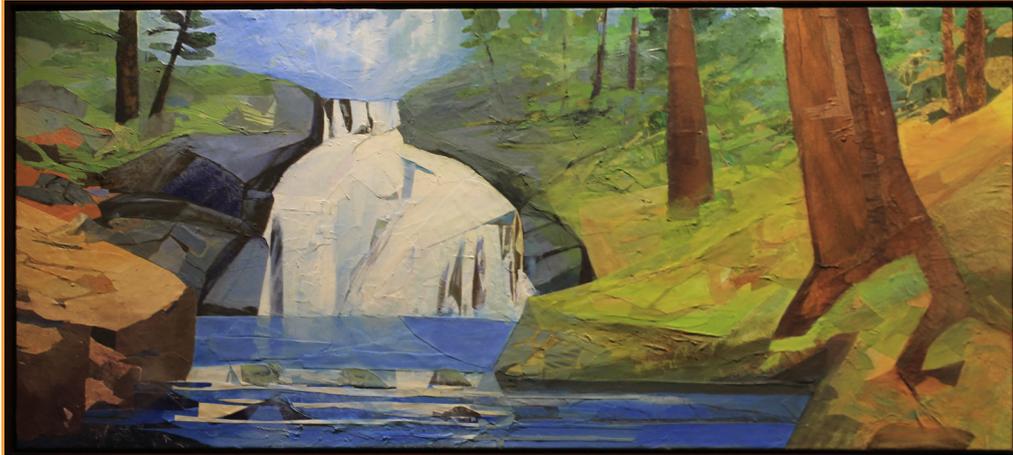


Moss Glenn Falls by Mariella Bisson



Recognizing the contribution art has had in the Mayo Clinic environment since the original Mayo Clinic Building was finished in 1914, *Mayo Clinic Proceedings* features some of the numerous works of art displayed throughout the buildings and grounds on Mayo Clinic campuses as interpreted by the author.

Mariella Bisson was born in 1954 in St. Johnsbury, Vermont, where her local library offered her early exposure to famous landscape paintings and fueled her desire to learn more. She obtained a BFA in drawing from the Pratt Institute, in Brooklyn, New York, in 1978. She also earned an MS degree in museum education from the Bank Street College of Education in New York City, New York, in 1981.^{1,2} Bisson spent her initial professional time as a curator and art educator in New York City, until 2001, when she relocated to Woodstock, New York, to devote her energy to her art and studio on a full-time basis.²

Bisson begins each piece with a basic drawing or painting upon which the structure of the work is built. This structure is then

enhanced and deepened by the addition of layers of tissue paper inset within the paint.³ This process provides sharp edges, angles, and points that reveal the geometric aspect of nature, and gives depth and texture to the piece that could not be achieved through paint alone. The opacity of the tissue paper also increases the appearance of light within the design. *Moss Glenn Falls*, a 36x83 in. mixed media on linen, contains all these elements, puzzling and inviting, the scene portrayed captures wind, water, and wood.

Moss Glenn Falls is located on the 16th floor of the Gonda Building, Mayo Clinic Rochester, Minnesota, campus.

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