



Elizabeth Burke Artist Profile 2021

- 1. Major and minor, graduation year:** Major: Environmental Studies, Minors: Biology and Studio Art, Class of 2021
- 2. What kind of media you work in:** I mostly work in oil paint mediums, but I have explored sculpture, printmaking, drawing, and any other mediums that I find interesting.
- 3. Why do you make art:** I think the main reason why I create art is because I enjoy the experience of it. The process of making my pieces can be cathartic. Art helps me process my emotions and express my affection towards others, humans and organisms a like. I additionally like the challenge of it, and the sense of accomplishment I feel after completing a piece.
- 4. The artists who you find most influential and why:** I don't think there is a specific set of artists that are the most influential to me that I think about. Rather, I try to absorb whatever I have the opportunity to see. I'm really drawn to Impressionism so Monet and Van Gogh are some favorites. To inform my work for the ASE, I looked at a bunch of contemporary artists such as Luba Lukova, Andy Goldsworthy, Miranda Llyod, Lorenzo M. Duran, and Yelena Lamm. These artists either used natural elements as a medium or they used geometric forms to depict their subjects.
- 5. Briefly describe a recent art-related "Aha!" moment:** The most recent aha moment I had was that I could use subtractive mark making (applying paint and wiping it away) to reduce the intensity of the paint on my canvas. I had this moment when I made Reservoir. I really enjoyed the effect it produced in the forest, so I tried to utilize this technique in my later paintings when it was necessary.

