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Annie Kammerer Butrus

A landscape artist celebrates Alabama's seasons with a mission

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What drives your art? My artwork documents the changes in landscapes and the emotions evoked in response to that change. For instance, I worked in the peach orchards of Chilton County to depict how the land was affected by weather and urban growth.

Do you have a favorite season? Springtime. I love color and its emotional power. I like painting the shapes of blossoms and branches, the air and water, foliage, fauna and flora.

What's one of your proudest achievements? My artwork in the emergency room waiting area at Children's of Alabama. It gives me personal pride and satisfaction, because as a parent of four young children, I've had to stay in various waiting rooms at this hospital. I like to think the art is calming and brings a sense of peace to others.

What are you working on now? A series tentatively titled *Sublime*, with inspiration from Jasmine Hill Gardens near Montgomery. I'm interested in portraying different types of gardens throughout the state to reflect our ecological diversity. **AJ**

Learn more about the artist at akbutrus.com.

