



Bill Carmel

March 2022 Featured Artist

Artist Reception: March 6th at 2:30-4:30pm

The Lamorinda Arts Council invites you to view a solo in-person show and virtual exhibit of contemporary paintings by featured artist Bill Carmel during the month of March. View his virtual exhibit through images at www.lamorindaarts.org/online-galleries.

His public art projects are part of an ongoing relationship with other artists and community partners engaged in making collaborative artwork. The piece entitled "Veil Tapestry" is a work that asks members of our community to paint sacred words on a large traveling canvas. The pieces he titled "Festival Wheelies" were done with Danville artist John Barry, creator of the trAction painting process. The work was painted during the 2019 Art and Wine Festival in Lafayette. In trAction painting, paint is dribbled onto wheels of vehicles driven by the artists and laid down as colorful tracks. Plus, it's fun. For the festival, wheels of toy cars were dipped in acrylic paint and driven over the canvas, building up colorful layers and patterns over time. Carmel created a mural entitled "The Ballad of Rocky the Squirrel and Andy the Hummer" for Maggie Boscoe's Artify Orinda project in 2020. You can see it on the side of the Mash Gas building next time you are in the neighborhood. He is also part of the curation team in the Art Gallery in the Orinda Library. "

An art educator, Carmel said, "I am creating a workbook that uses art to teach the other academic subjects. It is inspired by Common Core Standards and uses art lessons to bring creativity and critical thinking into the study of other academic subjects. Not only does Common Core curriculum emphasize critical thinking skills and creative strategies but it promotes Social – Emotional Learning."

Carmel invites you to view his exhibit at Wilder at <https://LamorindaArts.org/current-exhibits-wilder/> during the month of March 2022.

The Art Gallery at Wilder is managed by the Lamorinda Arts Council and is located in the Wilder Art & Garden Center at 20 Orinda Fields Lane in Orinda. The gallery is currently closed due to Covid-19 restrictions, reopening in September 2021. Questions please contact the curators at wildergallery@lamorindaarts.org.



"The Veil Tapestry" acrylic on canvas, 60" x 120"

