

# WOODWARD GALLERY

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**Mark Mastroianni**

**Paper Petal Leaf Metal**

Solo Exhibition

at **Mohawk Valley Center for the Arts**

**410 Canal Place, Little Falls, NY 13365**

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## **Artist Statement:**

The works presented here represent a specific aspect of my creative process. Over the years, I have accumulated a diverse collection of materials, with some remnants from past projects, others scavenged or found in nature. As a painter who primarily works on canvas, I often feel the need to step beyond traditional materials and techniques to explore and experiment with these aged, worked, and patinated scraps, as well as the gilded sheets I have gathered.

I allow the unique qualities of these materials to guide me through an unpredictable and impulsive process. I begin each piece without a set expectation or theme, much like how an improvisational jazz musician starts a tune. First, there are a few spontaneous gestures or marks; then, each move informs the next, creating an organic flow. Gradually, a structure, rhythm, or image begins to emerge— something that resonates with me. From there, I look for a visual framework that unites all the elements.

Once this foundation is in place, my approach becomes more deliberate and calculated. At this stage, the title of the piece begins to take shape, offering a clue to the viewer about my perspective on the work as a whole.

- Mark Mastroianni, 6/21/25

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