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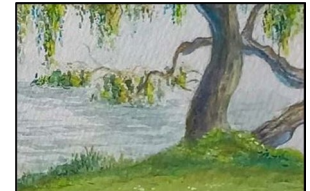
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69. Floating Branch



Evolution of Painting 69. Floating Branch

Initial Sketch



First Layers of Paint



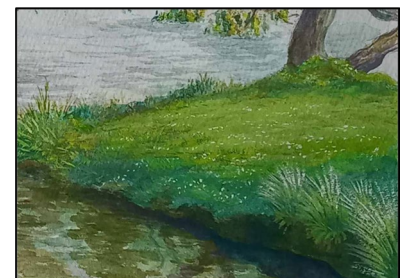
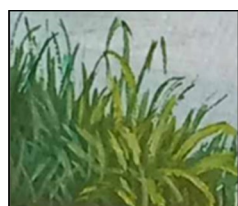
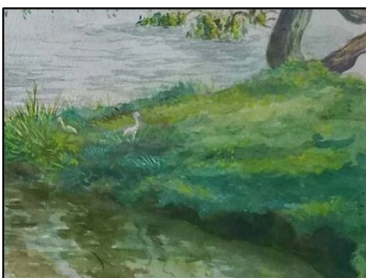
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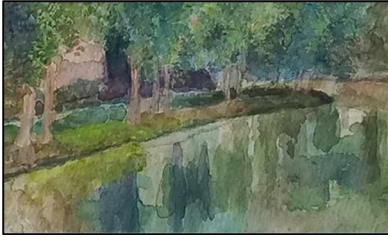


Refinements



This painting evolved in surprising ways. I was first attracted to this view of the lake by two white birds milling about near the water. You can see these birds in my initial sketch and first layers of paint and details. But as I worked on the painting, adding colors, shapes, textures, and details, the floating branch captured my attention more than the birds. This was a surprising development, as the movement of birds attracts our eyes more readily than a floating branch. With this shift in compositional focus many new details began to emerge: small white flowers, clumps of tall grasses, shadows on the water, and branches of dark leaves in the foreground.



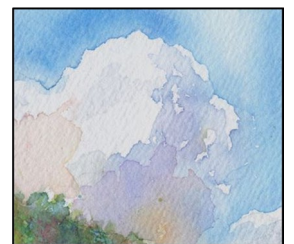
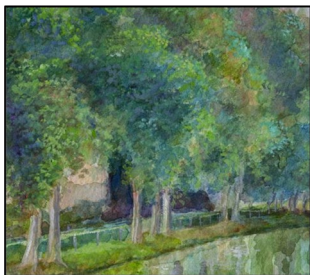


70. Two Lakeshores

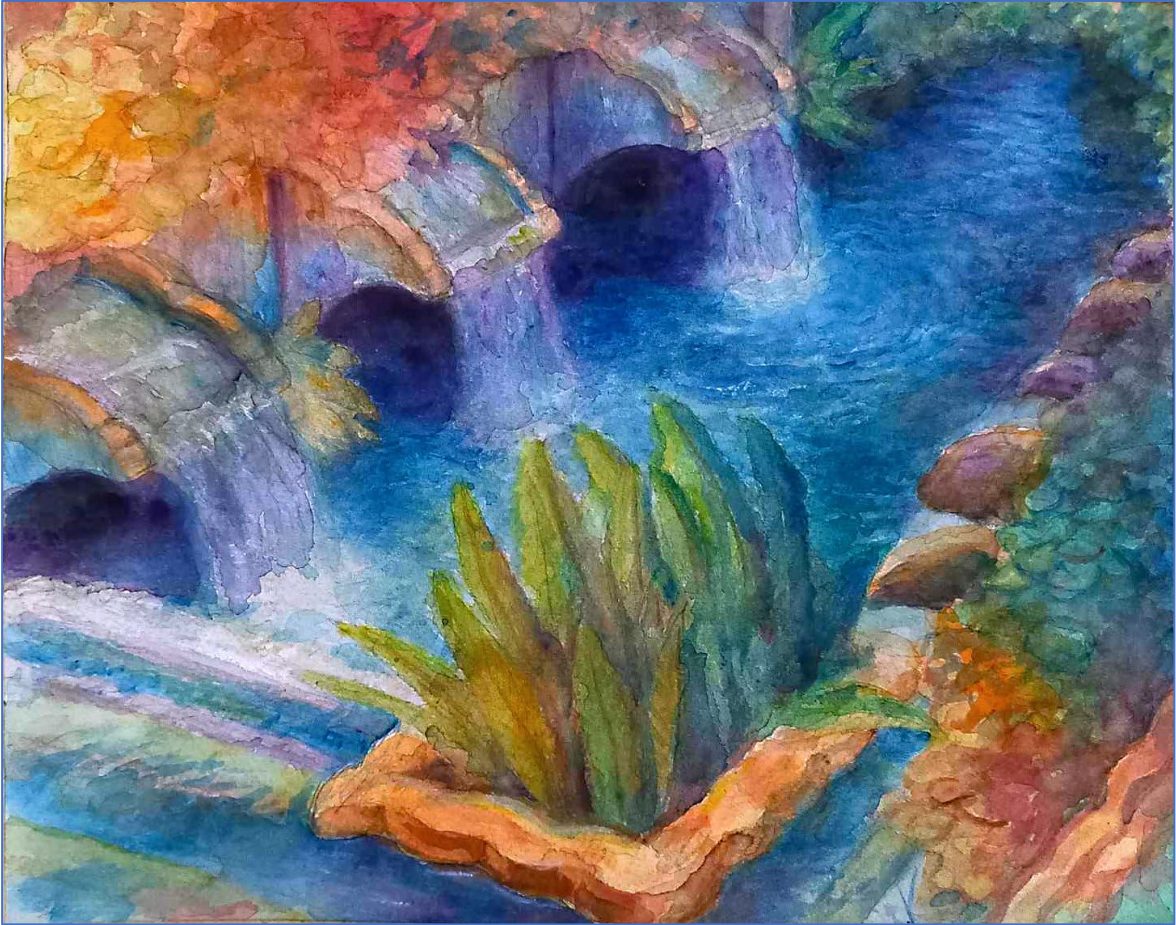


Leaves, Trees, Skies, and Water

Painting lakeside trees, as I've attempted to do here, requires experimentation, time, and considerable patience. In this painting, not only did I seek to capture the varying shapes and colors of leaves on two lakeshores but also the reflections of whole trees in clear, still water—all beneath a radiant summertime sky. Natural views like this are common in my city and deserve to be shared and appreciated by people around the world.



71. Water Garden



University Grounds in Xalapa

This small fountain is part of a beautiful water garden and large green space with a pond on the grounds of the Universidad Veracruzana (University of Veracruz) in Xalapa. The university grounds also includes many foot and cycling paths, facilities for various sports, and more.

