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Tranquility

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Medium: Watercolor

Artist Statement

This piece of artwork that I created was of a photo I took a while back in Spokane that I just fell in love with, so I decided to create it on paper. I used a variety of colors when making the sunset in my artwork, along with the flowers. I used contrasting colors to exemplify the background from the foreground and to really make the flowers pop out and seem closer to the viewer. To make this art I used watercolor pencils and normal colored pencils for the finer lines and detail. When creating this piece, I knew I wanted to use watercolor to create a landscape with bright colors, so I found a photograph that I took that I loved and started from there. I drew everything out in lead pencil, then watercolor pencil, and then painted water over the top and finished it with colored pencil on fine lines and details. With this painting, I am trying to give an aesthetic and calming mood for when people view my art to when they look at it, their eyes just flow through the painting. The reasoning for choosing this picture of this specific sunset to paint was because this is a place I like to go to Spokane to just sit and feel calm and a sense of tranquility. My end goal for my artwork was to finish a strong piece that was calming to the viewers and easy to look at and understand. I created unity and movement throughout my finished piece. Something I could possibly do to improve my work would be to add more simple detail with colored pencil after I was done water coloring, but then it wouldn't have the same simple and non-harsh lines look that I was going for, it would have sharper and more geometric lines.

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