

Janie Paul Rabun Gap, 1992 Oil on wood panel Courtesy of the artist, Ann Arbor, Michigan

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United States Embassy Paramaribo, Suriname
ART IN EMBASSIES EXHIBITION

Front Cover Image
Detail from Psychadelic Forest
(Ode to Silent Spring)



Gregory Constantine
Henri's Dream, 1988
Acrylic on canvas and
styrofoarm
Courtesy of the artist,
Berrien Center, Michigan

## Welcome to the U.S. Ambassador's Residence, Paramaribo, Suriname

As we considered art for the Ambassador's residence here in Suriname, we chose to focus on a theme worthy of this fascinating and diverse land – the stunning richness of its flora and fauna – while also seeking to display mostly artists who have a link to our home state of Michigan. Living as we do in a time when many natural resources are in danger of depletion, and large sections of the rain forest in many countries are being destroyed, we hope that the people of Suriname will insist on preserving the environmental treasure that is their rain forest, with its enormous structural diversity and hundreds of thousands of resident species.

The ecosystem of Michigan is very different, but equally worth our insisting on preserving it, being surrounded as it is by the Great Lakes, the largest body of fresh water in the world, a watershed that supports a variety of fish, birds, plants, mammals, reptiles, and insects, and millions of people.

Suriname or Michigan – rain forest or freshwater lakes – either way we must learn to make use of the environmental bounty we have been given in ways that preserve it for future generations.

It is our hope that you will enjoy the various works of art on display here, and that they will inspire an even greater appreciation of the natural wonders of the world.

Ambassador and Mrs. John Nay Paramaribo, May 2010



Kathleen Schwarz Remnant, 2009 Color photograph on canvas Courtesy of the artist, Berrien Springs, Michigan

Kathleen Schwarz

Earth First, 2009

Color photograph on canvas

Courtesy of the artist, Berrien Springs, Michigan





Jim McClelland Snow Geese, 2009 Oil on canvas Courtesy of the artist, Lincoln, Nebraska

Kimberly Martin
Path at Norwood Beach, 2007
Oil on canvas
Courtesy of the artist and Twisted Fish Gallery, Elk Rapids, Michigan



Jim McClelland Macaws, 2009 Oil on canvas Courtesy of the artist, Lincoln, Nebraska



Lisa Tubach
Psychedelic Forest (Ode to Silent Spring), 2009
Gouache on watercolor paper
Courtesy of the artist, Harrisonburg, Virginia





Kimberly Martin
Summer at Elk Rapids, 2007
Oil on canvas
Courtesy of the artist and Twisted Fish Gallery, Elk Rapids, Michigan

**George Irwin** *Glowing Colors,* 1996
Oil on canvas
Courtesy of a private collection





Cynthia Padgett
Nightscape #4, 2009
Pastel and gouache on handmade paper
Courtesy of the artist and
A. Jain Marunouchi Gallery, New York, New York

George Irwin
Purple-headed Mountain, 1995
Oil on canvas
Courtesy of a private collection

