

Portraits of Trees



24 fine art
portraits of
neighbor trees
by Sue Clancy

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About Portraits of Trees

I've been practicing noticing and appreciating the mundane things in my life. Doing this, I find, relieves stress and helps me maintain my curiosity and joy of living. Recently I noticed that I'd been seeing the beautiful trees in my neighborhood without really paying attention.

So, I decided to create portraits of some of them so I could enjoy their shapes, colors and "moods" - their personalities, so to speak. I selected six trees and made 24 portraits by hand using ink, watercolor, gouache and color pencil. These portraits are tiny, only 3.5 x 2.5 inches, and I did them over several months, one at a time, while looking out my windows during breakfast.

Also, as part of my effort to notice and pay attention to my neighborhood trees - or "my neighbor trees" as I called them - I read several books, stories and poems related to trees. I've listed some of them in the back of this book.

Below you see one of the views outside my window. In the second photo you're seeing of one of my tree portraits during breakfast.







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Book, story and poem list
(many of these can be found
at the library or online):

The Overstory
by Richard Powers

The Hidden Life Of Trees
by Peter Wohlleben

A Tree Grows In Brooklyn
by Betty Smith

Drawing Trees
by Stanley Maltzman

The Little Fir Tree
by Hans Christian Anderson

The Girl Who Talked To Trees
by Natasha Farrant

The Trees and the Axe
by Aesop

The Fir and the Bramble
by Aesop

Trees
by Joyce Kilmer

The Trees like Tassels - hit and swung
by Emily Dickinson

Woman Waving to Trees
by Dorothea Tanning



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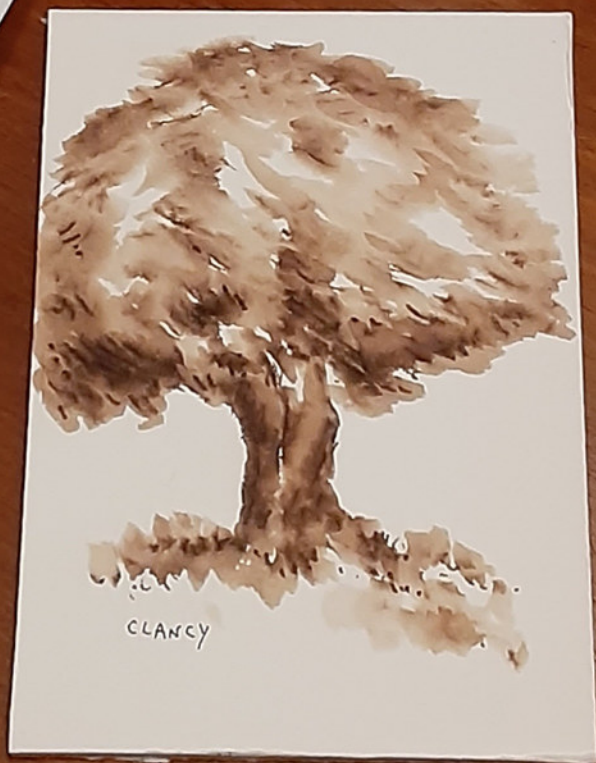
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Sue Clancy is a professional artist represented by commercial art galleries and she is an author/artist of more than 20 books. She enjoys hanging out with her wife, drinking too much coffee and trying to read every book ever printed.

Her morning sketchbook sessions are sacred - just add coffee. She shares many of her sketchbook pages on her email newsletter which can be found here - sueclancy.substack.com

Recently she's decided that besides noticing little mundane things she will just keep buying art supplies and books and drawing and reading until the world calms down and gets a grip.



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special thanks to my wife, Judy,
for her encouragement and
support.

special thanks too to all of our
neighborhood and the trees
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