

Fellow art lover,,

Ever see a painting that included unusual textures and objects (rope, a child's math homework, dried flowers, hex nuts) and wonder why? Why on earth did the artist use that stuff?

For example, why would an artist (in this case me) put silicon wafers and silica sand in an oil painting?



'Flourishing'

Oil paints, acrylic paints, silica sand, and silicon wafers
Painting by Holly Van Hart

ART EXHIBITS

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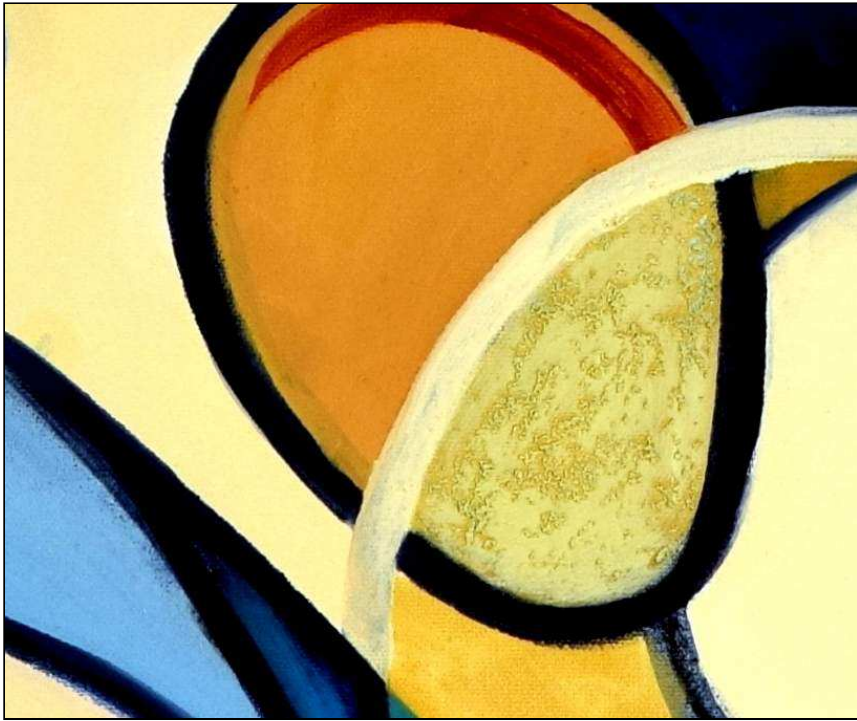
- [Silicon Valley
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16 and 17](#)

Going on now . . .

- [Solo Exhibition at
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Thanks very much
to everyone who
came to my solo
exhibition at the
Triton Museum of
Art. I was honored
by your interest!

If you weren't able
to make it, no
worryes, you can
see the exhibit in
this [free museum e-
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28 pages of color
images, and essays
from two noted art
writers. Enjoy!
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'Flourishing' (detail, showing sand in the oil paint)



'Flourishing' (detail, showing silicon wafers embedded in paints)

Great question. Silicon wafers and silica sand were chosen for 'Flourishing' for their meaning, and for their visual interest.

Silicon wafers and silica sand represent full-tilt, no-holds-barred, human creativity - creativity in its most universal sense, and also as related to the technology innovation happening in Silicon Valley.

These textures also represent the 'former' me - who enjoyed 20 years in high tech - and the 'current me' - who loves living and working as a full-time artist in Silicon Valley.

[To see more paintings and textures in this abstract 'Alive with Possibilities' series, click here.](#)

[To see a different sort of texture, as used in my 'Possibilities Abound' series, click here.](#)

Thanks so much for your interest and support :-)

Til next time!

Holly

['Flourishing'](#)

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