

## Three Artworks

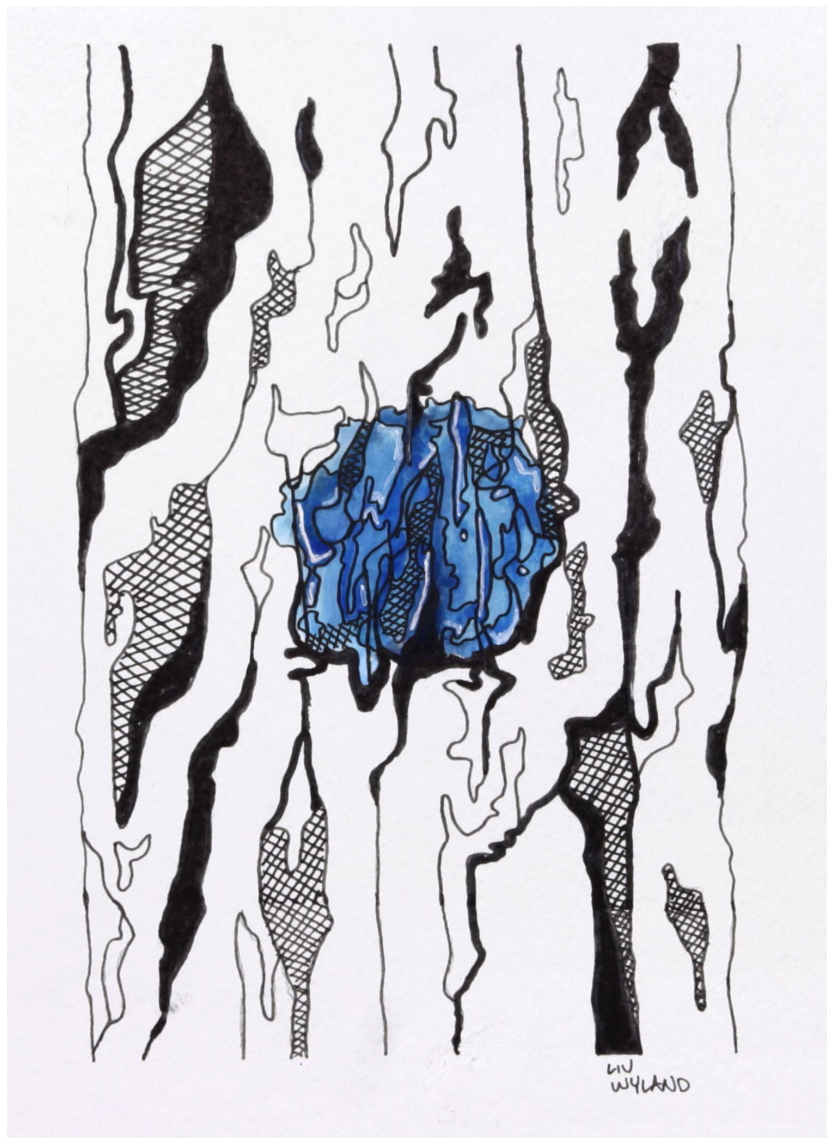
### Liv Wyland

#### Artist's Statement

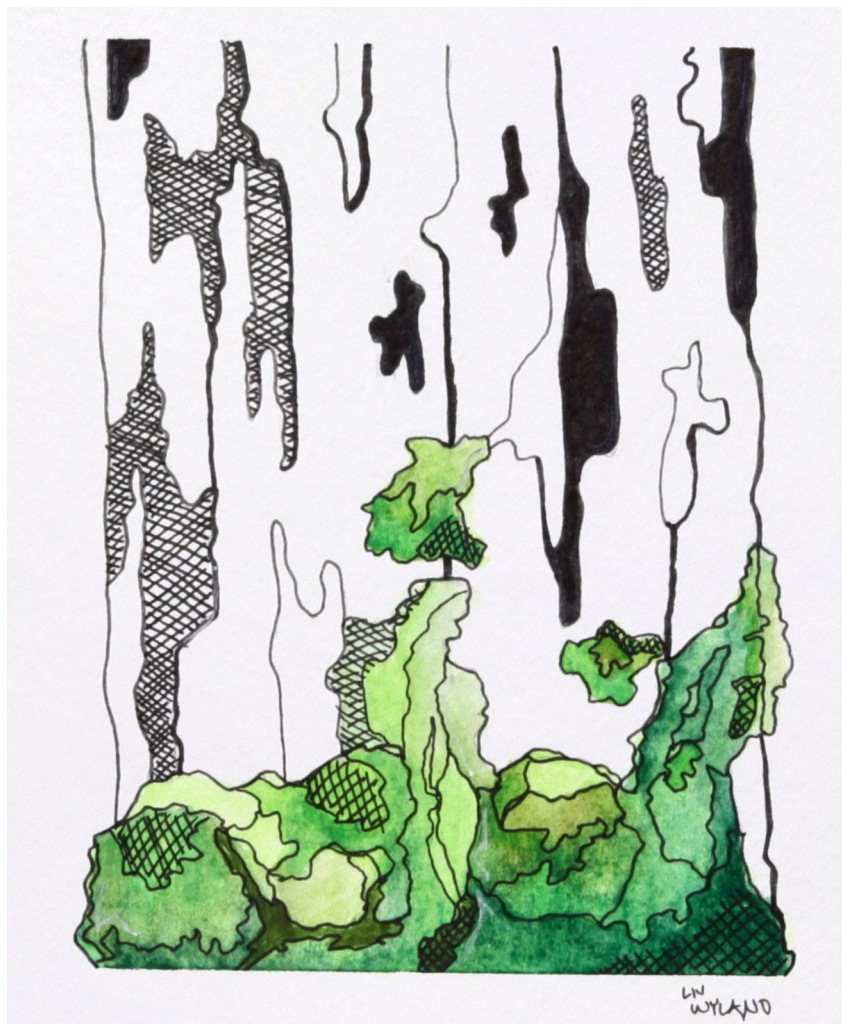
This collection of art was inspired on my backpacking trip in the Porcupine Mountains in the Upper Peninsula of Michigan. While I was on this five-day hike, I was able to experience the natural world around me and sketch what I saw. I have a deep love for Northern Minnesota, the North Shore, and Lake Superior so being on the south side of the lake was a whole new and amazing experience. Through these three pieces of art that I have recreated, I hope to encapsulate some of what I saw, including "The Blue Dot," which was placed on the trees and marked our path through the woods and along the shore. This blue dot was a beacon when the road became treacherous and always was there to guide us through the thick of the woods. "The Green Moss" was inspired by the moss-covered trees which blanketed the mountains with their soft green glow. The moss ever trying to live in a symbiotic relationship with the tree. And lastly, contrasting the moss, "The Orange Mushroom" was inspired by a bright orange and yellow mushroom which grew right in the middle of a tree. The watercolor is meant to emphasize the impact these scenes in nature can have on a person. They are all tied together

with the base layer of the tree which is the same across all pieces. I hope that these pieces of art will give insight on the natural world around us and urge people to slow down from their busy days to notice color and the beauty that can be found in nature.

The Blue Dot



The Green Moss



The Orange Mushroom



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