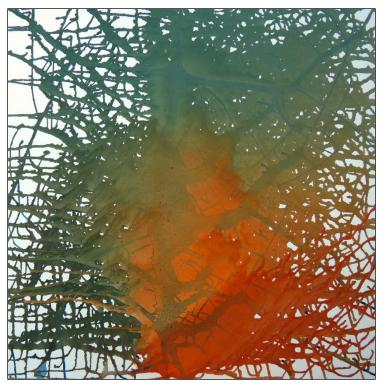
Obstruction

paintings by **Wendy Tan**of Hays, Kansas

Artist Statement

I see how even amongst the foliage, I find tension and barriers. It seems to be insurmountable obstacles that keep me from progressing along a path. There will be obstacles put before me that seem to hold me back. It is human nature to get tangled up in the branches of worry or woven twigs of anxiety. This kind of tension can block me from making



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those decisions, but also there will be an opportunity. Such is life's journey.

This imaginary scenario always appears in my head when I create a painting. My art is about exploring, memory, and connection. I am fascinated with the complex and expansive space. By pouring the paint I can engage in the element of surprise through often using a bright and intense palette.

Biography

Wendy Tan was born in Malaysia. She later lived in Hong Kong for over a decade. Currently, she is living in Hays, Kansas. She holds a Master of Fine Arts degree in Multi Media (Sculpture) from Fort Hays State University and a Bachelor of Fine Arts degree with Distinction in Painting from Royal Melbourne Institute of Technology (RMIT) in Australia.

She has received numerous awards throughout her artistic career including; the "Best of Show" Award from Yosemite Museum Gallery, the "Best of Photographer" Award from Forum Magazine, the Cash/Merit Awards from municipal Arts Councils, and the Art Study Tour Award in Switzerland.

She has exhibited her work in prestigious galleries and museums nationally and internationally such as The Huntington (Library, Art Museum, and Botanical Gardens) in San Marino, CA, Yosemite Museum Gallery in Yosemite, CA, Kings Arts Center in Hanford, CA, Carnegie Art Center in Turlock, CA, Gallery 5 at Gallery Row, Oakhurst, CA, Cape Cod Museum of Art in Dannis, MA, Wallowa

Valley Arts Council in Joseph, OR, Mark Arts in Wichita, KS, CityArts Art Gallery in Wichita KS, Wesleyan University Art Center in Salina KS, Hays Arts Center in Hays, KS, and Fine Art Asia in Hong Kong.

