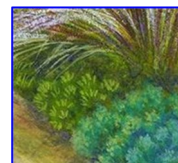


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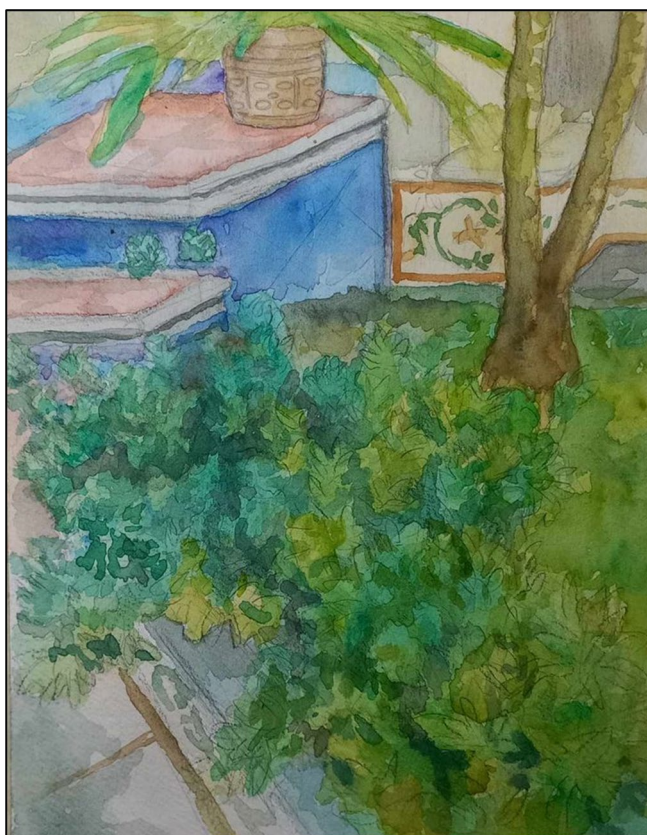
The word pass has many meanings as both a noun and a verb. As a verb, the word pass means to move ahead, gain passage (into), undergo a transformation, or cease to exist. As a noun, the word pass may be simply defined as a passageway, as a mountain pass affords one passage through difficult terrain. Passes above and below ground (on foot) are the focus of the first two paintings in this series, and a road for travelers on foot or by vehicle is the focus of the third painting.

## *Selected Views of Painting 76. Evolving*

Initial Sketch



First Layers of Paint & Details



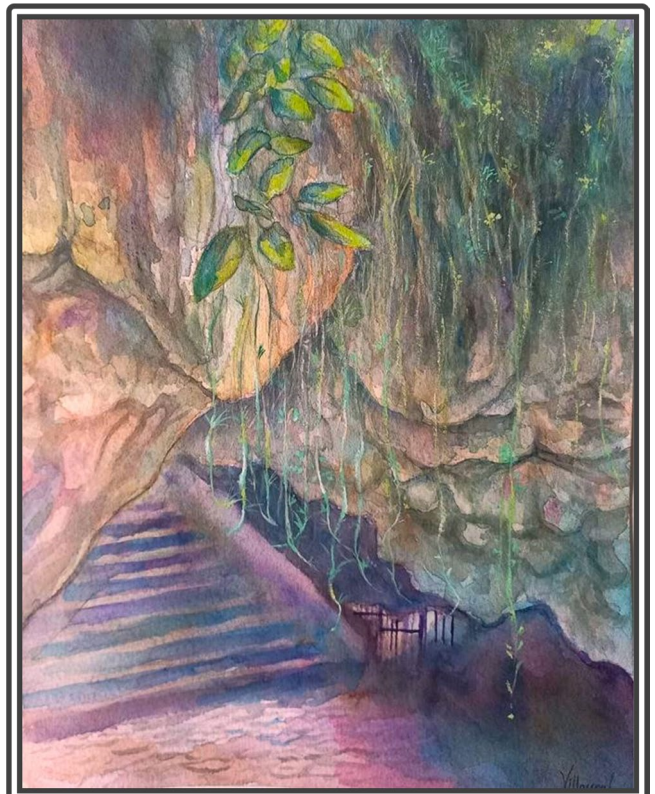
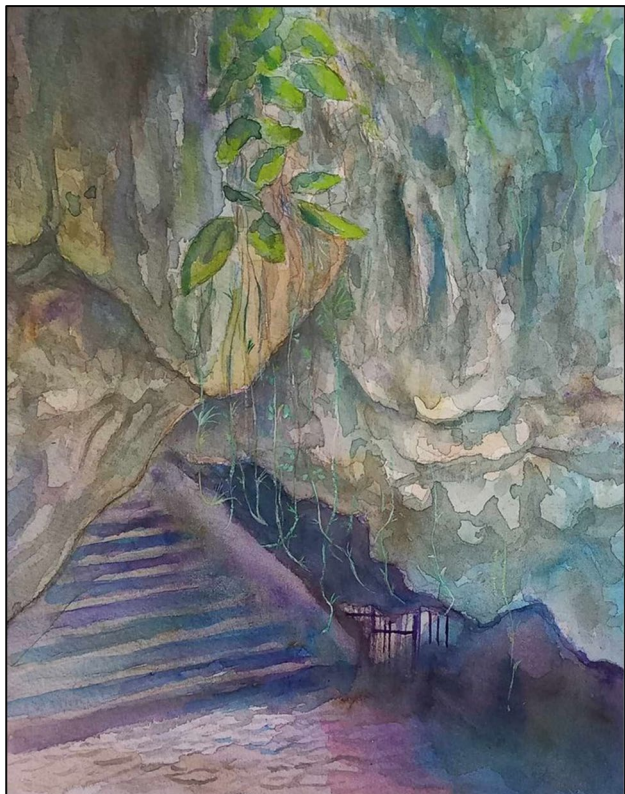
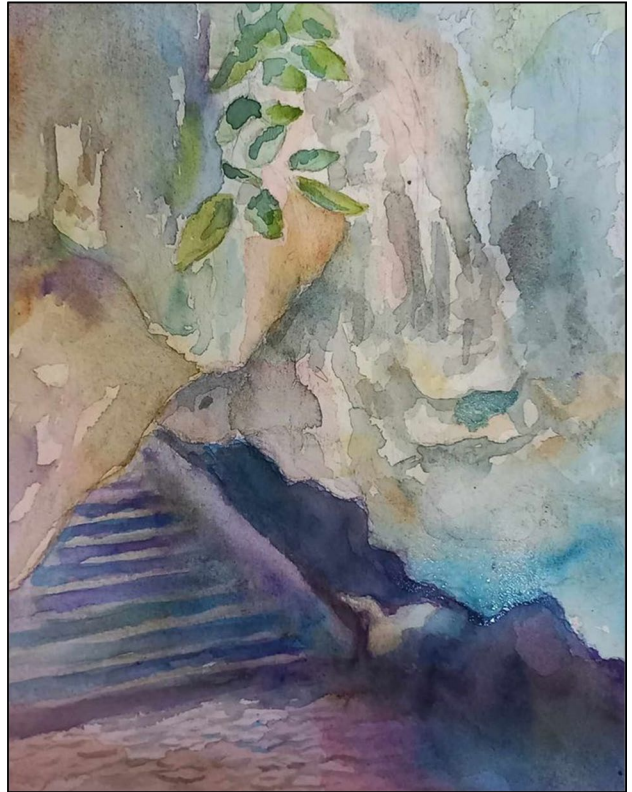
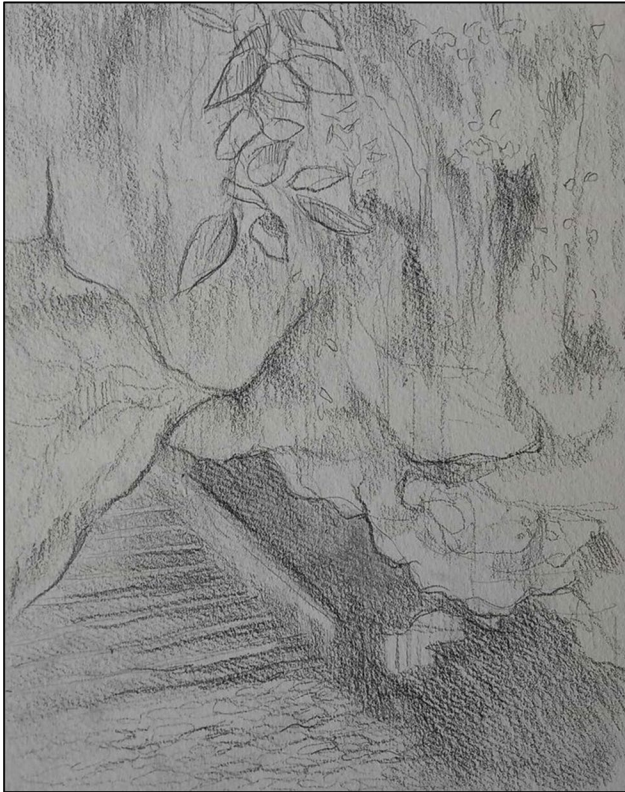
I have always wondered what it would be like to live in a small house in the city with a lovely landscaped yard. I grew up in a small town south of Xalapa and only saw landscaped yards on TV or in books. My parents, grandparents, and relatives were rural folks and used their yards for vegetables gardens, farm animals like chickens, fruit trees, and other practical things. I spent many satisfying hours painting this city landscape, as lovely pass along a stone sidewalk lined with flowers. I hope to own a small house one day, take care of my flower gardens, and paint them with great appreciation and love.

76. Side Entry and Steps

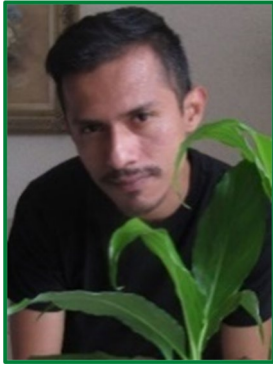


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77. Subterranean View



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A photograph of a curved road, taken on a outing in my city a few years ago, inspired this painting. I poured over the photograph and wondered how I might bring it to life first in my imagination and then on paper with vibrant colors and ornamental plants. The purple shrub that appears in the finished painting was a late and surprising addition.

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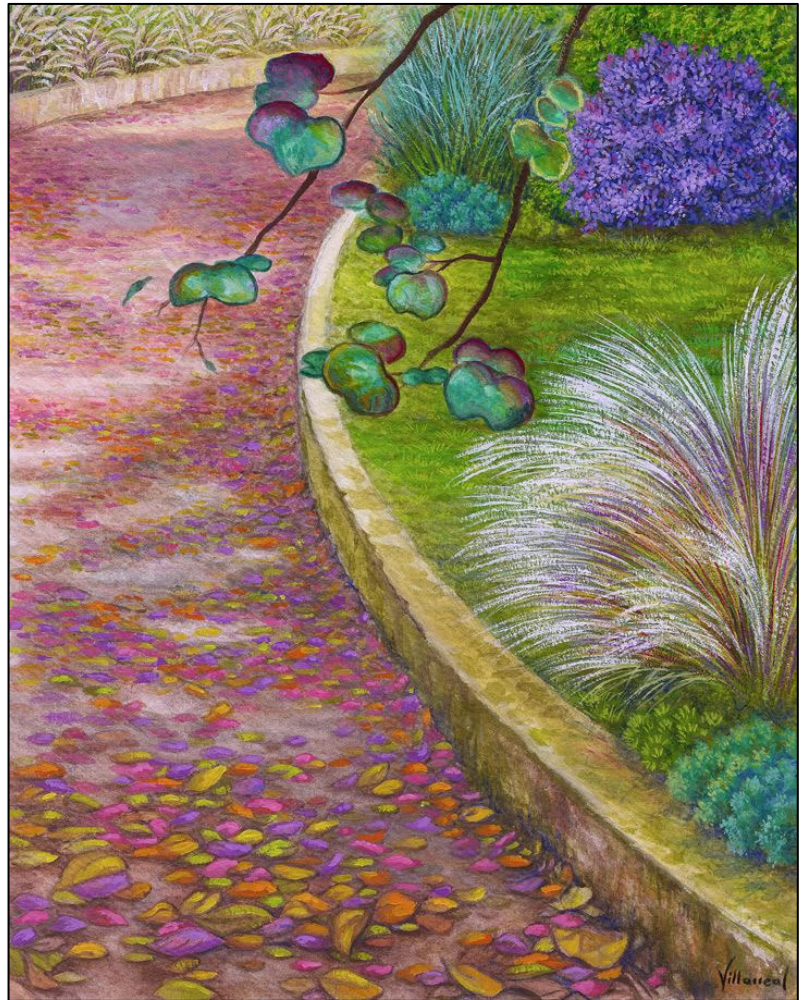


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76. Purple Shrub on Curved Road

