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South College Gallery
The University of Massachusetts Amherst

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An assembly of twenty five miniature abstract landscape paintings comprises the exhibit, "Small Worlds," created by artist and landscape architect Annaliese Bischoff. These intimate works express images of archetypal landscapes.

With characteristic titles such as "Ridgetop," "Drumlin," and "Chasm," familiar landscape associations are suggested in oil on canvas. The artist captures her strong personal attachment to beloved landscape types. Although no references to specific places are given, there is a strange and powerful sense of familiarity conveyed through these small abstract expressions. The abstract sensory qualities projected through these works, as well as their diminutive scale, promote a kind of familiarity to the proverbial small world. *"By creating a sense of familiarity these works may serve to expand the way we look at the larger world of landscapes in some small way,"* Bischoff notes.

Artist Statement

“These are first and foremost intimate works. My love of the landscape is transmuted and compressed into the tiniest patch of space I can imagine creating. The expansive nature of the landscape is reduced to the essence of its features. Still figurative in construction, these abstractions play with color and texture to create a new sense of place.... into which the viewer is drawn. Both the landscape and the viewer are captives in the experience of this intimacy. Originating as oils on raw canvas the edges of the works, irregularly fringed, determine the borders of each view. Prisma color pencil is added to some of the works to layer texture. Illusions of size and space are compacted into this series of two dimensional thumbnail vignettes. In my view the scale is what makes these pieces significant.”

chasm



drumlin



dune



eddies



fields



hills



inlet



knoll



marsh



ridgetop



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