

# CANTON NEWS UPDATE

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## Village Arts Factory's Fine Art Gallery to Exhibit Works By Shadia Derbyshire

**(Canton, MI – August 23, 2024)** The Fine Art Gallery at the Village Arts Factory is proud to present the featured artworks of artist Shadia Derbyshire in a special exhibit, entitled “Of Land and Sea”, which is on public display from September 4 through September 29, 2024. An opening reception will be held on Thursday, September 5, from 6 – 8 p.m., giving viewers an opportunity to browse Derbyshire’s artwork, meet the artist, and enjoy a variety of light refreshments. This event is free to attend and is open to the public.

With more than 30 years of experience painting with acrylics, Derbyshire’s exhibit highlights a selection of her latest series of seascapes, as well as her signature treescapes. The poured acrylic seascapes feature unique textures and colors, often accented with silver or gold leaf. Conversely, the treescapes focus on the juxtaposition of the stark silhouettes created by tree lines atop vibrant backdrops formed with a mixture of collage and acrylic.

Although Derbyshire works primarily in acrylics and collage, her passion for and creativity with color is the true theme that runs through all her artwork. With her latest collage pieces, she uses a selection of found papers, tissue papers, discarded sewing patterns, origami, and craft papers that she painstakingly hand-painted, stained, stamped, and stenciled. Derbyshire then tears each piece of paper by hand to ‘paint’ over her canvas, resulting in dynamic and colorful pieces with unique patterns and textures.

Her desire to create stems from Derbyshire’s realization while working on a piece that she is looking at something that no one has seen before. In her own words, this is what motivates her to “bring to fruition a previously unseen vision of beauty and introspection through my art. I create art to change our idea of what can be seen in the world.”

Derbyshire has participated in solo exhibitions and group shows for nearly 20 years throughout Michigan. Some of her most notable solo exhibits were hosted by the Pierre Paul Gallery, The Scarab Club, and Level One Gallery. Her accolades include: being the featured artist at numerous live events, having her work highlighted on Fox 2 Detroit, being a participant at Art Prize in Grand Rapids, and volunteering to create community murals.

This art exhibit at the Fine Art Gallery at the Village Arts Factory is free and open to the public during gallery hours: Monday through Friday from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m.; during all public events; or by special appointment arranged via email to [kevin.ryan@cantonmi.gov](mailto:kevin.ryan@cantonmi.gov).

The unique and expansive Fine Art Gallery at The Village Arts Factory, located at 50755 Cherry Hill Road in Canton, MI, 48188, welcomes visitors to experience art in an up-close and captivating environment. Serving a dual purpose as a bustling point of connection to many of the artist studios, as well as an immersive art display space, the Fine Art Gallery is truly the heart of the Village Arts Factory, where art is created, displayed, viewed, and appreciated.

For more information about this latest exhibition, please call 734/386-0650 or visit <https://villageartsfactory.com/artgallery>.

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