



Artist Statement

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There are a lot of things in the natural world that children marvel at, yet adults pass by because they have lost their sense of wonder and fascination with the world around them. In today's society with more and more technology finding its way into our lives, I believe it's important to be aware of the beauty in the natural world. I make paintings that try to address this loss and attempt to evoke a sense of child-like wonder in the viewer. I focus on color saturation and abstracted forms to try and make the paintings feel as if they are being viewed through a child's eyes.

My paintings directly address personal experiences and memories from my childhood. I use old photographs of myself and of my sisters collaging those images with various places to create memory-like scenarios. Part of the nostalgia comes from the way memories exist in my mind, our feelings impact the way we remember things and therefore memories from my youth exist from the point of view of a child. This is what I attempt to depict in my paintings, not the way things really are, but the way I remember them as a child, the world seemed bigger and more colorful and more wondrous than how I see it now. Often I do this by abstracting certain shapes and manipulating the colors. The photographic elements also add to the dream-like appearance because of their inherent nostalgic qualities.

	<u>Title</u>	<u>Media</u>	<u>Original Format</u>
Figure 1:	Chasing and Catching	painting	oil on canvas, 32inx36in
Figure 2:	Chasing and Catching Detail	painting	oil on canvas, 32inx36in
Figure 3:	(Un)Familiar	painting	oil on canvas, 24inX36in
Figure 4:	(Un)Familiar Detail	painting	oil on canvas, 24inX36in
Figure 5:	Still Dreaming	painting	oil on canvas, 15inx30in
Figure 6:	Hidden	painting	oil on canvas, 24inx48in
Figure 7:	Hidden Detail 1	painting	oil on canvas, 24inx48in
Figure 8:	Hidden Detail 2	painting	oil on canvas, 24inx48in
Figure 9:	Fairy Slipper	painting	oil on canvas, 18inx24in
Figure 10:	Fairy Slipper Detail	painting	oil on canvas, 18inx24in



Figure 1: Chasing and Catching.

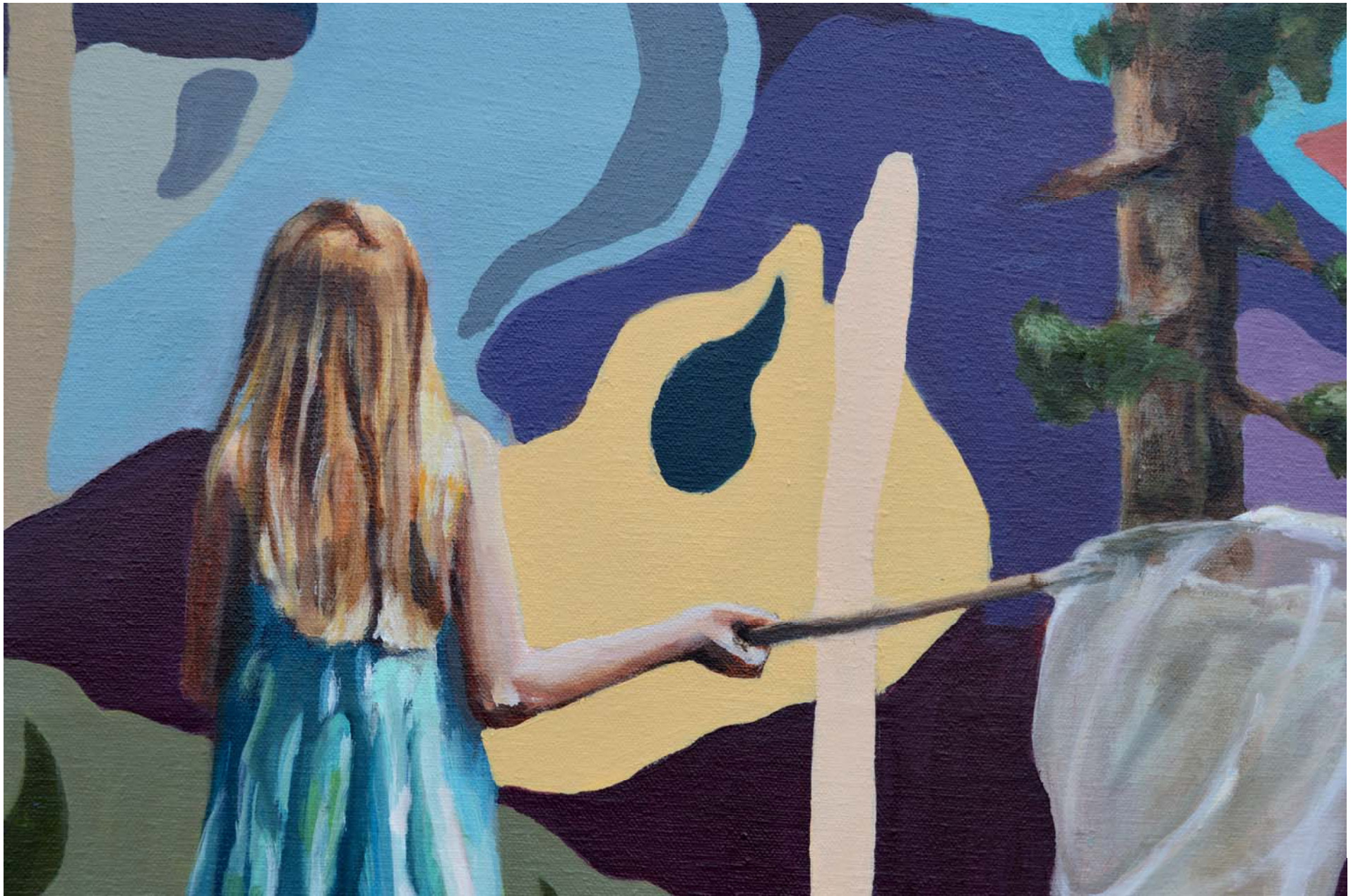


Figure 2: Chasing and Catching Detail.



Figure 3: (Un)Familiar.



Figure 4: (Un)Familiar Detail.



Figure 5: Still Dreaming.



Figure 6: Hidden.

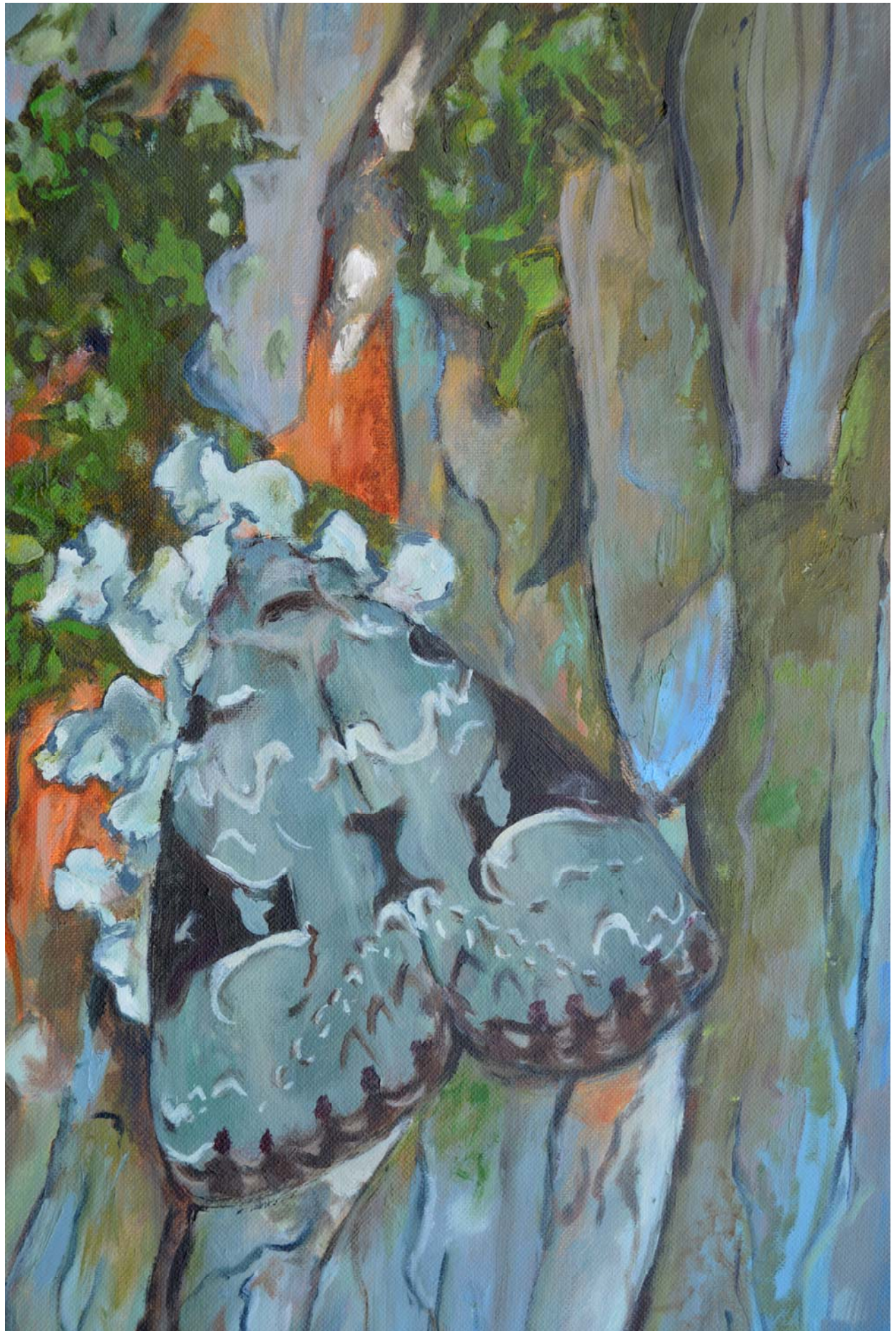


Figure 7: Hidden Detail 1.

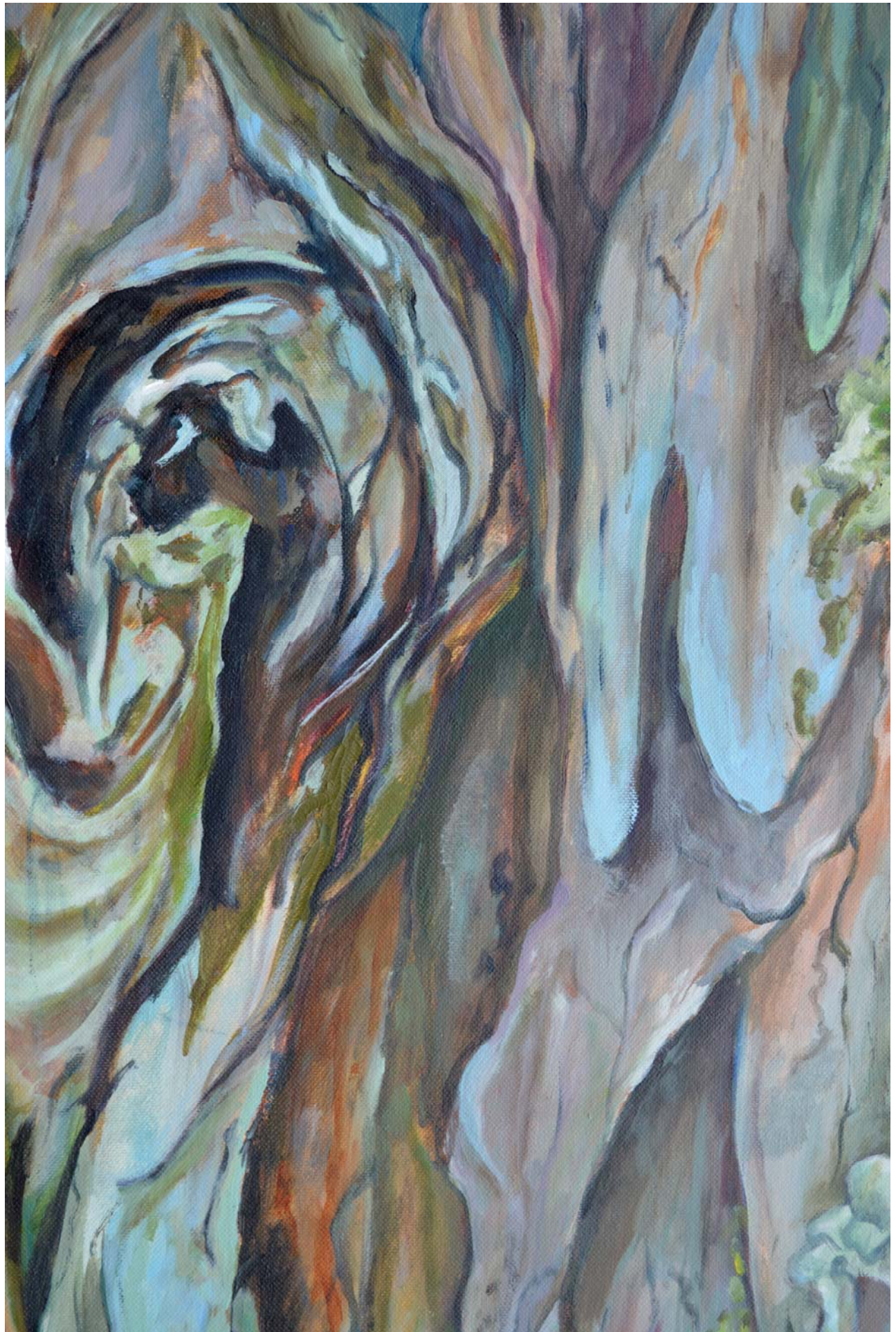


Figure 8: Hidden Detail 2.



Figure 9: Fairy Slipper.



Figure 10: Fairy Slipper Detail.