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Soumya Netrabile

Soumya Netrabile channels her immediate and intimate experience in spending time with nature. Netrabile's recent work of familiar yet unknown landscapes, sprung from walks along the forest preserve of the Des Plaines River Trail since 2019. By starting to understand the ecosystem, the air, the light, and the smell, her mindfulness and daydreaming grew. Netrabile's abstract mixed-media paintings include charcoal, watercolor, frontage, collage and pastel. Her work will be exhibited at the Anat Ebgi Gallery this month. Though Netrabile is sometimes considered an emerging artist, she has been painting for thirty years. Soumya has been a visiting artist lecturer with the School of the Art Institute of Chicago and Lancaster Arts in the United Kingdom. (Nicole NeSmith)