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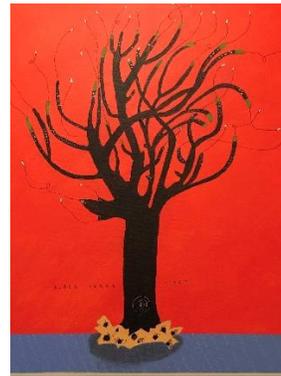
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The BankRI Galleries present:

BankRI Turks Head Gallery: "Paintings by Christian Drury" January 6 through March 2, 2022 at One Turks Head Place in downtown Providence. Exhibit hours are Monday through Thursday 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. and Friday 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. The branch is closed on weekends. For more information, call 401-456-5152 or check <http://www.facebook.com/BankRhodelsland>.



MEET THE ARTIST – CHRISTIAN DRURY

In her second floor studio, Providence artist Christian Drury sits at her desk and looks out onto the tree tops. A former design director for both the LA Times and the Wall Street Journal, Drury left it all behind when she was in her fifties to concentrate on a career as a fine artist.

Drury had a proper start living and going to school in New York City at the Spence School for girls. Then Drury was off to London to attend a progressive school that mixed children from all different economic and cultural backgrounds. It was quite a shock for the young woman, but she liked the challenge and stayed in London after graduation to attend St. John's Wood School of Art. Later she transferred to SUNY in NYC to continue her education in the arts.

Throughout her cross-continent education, Drury spent her summers in Jamestown, Rhode Island. When she decided to leave her design career behind, Drury settled in a rental in Jamestown and isolated herself in her studio to develop a body of work that felt good to her. "I worked really, really hard for six years," Drury says, "And then I started showing."

Drury's paintings are playful explorations of color, pattern and shape in nature. Flattened and abstract forms combine to create whimsical interpretations of trees, leaves and water. These are paintings that both make the viewer smile and think.

An award-winning designer who once worked in the challenging climate of print media, Drury is used to working at a fast pace. She is more laid back and contemplative as a fine artist. “I’m in a very, very happy part of my life right now,” Drury says, “And somehow my paintings are reflecting that.”

More of Christian Drury’s artwork can be viewed on Instagram at [christiandrury3315](#).

The BankRI Galleries are curated by Paula Martiesian, a Providence-based artist and arts advocate.

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