

Hillary Serota Needle

2021 Annual Members Showcase
June 4th - June 26th, 2021

Title of Image **Cold Spring Harbor**

Dimensions of Image **24x30x1.5**

Medium of Image **oil on canvas**

Price of Image **\$1,800**

Artist Statement **As a self-taught emerging artist, my work in oils is reflective of architecture, flora, landscape and street scenes that I've photographed in my travels, especially during a trip to Ireland, however the beauty of Long Island offers unsurpassed opportunities to create. The serenity of the East End, whether it's on one of the undulating sea shores or in a bright lavender field, brings me to the canvas. Butterflies and birds take sanctuary in my own backyard and it's a delight to capture a moment of stillness amidst the frenetic flapping of wings.**

Drawing inspiration and direction from my photographs, I trained myself to "see what I'm looking at." By breaking down an image into shadows, light, movement, and color, I discovered the ability to breathe life into something of one dimension. I especially enjoy isolating an up-close perspective on flowers, whose patterns and complexities continue to amaze and delight – nature's formula for the creation of something unique, imperfect and random.

With no formal training, other than an extensive undergraduate art history education at Hofstra University, I began painting in late 2017 upon receiving a gift of an easel and art supplies from my father, who paints as well. He knew I had it in me and now it was my turn to create.