WHAT IS ENVIRONMENTAL ART?

Environmental art is art that focuses on the natural world. For example, some artists photograph landscapes, or outdoor places. Other artists draw or paint animals, such as ones that are endangered, which means there are very few of them left in the world.

Did You Know?

Maps show us a bird's-eye-view perspective of a particular place, which means the land is seen from above. Topographic maps show where the land is elevated, or raised up.

Find this artwork by Winn Rea in the gallery. This artist creates works of art that have similar features to topographic maps. Compare her artwork with the map shown below.

Discussion Questions:
- What do you notice about Winn Rea's artwork?
- Does it hang flat? Describe what you see.
- Can you find other works of art by Winn Rea? How can you tell they are by the same artist? What is similar and what is different?

LET THE EARTH BE YOUR MUSE

A muse is a person, place, or thing that inspires an artist. Inspired by the earth, some artists use natural materials in their artwork such as leaves or soil. Try this activity at home or right outside in Heckscher Park!

How To Create a Leaf Rubbing

Find a few leaves outside. Place one under a piece of paper. Using the long, flat side of an unwrapped crayon, drag the crayon across the paper over the leaf until the image of the whole leaf appears. Tip: Try different types of leaves and different colors!
Did You Know?
The artist Thaddeus Holownia was inspired by the writing of Henry David Thoreau. Thoreau was a writer in the 19th century who spent 2 years living in a cabin near Walden Pond in Massachusetts. While living there, he wrote *Walden; or, Life in the Woods*, an American classic.

Using Your Senses
Imagine you are in the woods.

What do you hear?
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What do you see?
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What do you feel?
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Draw Your Own Tree
Use the frame provided to draw your own tree inspired by Thaddeus Holownia’s photographs. Draw the texture of the bark. Texture shows how an object feels to the touch. Add other details such as treehouses or holes that animals might live inside. Don’t forget about the background. Where is your tree and what time of day is it? What season is it? Be creative!