Every work of art begins from the self. Whether it’s a painting, a piece of music, a dance performance, a sculptural installation, or a garden, all creative work begins with a spark of interest, a magical moment of delight.

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Nature and the designed landscape are both sources of personal delight and inspiration for me. The focused activities of drawing and painting allow visual images to enter deep into the unconscious, and they often emerge in surprising ways when I design gardens. The paintings in this show are all related to various gardens I’ve designed during the past twenty years. Some paintings were done as part of the design process, and others after the garden has been installed. As with gardening, the creative process is ever-continuing and the activities of painting and drawing continue beyond the garden’s initial implementation.

— W. Gary Smith