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.

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Burnt Red, Butterflies, Pinecones include six 9x18-inch hand-painted wood prints. They reflect Saintsing’s affinity to nature experienced in her childhood in rural North Carolina, as well as her attraction to bold bright colors. The collection transforms monarch butterflies into unexpected colors and the series calls to mind the endangered species silk screen prints done by Andy Warhol, which are also part of the Mayo Clinic art collection.

Burnt Red, Butterflies, Pinecones are located in the hallway access to the Generose Building, Mayo Clinic Hospital, Saint Marys Campus, Rochester, Minnesota.

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