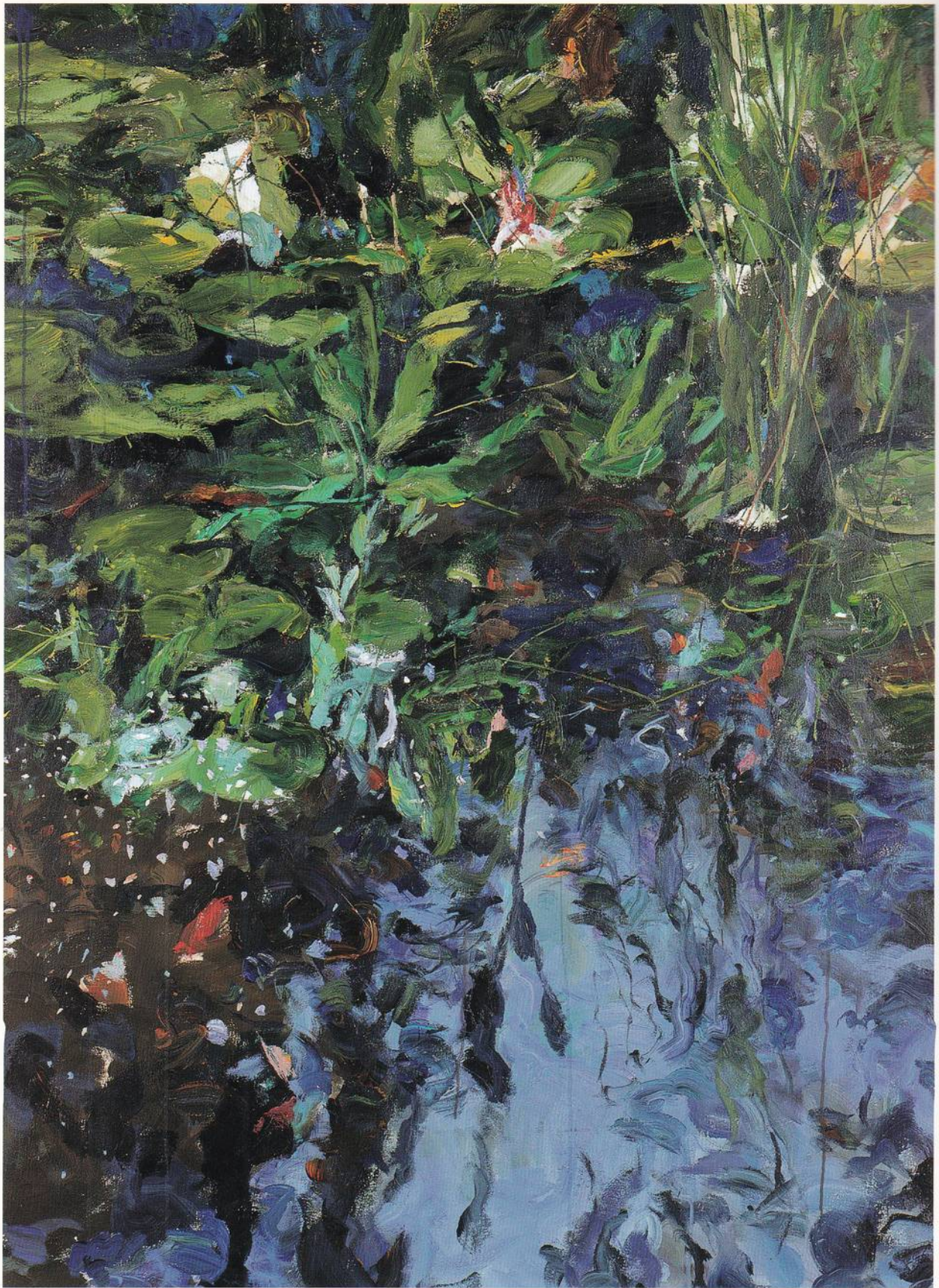
We are honoured to have this exhibition of new paintings by Gordon Smith.



**Pond Painting (G)**, acrylic on canvas, 1995, 50" x 68"

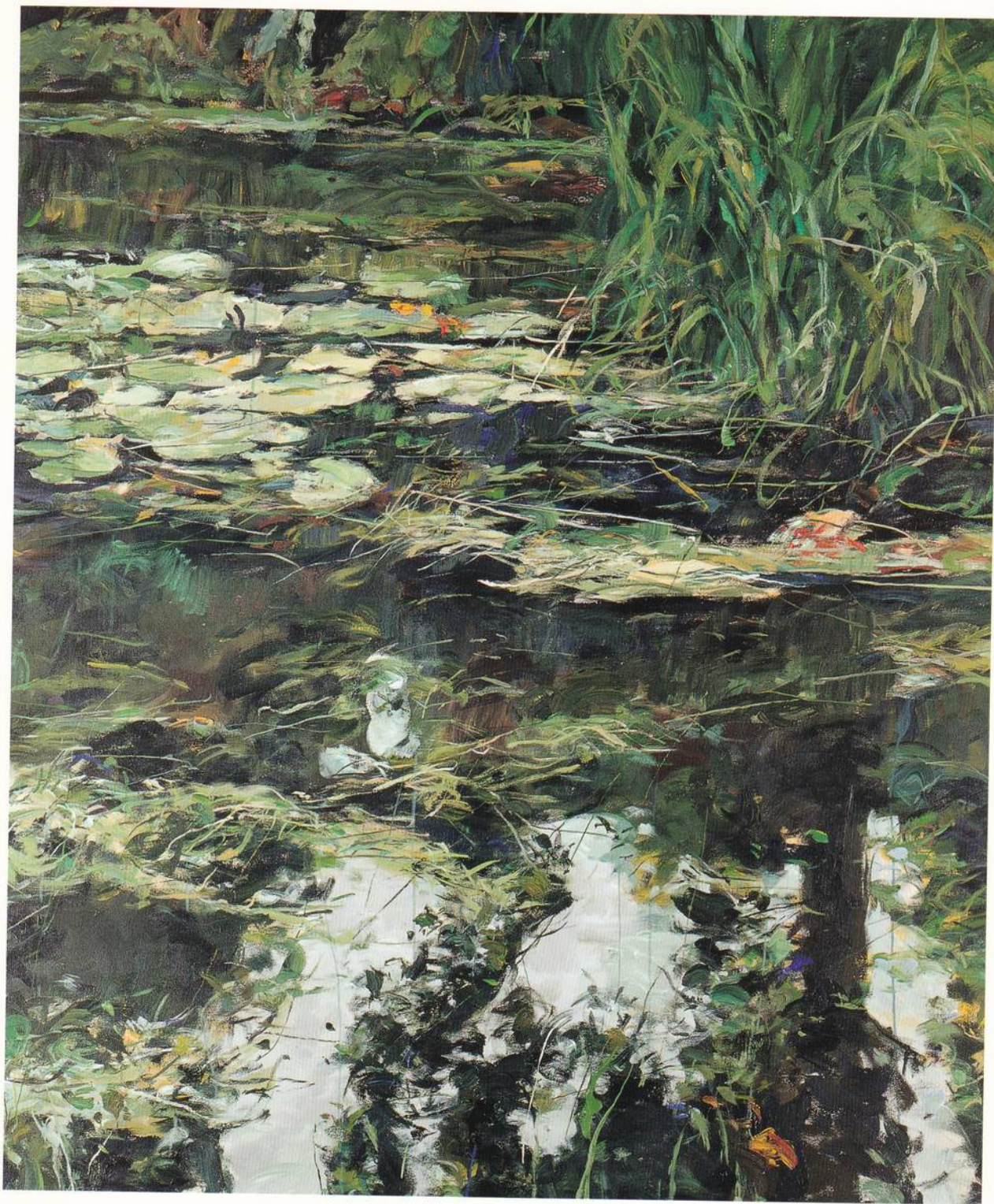


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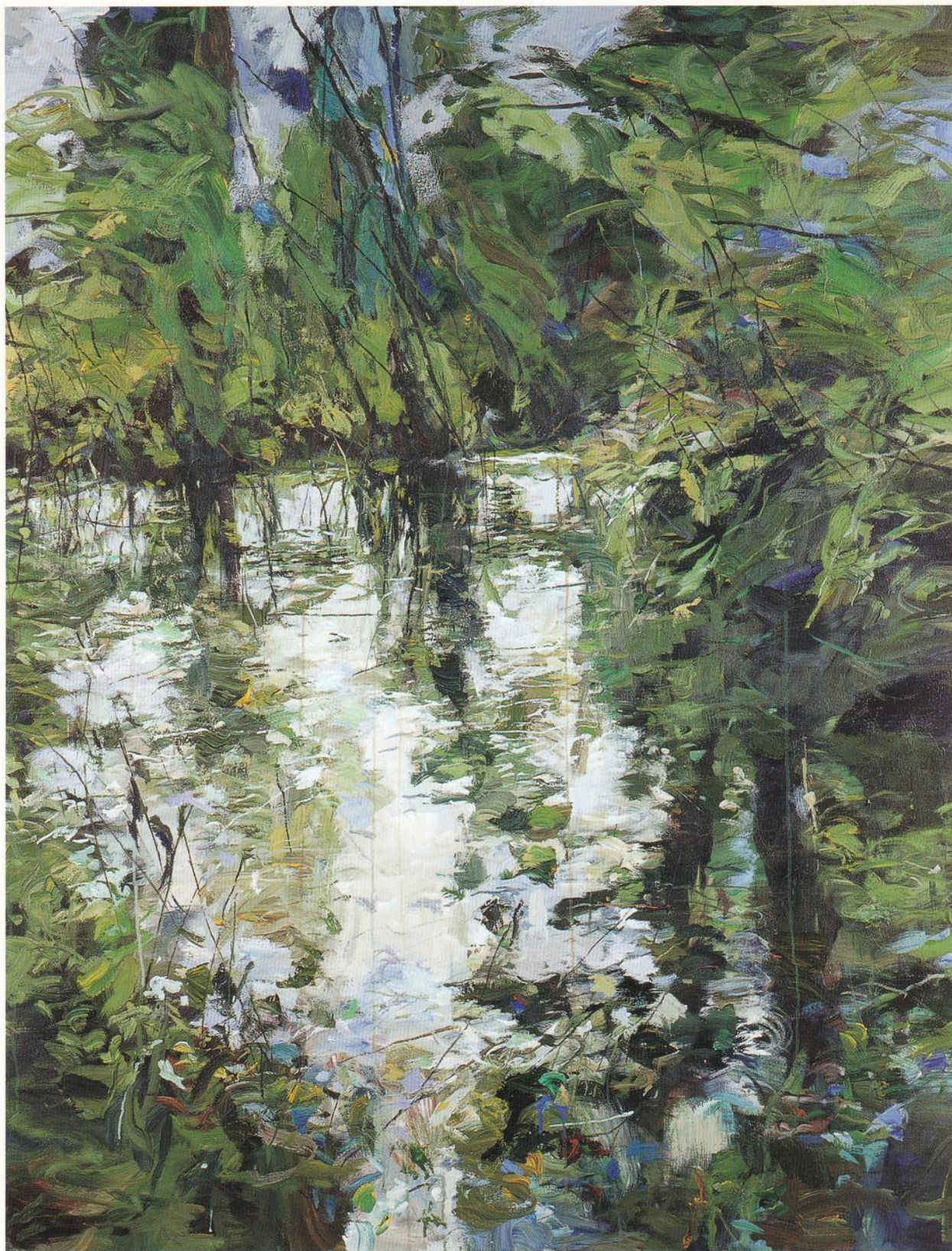


**Pond Painting (E)**, acrylic on canvas, 1995, 68" x 50"





**Pond Painting (B)**, acrylic on canvas, 1995, 80" x 67"



Pond Painting (A), acrylic on canvas, 1995, 75" x 60"

# GORDON SMITH

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The "Artists for Kids" Trust is indeed fortunate to have secured the participation of three preeminent British Columbian artists - Toni Onley, Gordon Smith, and Takao Tanabe - to produce this stimulating and attractive suite of Westcoast images.

These senior artists have all had fertile and originative careers, both on canvas and on paper, that have earned them a respected place in the leading public and private collections across this country.

This talented trio each have their own distinctive style, technique and vision but they share two longtime, common traits: an enchantment with the diverse beauty of the Canadian landscape and a generosity of spirit to encourage the artistic gifts and appreciation in our youth.

When I first saw this suite, I found it awakened my spirits, stirred my imagination and generally left me challenged and charmed. The Tanabe broods and portends, the Onley intrigues, and the Smith shimmers and radiates. Each viewing provokes new insights and enjoyment.

These graphics are excellent examples of each artist's work and I am confident they will provide many pleasurable rewards for their owners.

Ron Longstaffe  
Collector

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# WESTCOAST POINTS OF VIEW





"Forest Section" Gordon Smith  
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"Marble Island, Q.C.I." Takao Tanabe  
Lithograph 18 x 35" Edition 50

# VISION RE VISION

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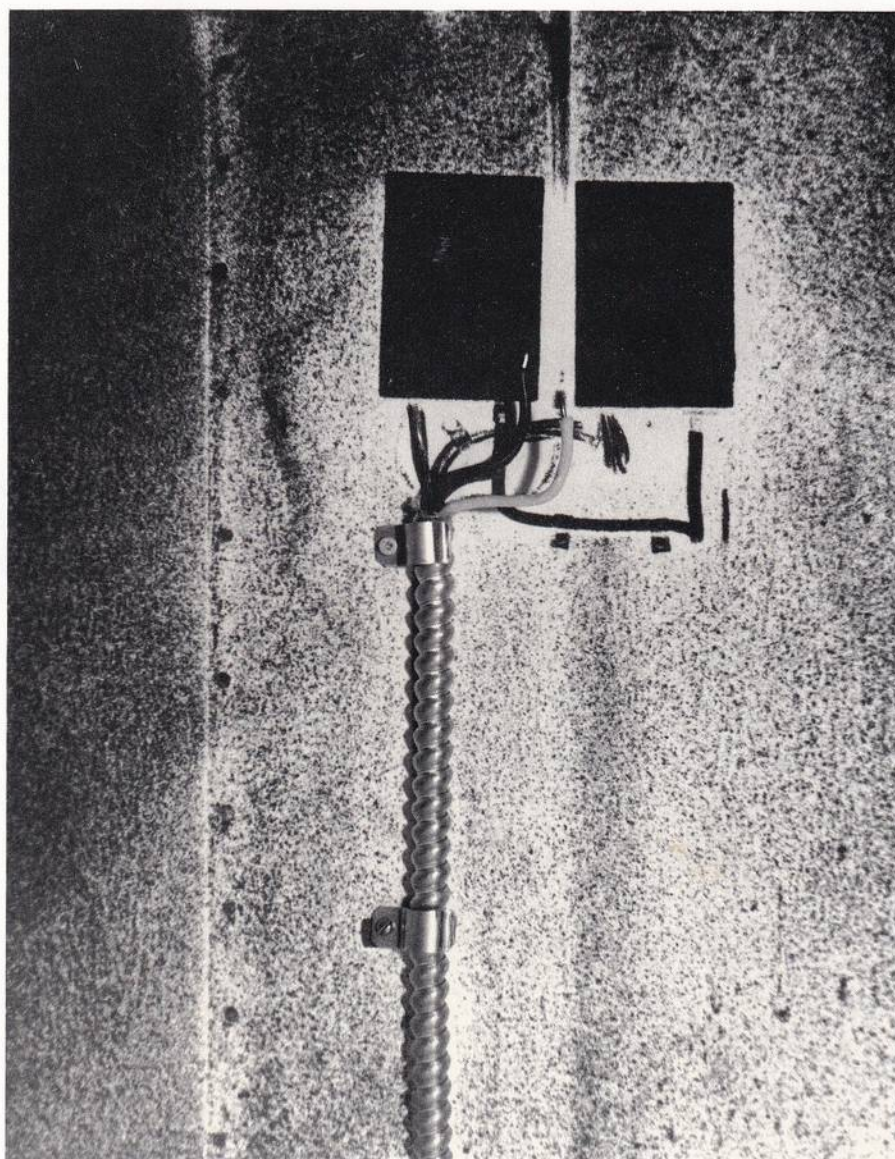
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March 13 - April 13, 1995

**Simon Fraser Gallery**, Simon Fraser University, Burnaby, B.C., V5A 1S6

## INTRODUCTION

Gordon Smith, recognized internationally for his abstract paintings that express the spirit and magical harmony of Canadian landscapes, built his reputation while at the same time teaching in Vancouver schools, colleges, and the University of British Columbia. This is a remarkable achievement. But what is more remarkable is that Gordon built a second equally important reputation as an outstanding "master teacher". Simon Fraser Gallery, always mindful of its teaching function as a university gallery, is pleased to present this unusual essay on the symbiotic relations between an artist and his students.

The Gallery is grateful to Gordon and a selection of ten of his students for sharing their works and their studio struggles with the public. The Gallery is also grateful to Peter Malkin who was invited to interpret the unique style of teaching by which Gordon fired the creative talents and strengthened the will of thousands of students. Finally, I would like to express my appreciation to Peter Malkin and all the Gallery staff for installing the exhibition and producing its handsome catalogue.

Dr. Edward Gibson, Director, February, 1995.

## AS A TEACHER . . .

For over fifty years I have worked in art education, at the elementary level through all grades to art school and university. I have tried to involve the students in an appreciation of the art in everyday living, to be sensitive and imaginative. I am most proud of those who have slugged it out and have kept up an interest in all aspects of art today.

Many of my former students have been involved in teaching at all levels promoting the arts in such programs as "Artists for Kids" and teaching at Arts Umbrella. Others have worked in the graphic arts. Reinhard Derreth has produced some of the best in Canadian book design, working for many years with the Vancouver Art Gallery and the designing of Canadian postage stamps. Frank Mayrs, a painter, worked with architects and designers in producing international expositions.

All these friends and past students have enriched my own life. There are many more who could have participated in this exhibition, but I have tried to include artists from each decade of my teaching career.

Gordon Smith, December, 1994.

## VISION RE VISION

Central to the formulation of this exhibition has been revisiting the pleasure of working with Gordon Smith - a tutelary experience akin to an informal "tutorial" and much like the educational experiences described by the participants of this exhibition.

When, twenty years ago, Smith submitted to being the subject of an MA thesis, and then to the process of a full scale retrospective at the Vancouver Art Gallery, the approach was necessarily of an academic nature, focussing on stylistic development and historical situation. Given Smith's natural rectitude, the fact that he taught full time as a Professor in the Department of Education at the University of British Columbia, the importance of his teaching career, and the input of his students in the dialogue of studio encounter was given only passing reference. I have come to appreciate the cardinal significance of his role as a teacher, characterized as it is by enormous enthusiasm and generosity of spirit, and the sharing of the way of "seeing" of an immensely visually literate and articulate observer.

Today's exhibition has permitted an amplification and examination of a critical element of Gordon's long career, his role as a teacher. The progress of studio visits re-created the teaching process: a profusion of positive demand, a cajoling and exhorting for better effort. In the case of a less than successful canvas, a switch of focus to other studio details, and then a return to the object at hand. *Reculer pour mieux sauter!* In fact, the more he was pleased, the less was said.

Expressions of negativity were couched in terms of support, acknowledging the individual battle of the studio and the willing into existence of a creation which, however 'successful' might only be an approximation of the imagined or the desired. The struggle of the studio is well recognized by Smith, and thus he acknowledges those students who have continued to press on, to not give up, or to fall back on past accomplishments and the recycling of old habits and ideas.

More than today, in recent decades past, a teaching career was a practical necessity in the life of almost every serious artist in Vancouver. Lawren Harris, financially independent, proved the exception. Expectations to live off the avails of the studio were precarious at best. The Vancouver School of Art, the University of British Columbia, and the art programmes of the regional School Boards were

central in providing a focus for artistic activity and financial support for the artists of the region.

Starting just after WWII, Smith's teaching career has spanned working with elementary children, a decade at the Vancouver School of Art and twenty five years at The University of British Columbia, where, within the Faculty of Education, he created an art department specifically for those students going on to specialize as art teachers.

The establishment of an art programme within the Faculty of Education at UBC roughly parallel to the Fine Arts Department was really a quirk of history. Bert Binning, Head of the Fine Arts Department, asked Smith to come to UBC to teach studio. He did in 1955. Bureaucracy intervened and Smith created a studio programme within the Department of Education which existed until his retirement in 1982.

Painting is a hard and difficult profession. It is also a "meritocracy" based on talent and innate ability. Gimmickry and surface facility are soon exposed for just that. It is also a profession where influence is important and the experience of "apprenticeship" is key either as a force to work from or against. Smith's teaching reflected his own schooling and "apprenticeship".

A student under LL FitzGerald at the Winnipeg School of Art in the mid thirties, and at the VSA in 1945 with Jack Shadbolt (only 10 years his senior!), Smith absorbed the tradition of picture composition and building derived from Cezanne through Cubist analytical abstraction. More riveting and, I think, substantially more affective were his studies with Elmer Bischoff at the San Francisco School of Art in the summer of 1949.

Here Smith experienced at first hand, gestural Abstract Expressionist Painting. Clifford Still, Mark Rothko, and Archile Gorky were contemporary figures exhibiting while Smith was there. Working with Bischoff in this environment provided Smith the means and method to develop his own language and painting 'dialect'. It also gave him a powerful working tool to overcome moments of stasis or blockage when the 'muse' was being recalcitrant. He learned to explore elements of chance and spontaneity as the spring board for new ideas and vision. This exploratory approach has been a constant element of Smith's "teaching" to his students.

I think it is a fair comment to say that Smith's aim and his success as a teacher were not to train his students to be "painters" or to make them into "artists", but "to make them more literate visually",<sup>1</sup> to shake them up and to make them full of an "awareness of the art in living".<sup>2</sup>

As part of this process of education and growth, Smith directed his students into new areas of experience. In the fifties he organized charter excursions to major art exhibitions in Seattle such as the Van Gogh Exhibition in the late 50's. (Imagine those shows happening now! An era has passed) In the seventies, he orchestrated five student trips to New York, with experiences ranging from Buffet's sculpture on Wall Street to cockroaches in the studio dormitory. As well, he had artists (Joe Plaskett, Bill Reid), architects (Arthur Erickson) and designers talk to his students, broadening the range of experience they might bring to their present and future careers.

The matter of "influence":

While visiting the studio of Wing Chow, Smith bristled at the idea of 'influence', muttering, "There's no influence". As much to say, I have no followers, or worse, clones; I've not been promulgating myself.

But the fact remains that there is influence, and these former students are imbued with the values of their teacher which manifest themselves in the process of experimentation, the profound appreciation of the tactile value of the paint surface (it is an education to see Smith *caressing* the surface of a canvas with his hand - it's almost a Braille process in that he 'reads' the canvas tactually as well as visually), or, in the long term effect of pedagogical pronouncements, such as that related by Reinhard Derreth about typography and the choice of font, "...It's not the exact drawing of the letter. It's the quality of the letter.." <sup>3</sup> which might be recast as the quality of the brush stroke or the quality of the generative image, but in the long run underlining a consistent drive for an improvement, something better.

Smith has achieved a pre-eminent position as a painter. In my view, he has expressed as no other

painter of the region the spirit and visual character of this particular locale; a process of transforming the specific into the universal. It is not a literal expression, but rather a painterly utterance which encompasses the changes, both physical and cultural, which have buffeted this region over the past fifty years. It is a process of distillation.

Smith is a landscapist, which is both his cultural and artistic heritage. And while he may be thought of as of the 'Romantic' tradition, his form of the landscape is anything but "sweet"; one thinks of JMW Turner.

The process is a highly sophisticated juggling of the interplay of the growing, gritty, sprawling urban landscape and the natural. His canvases mirror these changes and record the essence of what was and what it has become, marking the interplay of the one with the other. And in the process of this remarkable agility, he has worked to pass on to his students that same means of approach and attitude which precludes ossification and generates vitality.

The ten artists included in this exhibition come from each of the decades of Smith's career as a teacher and touch on those qualities which he has valued. In the course of their careers they, as well as other students, have continued to express those values and thus to comment on his vision through their vision, and contributing to the wider range of existence.

For indeed, it is the "awareness of the art in living" that makes the living .

Peter Malkin, B.A., M.A.

Guest Curator.

Simon Fraser Gallery, March, 1995.

<sup>1</sup> Gordon Smith interview October, 1994.

<sup>2</sup> *ibid.*

<sup>3</sup> Reinhard Derreth, in conversation with Gordon Smith studio visit December, 1994.



# WORKS IN EXHIBITION

**Gordon Smith**

**Lizlanthus I**

1994  
silkscreen  
27 x 21 in.

**Lizlanthus II**

1994  
silkscreen  
24 x 30 in.

**Orchid**

1994  
silkscreen  
23 x 29 in.

**Joan Bell-Irving**

**Wild Water**

1994  
acrylic on paper  
28 1/2 x 12 in.

**Cosmos**

1994  
acrylic on canvas  
28 x 22 in.

**Betty Black**

**Butterfly Galaxy**

1985  
acrylic on canvas  
36 x 72 in.

**Wing Chow**

**Sentinel**

1994  
serigraph  
diptych 26 x 20 in. each

**Sentinel**

1994  
photo assemblage  
16 x 20 x 4 in.

**Reinhard Derreth**

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**Louis Riel Stamp**

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Book & Catalogue Designs:

**Russell & DuMoulin**

**The First Century**

Christine Mullins & Arthur E. Harvey  
1989

**Pottery by Wayne Ngan**

1979

**Vancouver School of Art**

**The Early Years, 1925 - 1939**

E. Theodore Lindberg  
1980

**Dirk Heiss**

**Untitled**

1994  
acrylic on canvas  
24 x 40 in.

**Untitled**

1994  
acrylic on canvas  
40 x 24 in.

**Martin Honisch**

**Antique Reading**

1995  
acrylic on canvas  
34 x 84 in.

**Frank Mayrs**

**In the Beginning**

1994  
acrylic on canvas  
48 3/4 x 79 1/4 in.

Courtesy Diane Farris Gallery

**Bill MacDonald**

**Foot Trestle, MacKay Creek**

1980  
India Ink on paper  
27 x 32 in.

**Summerfield East Bench**

1995  
graphite on paper  
37 x 45 1/2 in.

**Pat O'Hara**

**Crossed Boundary**

1994  
multi-media on constructed canvas  
52 x 40 in.

**Black Series I**

1994  
multi-media on paper  
30 x 22 in.

**Black Series II**

1994  
multi-media on paper  
30 x 22 in.

**Ziggurat**

1994  
mixed media on board  
53 1/2 x 36 in.

**Malone**

1994  
mixed media on board  
29 x 33 in.

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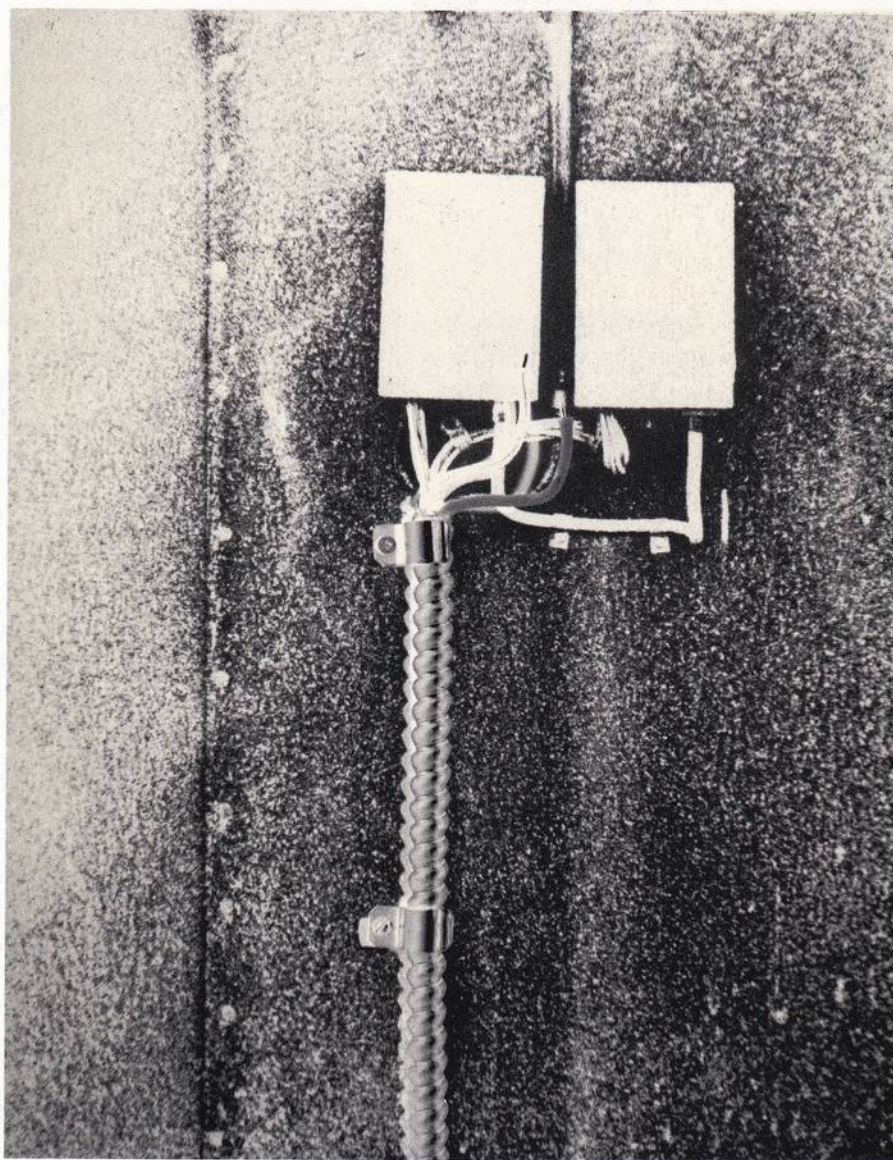
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*"Green Park (the Victoria Line)", acrylic on canvas, 67" x 50", 1989*

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