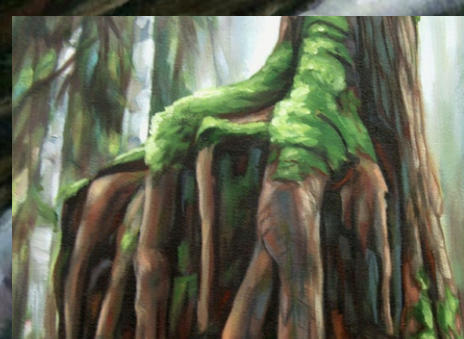
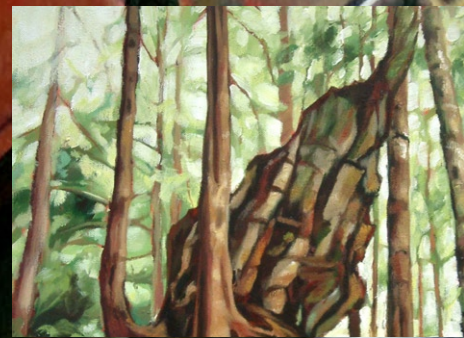




Suzan Marczak

# Wildwood Stories







## WILDWOOD STORIES: Nurse Log Tales + Forgotten Steel

In the lush growth of the coastal forest, death plays as significant a role as life, as the decaying bodies of fallen trees provide nutrients for the growth of new saplings.

I am inspired by this hopeful tragedy of death and rebirth, and intrigued by the grotesque and fantastical shapes which are formed by these transformations.

As succeeding waves of loggers, road builders and settlers swept through the landscape, they left behind abandoned vehicles which attest to their dreams. The verdant forests of the coast, with their amazing rapidity of growth, have now reclaimed these constructs and are breaking them down to their original components; evidence of the great capacity of the earth to heal itself.

Each painting is partnered with a story, poem or narrative. I paint the images first, and then let it speak to me. These are stories of what might have been, what could be, and of the quiet voices which whisper the secrets of the forest.

*reach for the sky, hold on to the earth*



the pickup smelled of cigarettes and beer, but she loved the ride through the forest, the sun flickering through the trees, the dust billowing up behind in the summer heat.

in the slash, brambles and thistles grew around the bodies of the tree cluster, protecting the sapling within

**Suzan Marczak** was educated at Capilano College and Emily Carr University of Art & Design. She is based in Vancouver BC and has actively exhibited in regional group and solo exhibitions since 2000. Susan works in painting, clay and print media. This exhibition is her first public presentation of *Wildwood Stories*.

in the forest, the pathless forest  
there lived a tree, an ancient tree  
and on her back, she bore a daughter  
a wildwood daughter, proud and free

it was my first job  
reaching high, bending low  
just a gypso outfit  
They went to the back of the car.  
The trunk door was rusty and bent,  
no more'n ten men with bucksaws and axes.

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drip drip drippetty drop  
here it rains quite a lot  
and we splash our duds splash  
drip drip drippetty drop  
from the water we sip  
drip drip drippetty drop  
from the bottom to top  
from the stem to the tip  
from the root to the pip  
drip drip drippetty drip



## Wildwood Stories

JUNE 28 to AUGUST 9, 2014

Opening Reception: Friday, June 27

6pm make art project + water tasting + sugar cookies

7pm opening remarks



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