A YEAR OF PAINT (OR COLOR) BY NUMBER DESIGNS

CREATED BY MELODIE SCHWARZ-HIGGINS

The Drawings, Color Keys, and Photography That Inspired Them

And a little art for the youngsters, too!



704 Lisburn Road Suite 102 Camp Hill, PA 17011 717-236-7644 PAParksAndForests.org The first series of paint by number designs appeared in February 2022 when artist Melodie Schwarz-Higgins approached the Foundation asking if she could assist with a volunteer project combining her talent and her love for our parks and forests.

We were celebrating the relationship between Clean Water and Forested Ecosystems that year and her idea to create paint by number patterns on the theme seemed like the perfect celebration.

It was!



Melodie's first 11 drawings and the color keys that help you produce them for yourself can be found at *ppff.online/paint-by-number*—or scan the QR code to get there quickly.

The 2023 follow-up art is likewise a celebration of the year's theme—*Reflections*. The theme was chosen in tribute to the many ways Pennsylvania's parks and forests offer opportunities for reflection, be they a mirrored image created by water and sky or a peaceful woodland trail that simply beckons you to pause and take in the joy and abundance of nature.



Find this series of designs on our website at **ppff.online/paint-by-number**reflections or the QR code here.

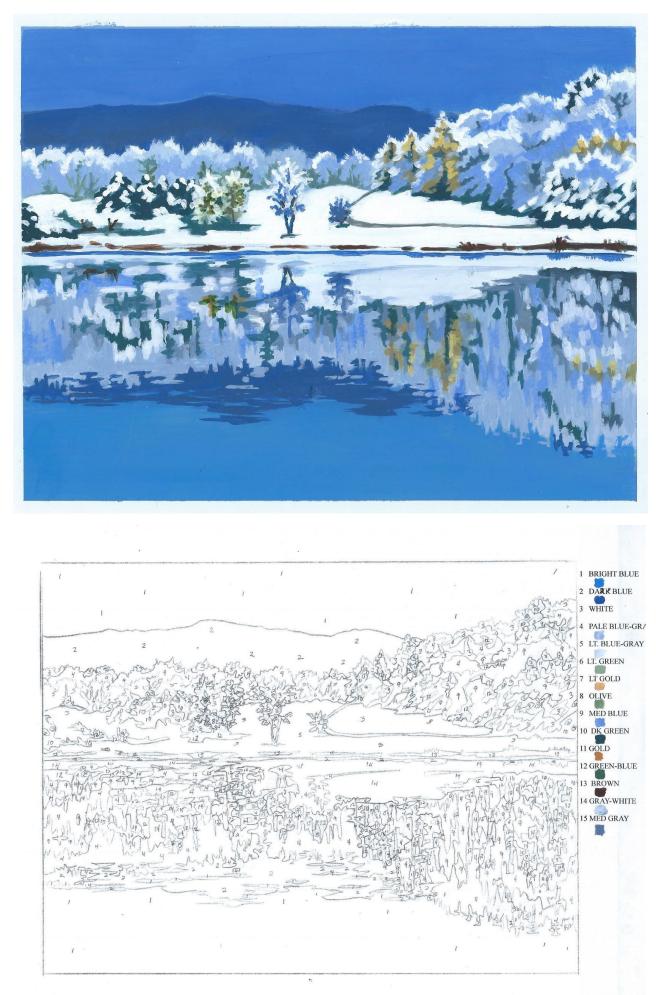
We hope you enjoy making these patterns your own, just as any visit to the parks and forests offers a way to find your own DIY adventure.

We are grateful to Melodie for sharing her abundant talent, to the photographers whose work inspired her designs, and to our donors and members who always help us celebrate the best of Pennsylvania's outdoors.

Thank you all!

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Marci Mowery, President Pennsylvania Parks & Forests Foundation

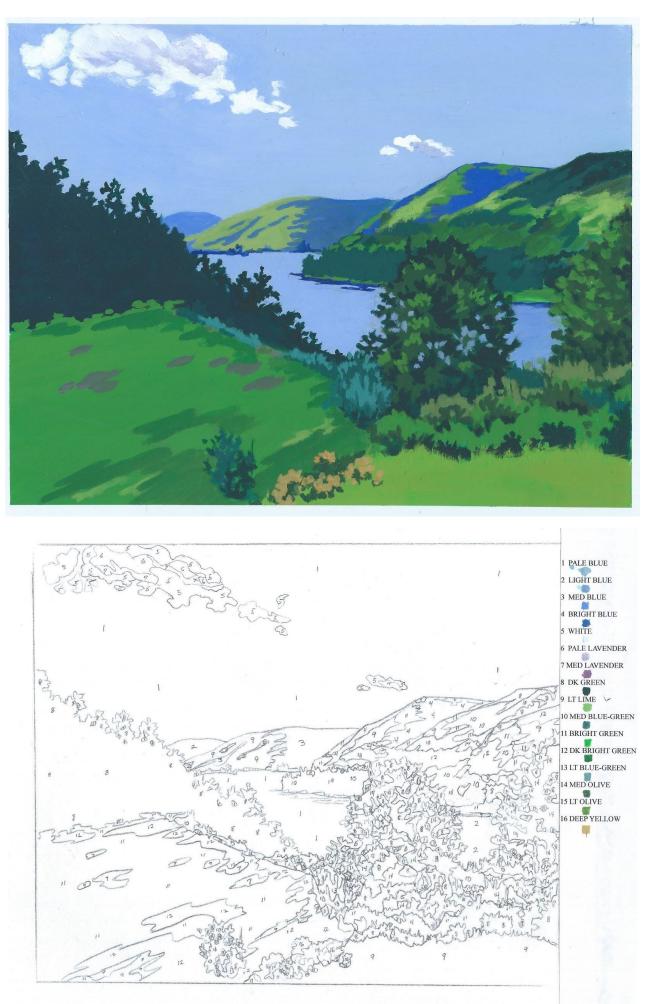


JANUARY-REFLECTIONS IN SNOW HILLS CREEK STATE PARK

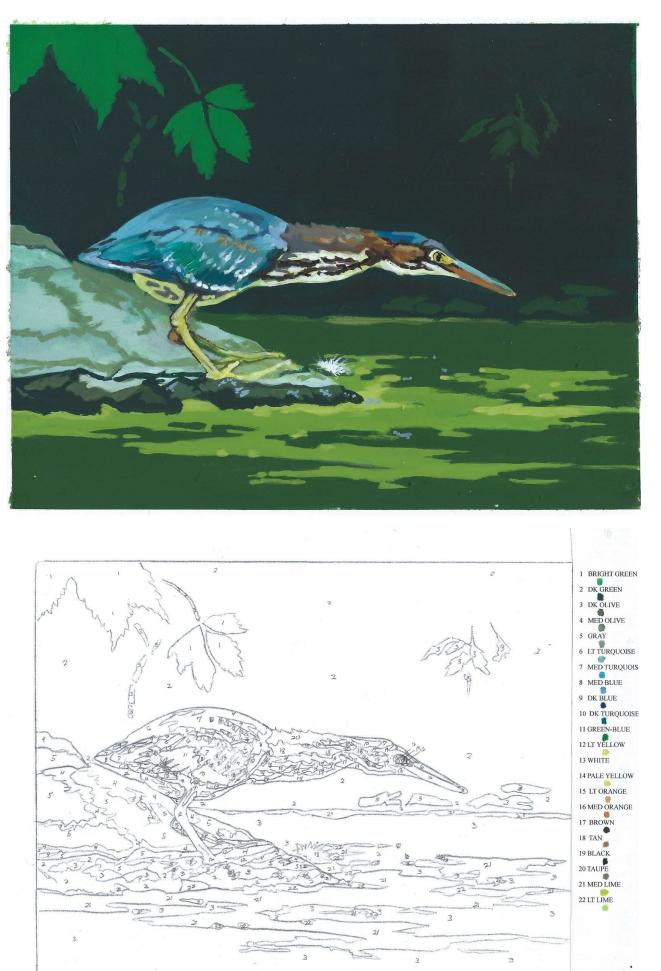


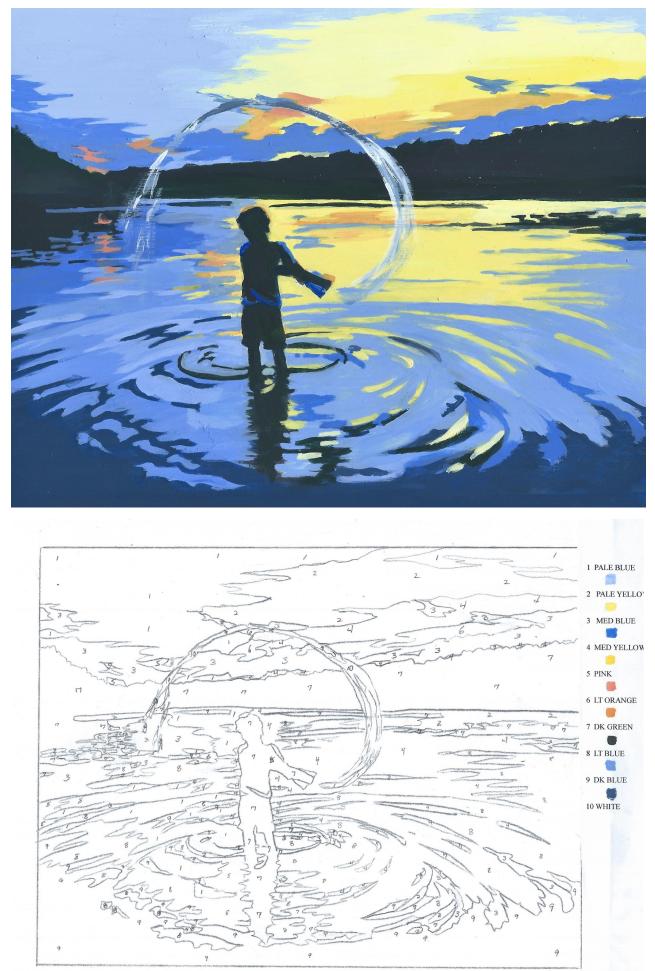






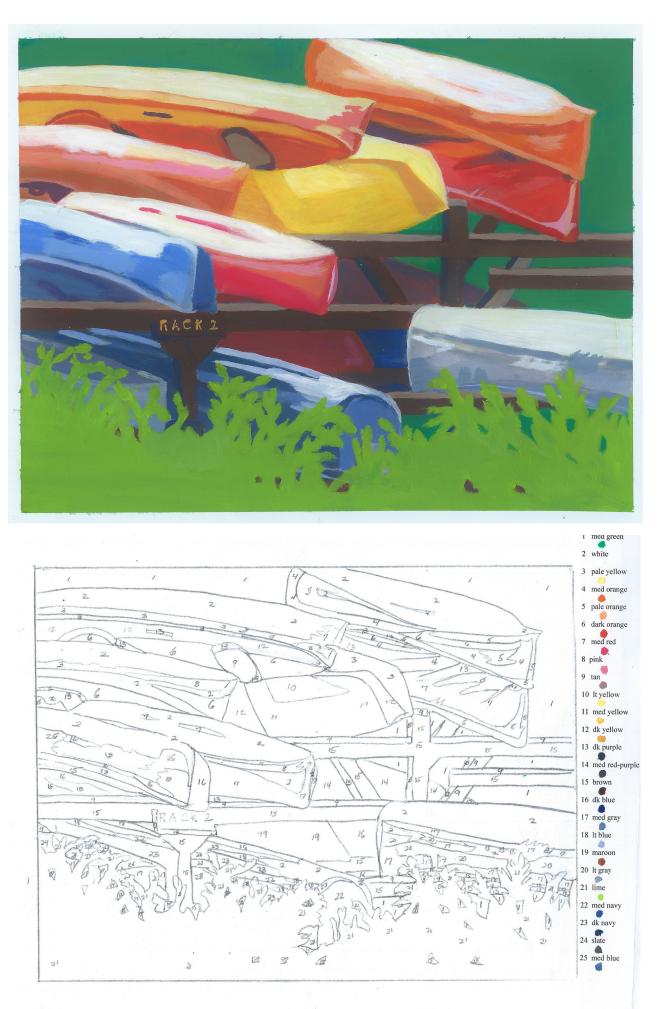


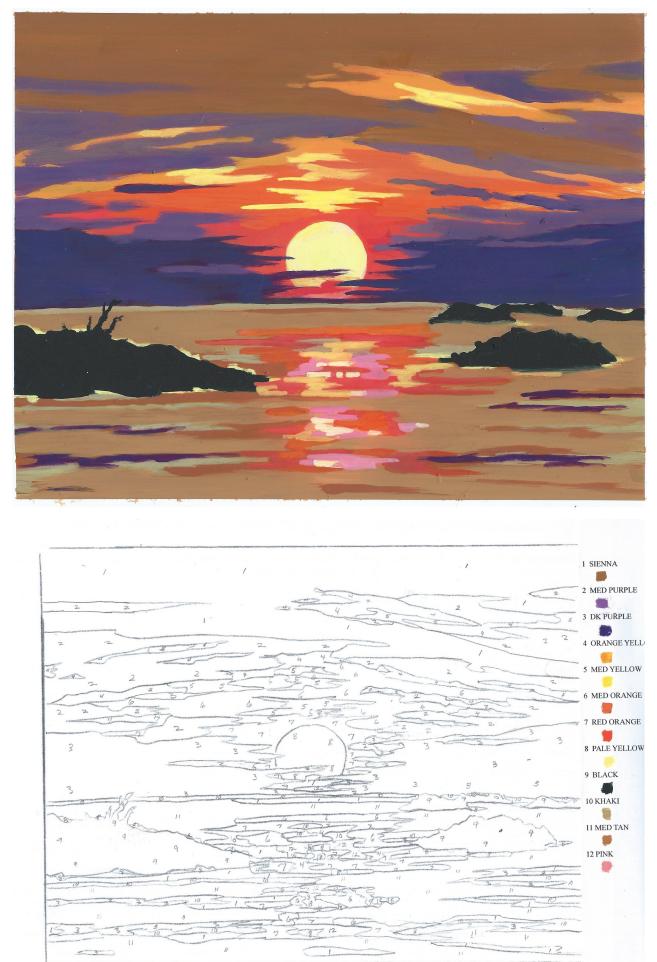




MAY-SPLASH! CODORUS STATE PARK

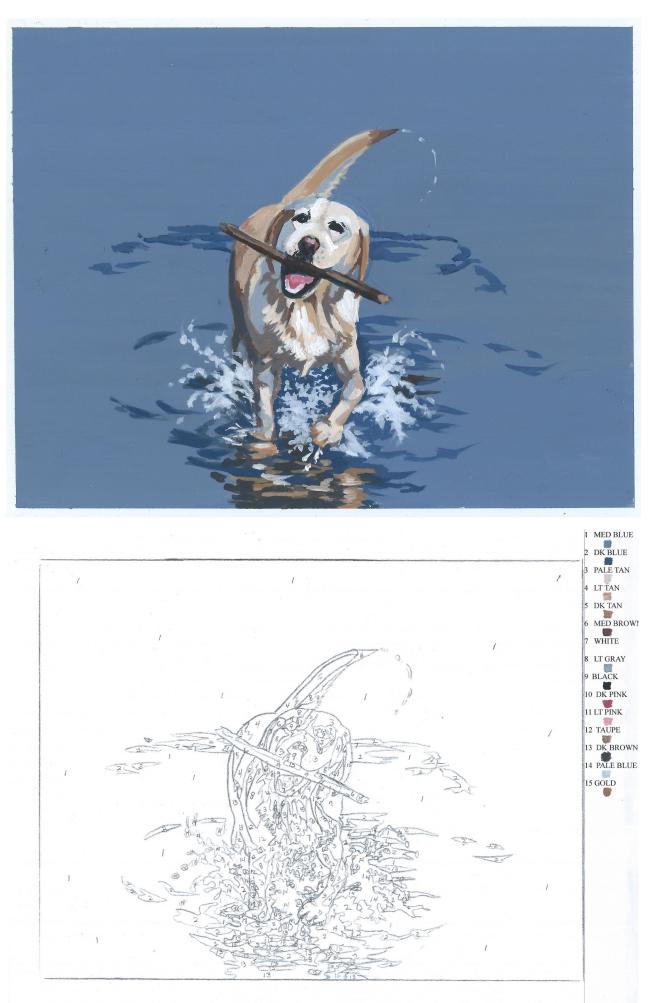




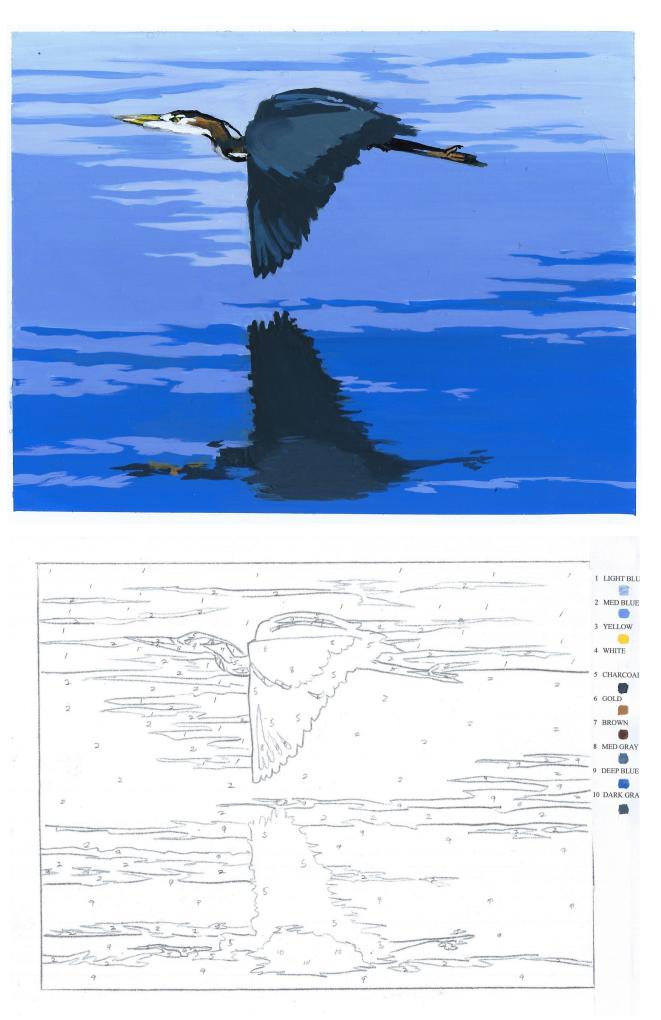


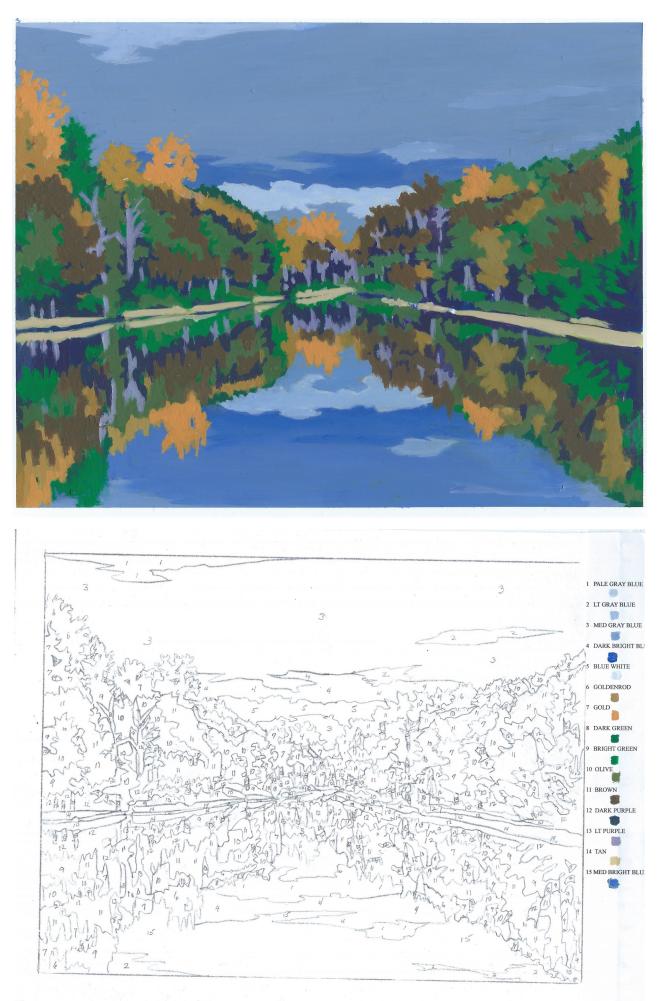
JULY-PI SUNSET PRESQUE ISLE STATE PARK





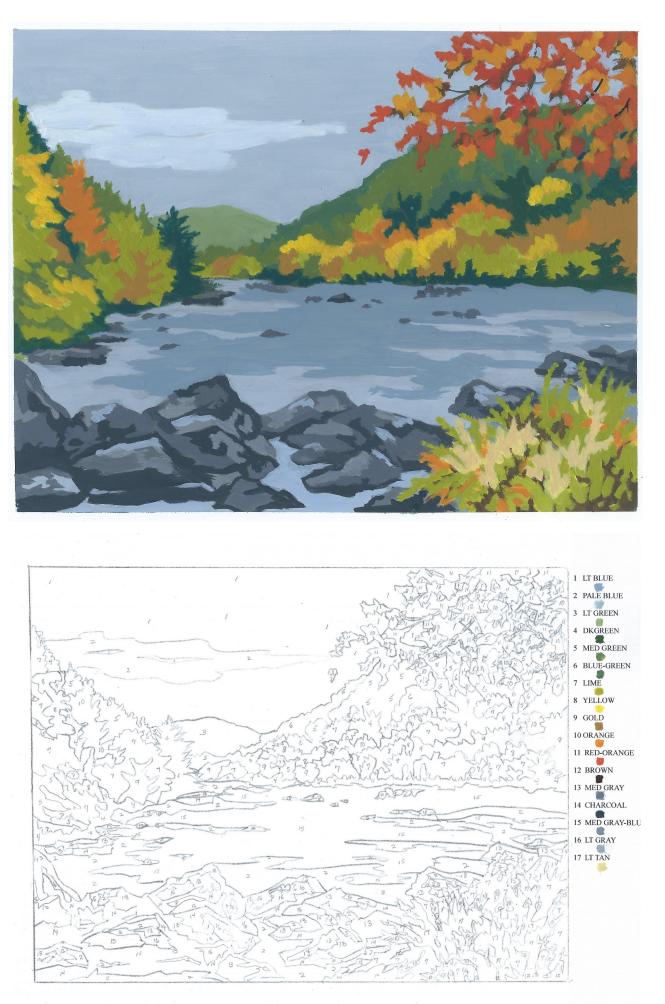




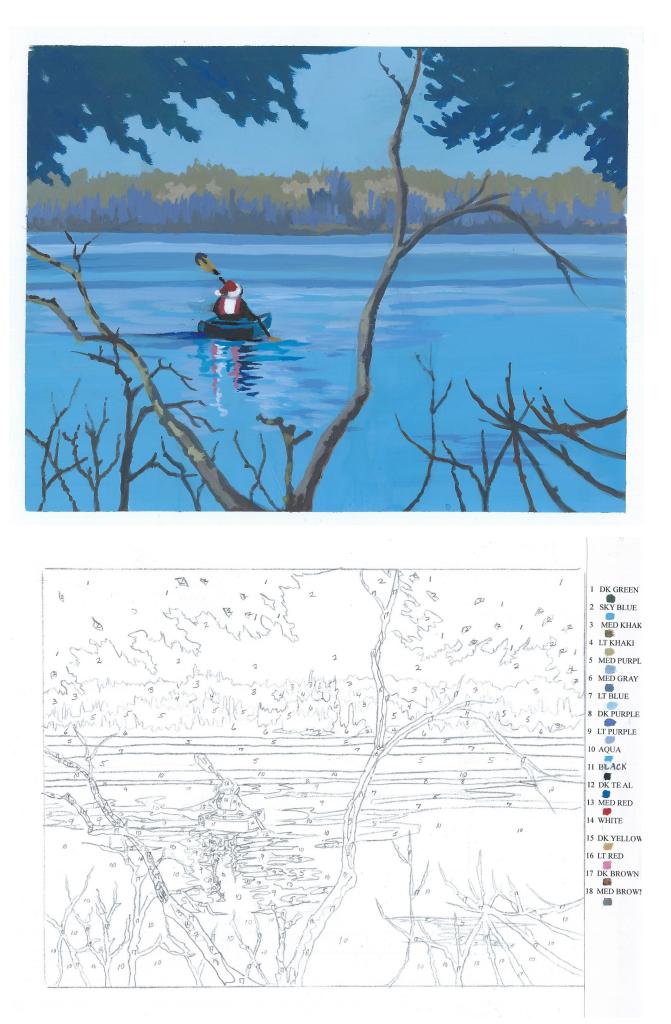


OCTOBER-AUTUMN IN THE AIR COLONEL DENING STATE PARK





DECEMBER-PULLING A PADDLE BEFORE PULLING AN ALL-NIGHTER PRESQUE ISLE STATE PARK





January - Reflections in Snow Photograph by Hills Creek State Park Staff

This is a classic Pennsylvania winter scene. Wouldn't you love to be there?!

February - Duckies in Love Photograph by Tasha Ferris

I thought the pink hue of the light with the two ducks that Tasha captured in her photo was the perfect inspiration for a month that includes Valentine's Day...





March - Ah! Spring Photograph by Charles Hutler

I love the beautiful photo taken by Charles that inspired this month's painting. I suspect that it might have been taken in late summer but those bright greens made me think of spring (and St. Patrick's Day, too)!



April—Green Heron on the Hunt Photograph by Josh Witoskey This is just one of my favorite photos!

May - Splash Photograph by Liz Mickley

I just love the playfulness of sending a pail full of water into the air and watching it travel through the sky. The sunset in the background is gorgeous! Liz managed to get an amazing photo of this moment at Codurus State Park.





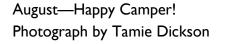
June—Ready to Launch Photograph by Jaclene Devine

There are always lots of good photos to choose from for the paint-by-numbers but my eyes kept coming back to this photo of the colorful rack of boats just waiting for their owners to put them in the water!



July—PI Sunset Photograph by Rick Baker

The spectacular Presque Isle sunset that Rick captured was my July inspiration. I think just about everyone enjoys watching an incredible sunset over the water and I hope everyone will have fun recreating their version of it!



The happy dog with a stick playing in the water just made me smile!





September—Great (Blue) Flight Photograph by Ted Massa

Ted's striking photo of a flying heron and its reflection in the water was the perfect inspiration for this month's drawing. It already looks like a painting!



October—Autumn in the Air Photograph by Carol Baylor

Fall is here!!! (And Carol's photo tells the story of fall nicely.)

November—Fall Along the Yough Photograph by Karen Link

A dazzling photo from what must have been a dazzling day!



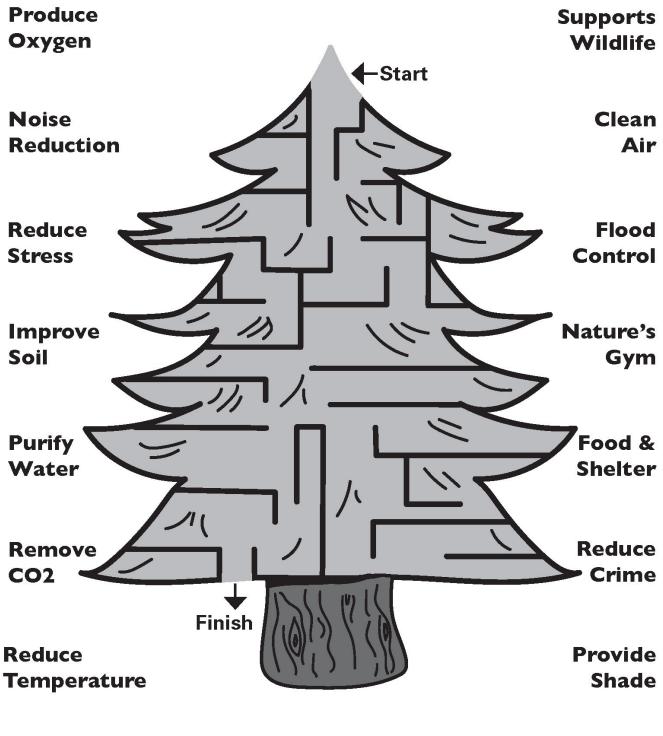


December—Pulling a Paddle Before Pulling an All-Nighter

Photograph by Maureen Dwyer

As we head into Christmas, I thought Maureen's photo of a paddler with a Santa hat at Presque Isle State Park added the right touch of whimsy to the season.

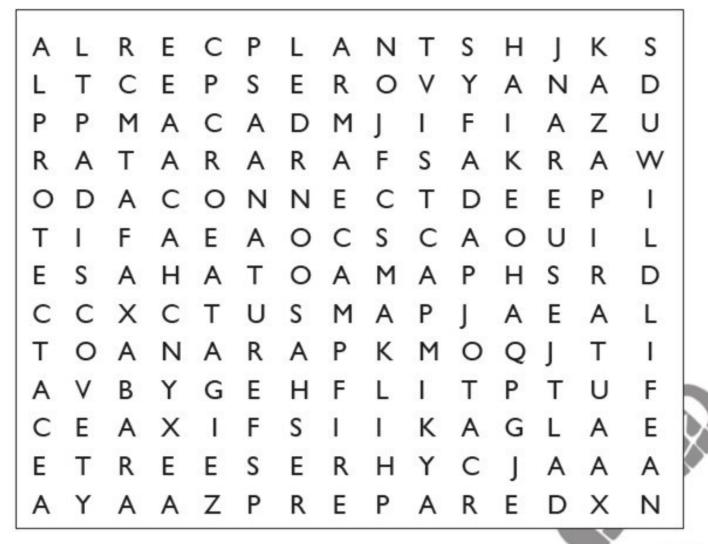
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