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**Uncommon Art presents: “Trees I have known and a few shrubs.”**

Trees evoke memories – like the tree you climbed as a kid. As landmarks to remember where you’re going ... or where you’ve been. Trees that are planted in honor or memory. The artists of Uncommon Art salute their favorite trees and the stories that go along with them with a new collection of work, “Trees I have known and a few shrubs.” The show opens Friday, October 21 with reception from 5-8pm and runs through November 12.

Karen Koch, Dana Giel-Ray and Shannon Casey have collaborated to create mixed-media art, jewelry, paintings and drawings that shine a light on trees that are key in their lives: as landmarks, memories, and testament to the beauty of the earth. The show is a nod to the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the national parks and expresses joy in the natural world.

“Roots and Roads,” a large mixed media piece by Karen Koch explores the idea that we need to know our roots and stay grounded as we evolve. From little things come big ideas ... and big trees. Dana Giel-Ray created a copper acorn necklace using tiny links of chain maille. “Guardian,” by Shannon Casey depicts the majestic 300-year old Indian signal tree in Akron’s Cascade Valley Park.

Uncommon Art, at 178 ½ N. Main St., Hudson (above Hudson Oriental Rugs), is open daily Tuesday – Friday, 10am – 5pm and Saturday, 10am-6pm. It is home to the gallery and studios of Life Needs Art with Karen Koch, Bellabor Art Jewelry with Dana Giel-Ray and Shannon Casey Studio. Uncommon Art offers classes and workshops in a variety of mediums. To learn more, visit [uncommonarthudson.com](http://uncommonarthudson.com) or [facebook.com/uncommonarthudson](https://www.facebook.com/uncommonarthudson).