

Exploring Art & Nature
Purlieu: Art by Sharon Charney
and Anne Williams

Lesson Plans

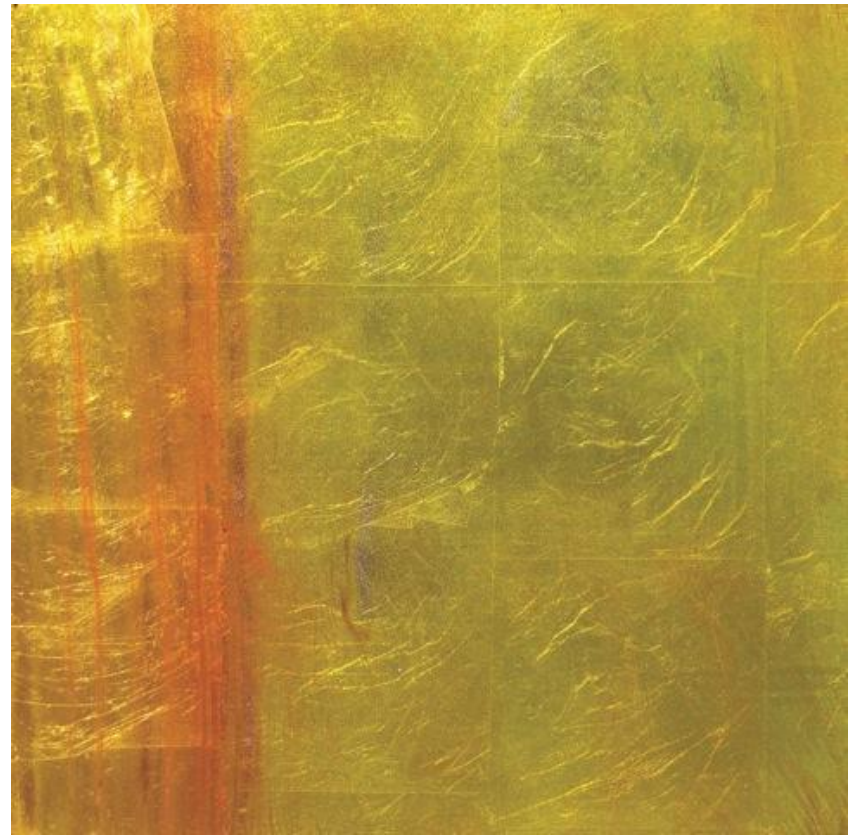
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Art Provides Many Ways to Interpret the Beauty of Nature

Sharon Charney



Anne Williams



*In order to interpret nature,
You have to take the time to really **LOOK** at nature*



Do you take the time to really **look at** and **listen** to the wonders around you?

What sights and sounds would you experience here?



When you are outdoors, how many **different bird calls do you hear?**



Think about how you spend your day



Are you missing the wonder of nature?

***Lost
By David Wagoner***

***Stand still. The trees ahead and bushes
behind you
Are not lost. Wherever you are is called
Here,
And you must treat it as a powerful stranger,
Must ask permission to know it and be
known.
The forest breathes. Listen. It answers
I have made this place around you,
If you leave it you may come back again,
saying Here.
No two trees are the same to Raven.
No two branches are the same to Wren.
If what a tree or a bush does is lost on you,
You are surely lost. Stand still. The forest
knows
Where you are. You must let it find you.***



The forest offers wonders

**The simple beauty of the
Toothwort**



**The majesty of time told in oak
rings**



But so, too, does your own back yard

We often look, but don't see

Have you ever *touched* a tree in your yard?

Have you ever explored the different kinds of leaves on your bushes and trees?

Have you ever lain in the grass and watched insects?



Are you *curious* about why turtle shells have different patterns?



Do you marvel at how well insects and animals can blend in to their surroundings?



Great minds are attuned to all that nature has to teach us

Writers such as David Thoreau or Ralph Waldo Emerson



President Theodore Roosevelt and Naturalist John Muir



Theodore Roosevelt put his power as President behind his love of nature, establishing:

51 Federal Bird Preservations

150 National Forests

4 National Game Preserves

5 National Parks

18 National Monuments

24 Reclamation Projects

7 Conservation Conferences and Commissions

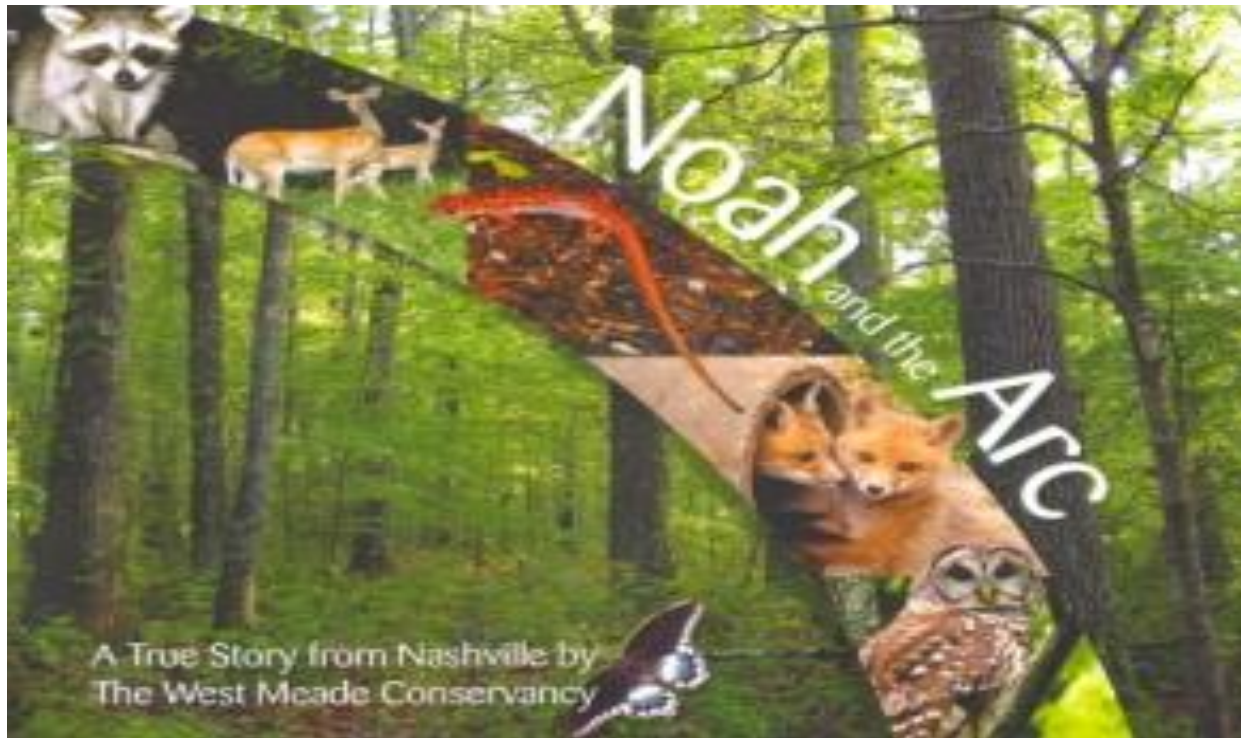


A Book-Lover's Holidays in the Open
by Theodore Roosevelt

“A grove of redwoods or sequoias should be kept just as we keep a great and beautiful cathedral. The extermination of the passenger-pigeon meant that mankind was just so much the poorer...And to lose the chance to see frigate-birds soaring in circles above the storm, or a file of pelicans winging their way homeward across the crimson afterglow of the sunset, or a myriad of terns flashing in the bright light of midday as they hover in a shifting maze above the beach – why, the loss is like the loss of a gallery of the masterpieces of the artists of old time.”



Some, such as Dr. Noah Charney, take a childhood love of nature and build a career as a biologist, writer, and founder of the West Meade Conservancy



Finding your nature niche

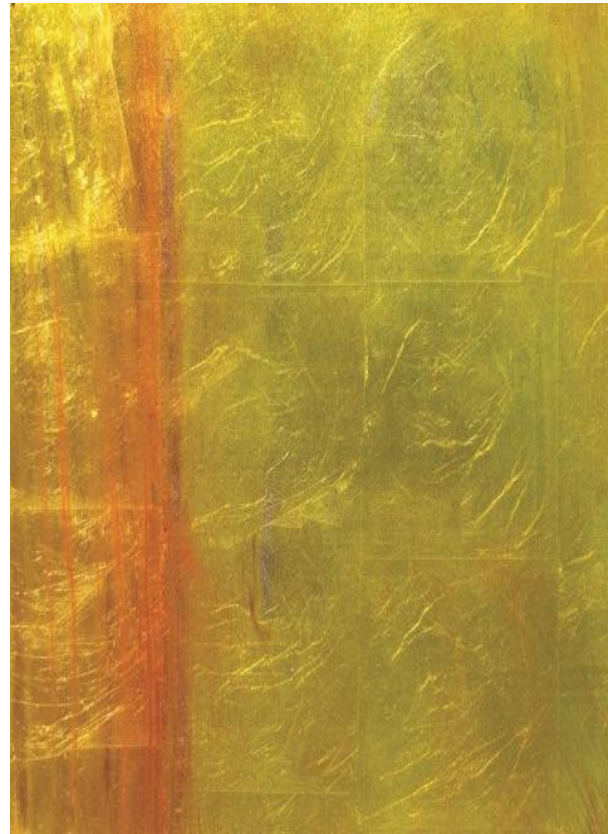
**Your love of nature
could lead to a
career as a
photographer**



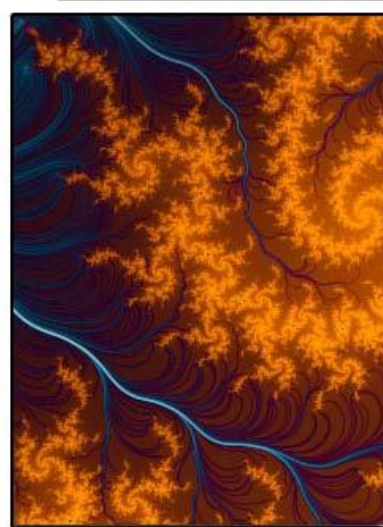
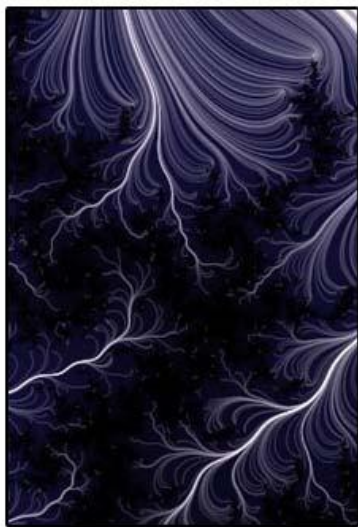
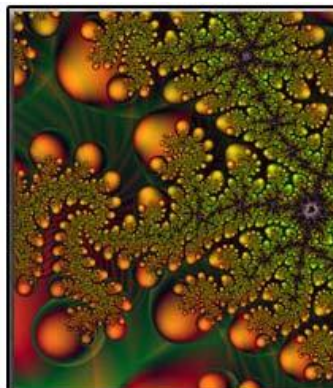
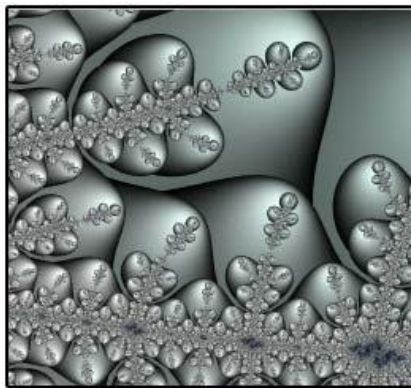
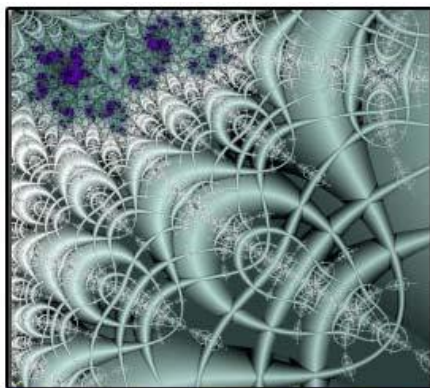
Or an architect creating **green structures** that blend architecture with their environment



You could, like Purlieu artist Anne Williams in her abstract piece *Sycamore*, interpret nature through your art



Or explore the mathematical wonders of fractals
and other natural phenomenon.



Let Nature Open A World of Possibilities for YOU

