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Sally Tosti: Sights of Nature

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held in conjunction with *Prints by Janet Fish and William Wylie: The River's Edge*

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Sally Tosti's prints are rooted in the natural world. Her large linoleum cuts depict swamplands and dense forests in which the fallen trees, overgrown underbrush, and muddy streams are the result of natural occurrences. In her prints, Tosti captures these rhythms of natural cycles with minimum detail and sensuous flowing lines.

Tosti seeks to explore the common landscape. The source of her images are the often overlooked sites of nature: a stream along a dirt road, a clump of grass, a tangle of roots or an outcropping of rocks. She is also intrigued by the forces of nature such as the aftermath of a tornado, land erosion or fallen trees. To Tosti, these natural elements are metaphors for life. As Tosti explains, "The rhythms of nature and the seasons mirror the ebb and flow of life and renewal of the life cycle."

Sally Tosti received her M.F.A. from Marywood College, Scranton, PA and currently teaches printmaking at Keystone College. Her prints have been widely exhibited and can be found in several public collections. She has been the recipient of a Pennsylvania Council on the Arts grant and a F. Lamot Belin Arts Scholarship. Her involvement at The Print Center has been extensive including participation in the creation of 25x25, inclusion in Annual International Competitions and in the Print Center Gallery Store's inventory.

Founded in 1915, as The Print Club, The Print Center's mission is to support printmaking and photography as vital contemporary arts and to encourage the appreciation of the printed image in all its forms. The Print Center has featured the work of well-known artists such as Pablo Picasso, Edvard Munch, Ansel Adams and Art Spiegelman. Today, The Print Center holds approximately 11 exhibitions annually, residencies, mentoring opportunities for artists, and original artwork for sale in the Print Center Gallery Store. Membership numbers over 2,000.

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