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Design, Interactive, Illustration , Media, and
Photography Portfolio

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CLIENT: Oregon Ridge Nature Center

DESCRIPTION:
Bird identification book for a bird feeding exhibit at Oregon Ridge Nature Center. Book has large pages framed with a gray cloth binding. The layout includes all original photography and illustration

PROCESSES:
Photography
Design
Illustration

Birding in the Backyard





Northern Cardinal



Fun Facts

Unlike many songbirds, both male and female Cardinals sing, and the female often sings from her nest. They are given the name Cardinal because the bright red color of the male is very similar to the vestments worn by Catholic Cardinals.

HABITAT: Woodland Edges, Streamside Thickets, Backyards

FOOD: Insects, Seeds, Leaf Buds, Fruits & Berries



American Goldfinch



Fun Facts

Goldfinches nest late in the summer using thistle chaff to line the nest and the thistle seeds to feed the young. The nest is often woven so tightly that it can hold water.

HABITAT: Weedy Fields, Open Woodlands

FOOD: Seeds








Carolina Chickadee

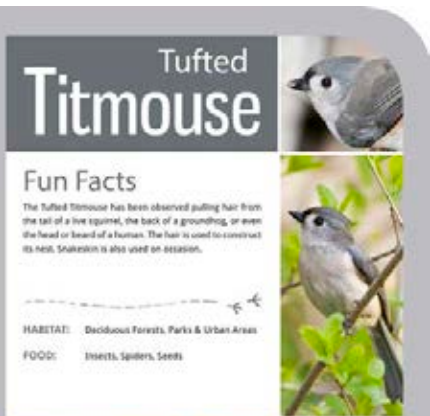
Fun Facts

The Carolina Chickadee is able to lower its body temperature to induce a state of hypothermia for up to fifteen hours at a time. It does this to conserve energy during extremely cold winters.

HABITAT: Woodland Edges, Clearings, Parks, Backyards

FOOD: Seeds, Insects & Spiders, Fruit, Sun





Tufted Titmouse

Fun Facts

The Tufted Titmouse has been observed pulling hair from the tail of a live squirrel, the back of a groundhog, or even the head or beard of a human. The hair is used to construct its nest. Stitches is also used on occasion.

HABITAT: Deciduous Forests, Parks & Urban Areas

FOOD: Insects, Spiders, Seeds





Blue Jay

Fun Facts

The Blue Jay stores acorns in the ground for winter. This bird is accredited with spreading the oak forest after the last glacial period. The Blue Jay's forgotten acorns eventually grow into oak trees.

The Blue Jay will mimic the Red-shouldered Hawk to warn other birds that a hawk is nearby.

HABITAT: Fragmented Woodlands, Backyards, Parks

FOOD: Insects, Nuts & Seeds, Berries





White-throated Sparrow

Fun Facts

White-throated Sparrows typically sing in the morning at the edge of open areas, while other sparrows typically choose higher perches. The White-throated Sparrow's song is a clear whistled, "Yo, Kindly, Kindly, Kindly," heard at Oregon Ridge during the winter when they migrate into Maryland.

HABITAT: Dense Brush (winter), Northern Forests (summer)

FOOD: Insects, Seeds, Various Invertebrates

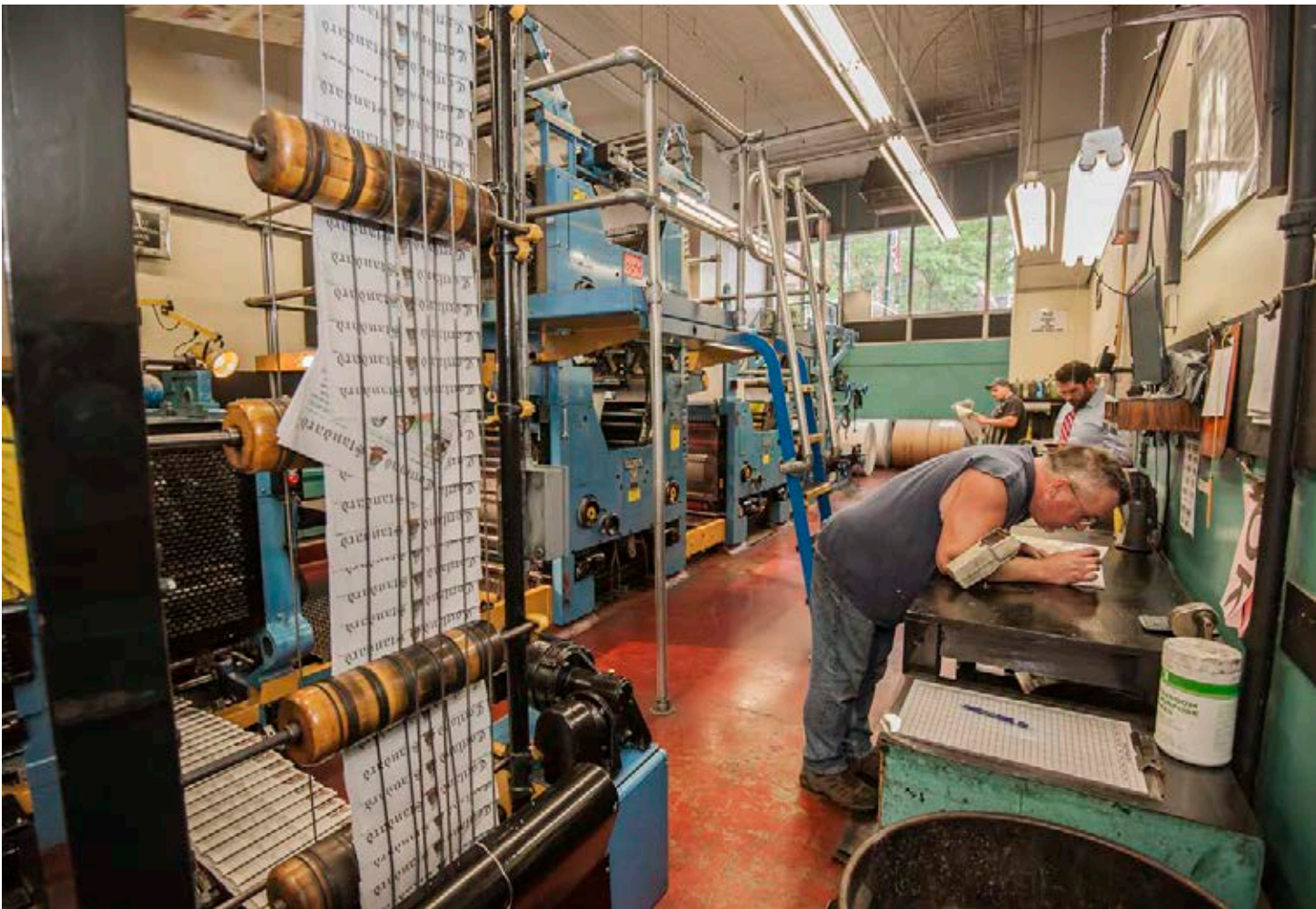


CLIENT: **The City of Cortland**

DESCRIPTION: Photographs for The City of Cortland's 10 million dollage winning Downtown Revitalization Initiative grant application.

PROCESSES: **Photography**

PUBLICATION: **Building Up Cortland Video & published grant**



SERIES: **Relief Print & Scratchboard**

DESCRIPTION: Original Relief print and scratchboard illustration.



PROJECT: **Mixed Media Animation**

DESCRIPTION: Images created for
animation oddbirdcreative.com and prints.

PROCESSES:
Drawing
Digital Painting
Animation



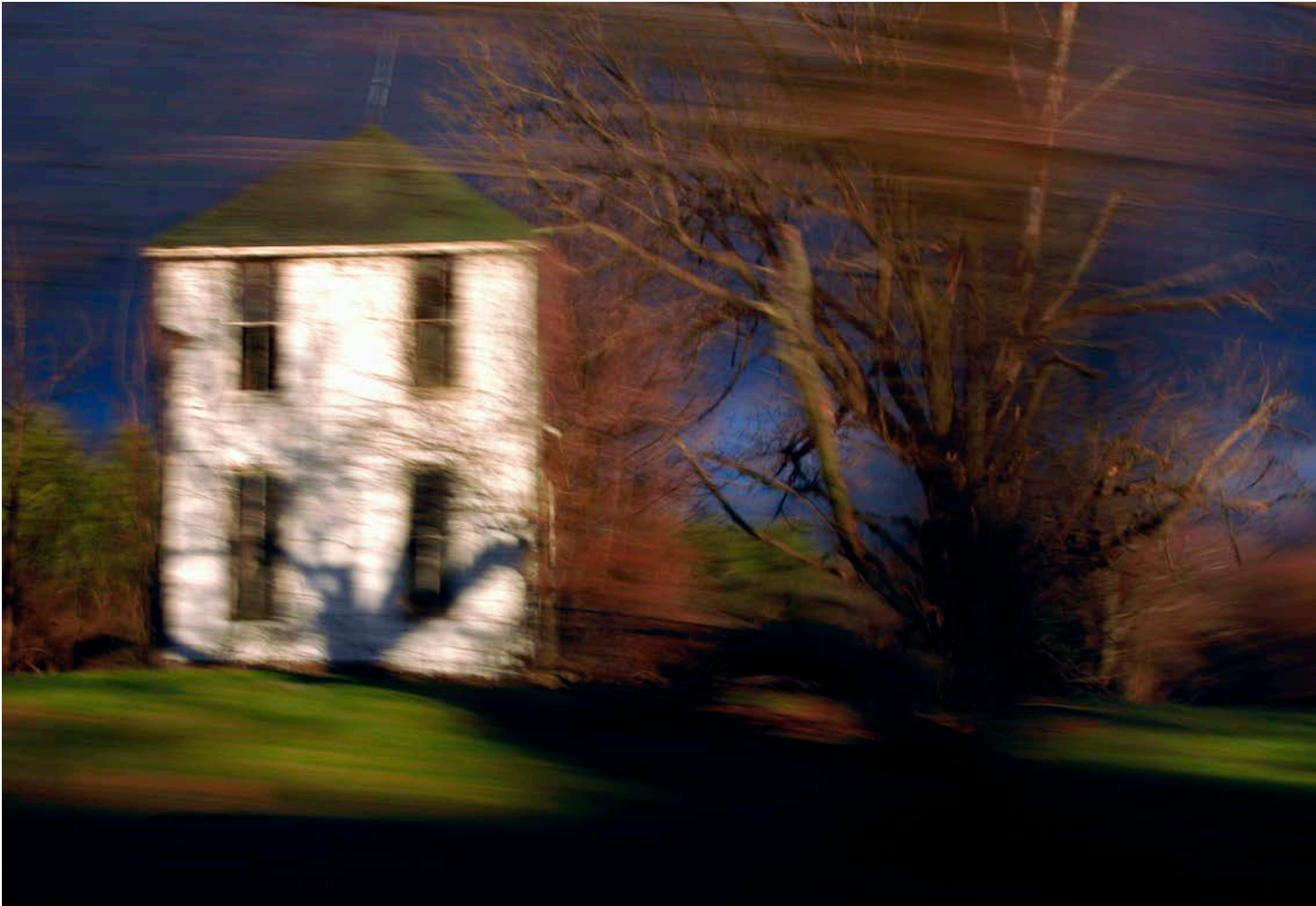
SERIES: **Driving Through**

DESCRIPTION: Driving Through photographic series recognized at The Biggs Museum of Delaware for Best in Show at the Biggs Shot Exhibit. Photographic series depicting change and transition.

PROCESSES: **Photography**

PUBLICATION: **Camera Arts Magazine**

AWARDS: **Biggs Museum Best in Show**



SERIES: **Freak Show**

DESCRIPTION: Photographic illustration series based on themes from the traveling Freak Shows.

PROCESSES:
Photography
Studio Lighting
Photographic Illustration



SERIES: **Bird Photography**

DESCRIPTION: Bird Portraits, songbirds and action photography published in BirdsEye mobile app.

PROCESSES: **Photography**

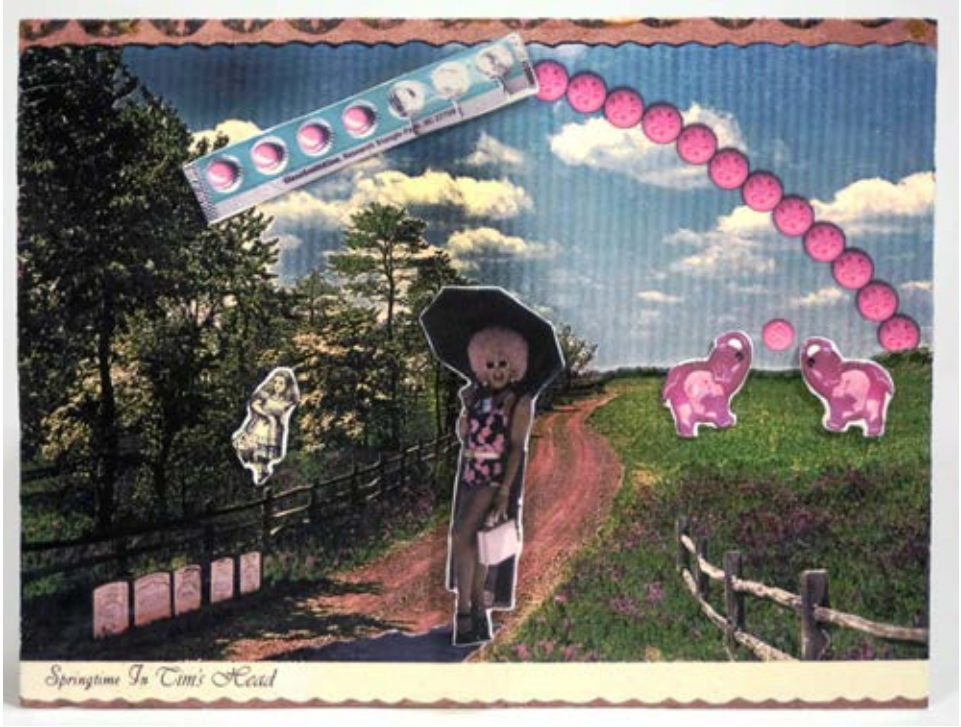
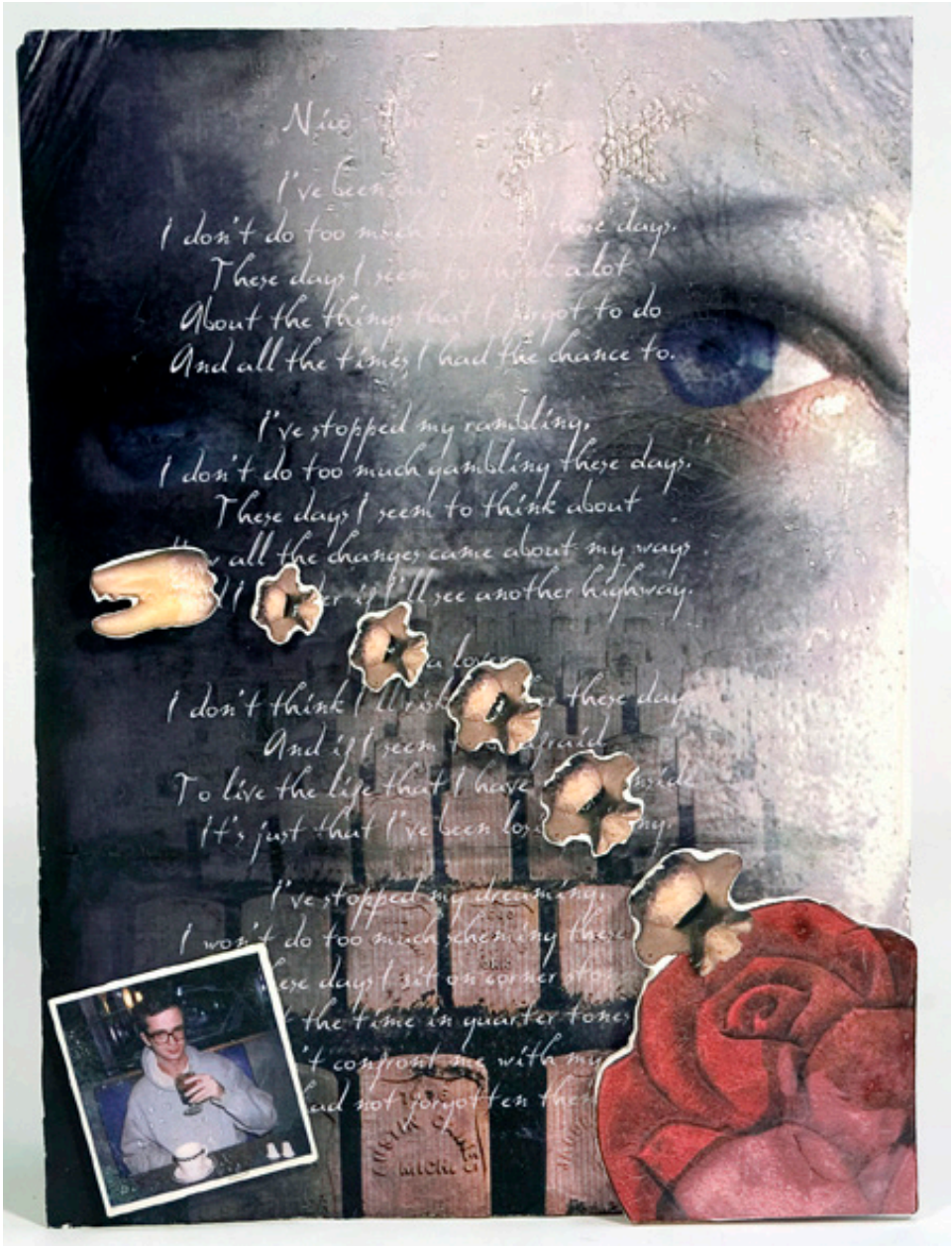


SERIES: **Metamorphosis**

DESCRIPTION: Metamorphosis mixed media series of images transferred onto sculpted ceramic slabs. The series is made of narrative collages about defining events in my life.

PROCESSES:
Sculpted Porcelain Slabs
Lazertran Transfer Technique
Scanned Objects

PUBLISHED: *Image Transfer on Clay: Screen, Relief, Decal and Monoprint Techniques* by Paul Andrew Wandless



CLIENT: **Graphic Authority**

DESCRIPTION:

Concept, backgrounds, edges, overlays, custom brushes, vector and raster ornaments, web lightbox layouts, and product description for a template package for photographers. Mixed media printmaking, drawing and photography were used to create the digital elements.

PROCESSES:

- DSLR photography**
- Hand drawn images converted to vector ornaments**
- Light sensitive contact printing**
- Image manipulation**
- Painting**
- Relief & monoprinting**
- Scanning**



SERIES: **Dreams**

DESCRIPTION: Dream portrait series about elements from dreams and nightmares.

CREATED: **Photography**



SERIES: **Earthling**

DESCRIPTION: Illustrations created for a proposal to Vertigo (DC Comics) for a science fiction graphic novel entitled Earthling by Kurt Geltz.

PROCESSES:
Photography
Lighting
Photographic Illustration
Digital Painting



SERIES: **Abstracts**

DESCRIPTION: Illustrations created using my bird photography and image manipulation.

PROCESSES:
Photography
Photographic Illustration
Digital Painting

