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Wilmington, Del. (January 24, 2018) – *What the Water Said...Flowers, Places & Faces* will be on view in the Mezzanine Gallery from February 2-23, 2018. A free opening reception to meet the artist will be held on Friday, February 2 from 5-7 p.m.

Phibbs received a [2017 Delaware Division of the Arts Established Fellowship in Works on Paper](#). This exhibition features floral, facial, and landscape subjects. Many of the flowers in his paintings are from his Ardentown yard alongside Naamans Creek.

Phibbs, who retired from a career in art preservation, draws on his understanding of materials as well as an appreciation of the masters of watercolor. He uses the dispersive properties of water and pigment to create space in the floral and landscape images, and to explore the drama that this space can impart. Phibbs credits the Fellowship for the confidence and freedom to return to painting imagined faces.

Learn more about Phibbs with our YouTube [Meet the Artist](#) video series.

The Mezzanine Gallery, open weekdays from 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., is located in the Carvel State Office Building, 820 N. French Street, Wilmington.

Image: Holland Days, 2016, watercolor on paper, 18" x 24"

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