

Susan Hobbs

Robert Wiens

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Robert Wiens: *Butternut*, 2008 (detail), watercolour on paper, variable dimensions

Known for his large-scale, meticulously rendered watercolour paintings of tree trunks and limbs, Wiens here turns our attention to a butternut tree, and also extends his *White Pine* series.

Planned for the main floor gallery, *Butternut* is an extended compilation watercolour on paper of a butternut tree; laid out in step-by-step fashion, it is an attempt to construct a drawing of the trunk and all of the branches of a single tree. The process involves photographing individual limbs from a scaffold, using the photographs as visual aids in the production of this multi-paneled work. Also included will be five new watercolours from the ongoing series, *White Pine*, which originated in 1996. This continuing series forms a chronicle of some of the last remaining old growth forest Red and White pine trees.

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