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Karen Silve in her Portland studio - *Flowers of Hope*, Acrylic on canvas, 48 x 120 inches - photo by Lloyd Kimeldorf ©

Rejuvenation— My Bouquet

Opens May 21st 2021: 11am - 6pm

Private Viewings Also Available by Appointment
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Rejuvenations: My Bouquet is Karen Silve's sixth solo exhibition at CFAC, will open May 21st and be available for in-person and virtual viewing. Opening day, we will have extended hours from 11am - 6pm. We are also offering private viewings by appointment, just email gallery@callowayart.com to schedule a time.

Inspired by Karen's own tumultuous journey with cancer, recovery, and isolation - flowers, delivered in a continuous flow by friends and loved ones, became a symbol of hope and rejuvenation during the unforeseen year that was 2020. "I loved watching these expressive faces of the flowers as they opened up, then finally drooping, the petals drifted down to the floor like colored ashes. Ironically, another bouquet of flowers appeared on my front porch every time a few flowers in my bouquet died. It gave me a sense of hope, rebirth and renewal. It was so relevant." That such beauty could emerge from a year so terrible on both the micro and macro levels is astonishing.

"Eventually she began painting this bouquet éternel in luscious opulent acrylics on canvas—not literal depictions but composites of visions, memories, photographs, sensations, inhalations of revivifying fragrances borne on air and rising spirits: hydrangea, peonies, poppies, roses, and a dozen-dozen more, rendered in effulgent gestures that never spilt over into surfeit or indulgence, never overworked, but looser, freer, minimalist, luxuriant but also raw. The images are poetic, lyrical, narrative, rhythmic with brushstrokes broad and discreet—elegiac like the richness of life itself as it careens from peak to trough and back again." (Richard Speer, Karen Silve at the Confluence of Courage and Hope, 2021)

Gallery is open Tuesday through Saturday from 11am - 5pm

