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## "...in common"

**Artist:** Carla Benjamin

**Art Exhibit Dates:** October 7- November 8, 2014 (This exhibit closes on the evening of our Fall Fire Festival.)

**Opening Reception:** Tuesday, October 7 5:00-7:00pm



### Artist Statement:

In studying life forms common to Missouri and my home state of Minnesota, I am provided with a marvelous way to feel connected to you through the Mississippi River, nature and art.

For this exhibit, I researched the size of the Mississippi River basin (it is immense, draining from 38 states), several plants indigenous to the river regions and the ever changing nature of the watersheds and the river channel.

Catching the warmth of autumn's color before the onset of winter, Parthenocissus Triptych is created specifically for this exhibit.

Ever attracted to and inspired by leaf shapes and growth patterns, I find perpetual pleasure in discovering nature's layered nuances.

It is with great delight that I share these artworks with you.

Many thanks to The Green Center for hosting this exhibition.

Enjoy the show!



### Artist Biography:

b.1955

Minnesota native Carla M Benjamin attended Burleighfield House Bucks, England in 1975 studying under noted artist Patrick Reyntiens.

Graduating from the University of Minnesota in 1979, Carla has attended numerous classes in botanical drawing and monoprint as well as art book construction and fabric dyeing.

Ms. Benjamin is a passionate artist and a lifelong naturalist. Influenced by designs and patterns found in the out of doors and by the emotions experienced there, Carla creates art in many forms including stained glass, botanical illustration, mixed media sculptures, monoprint, encaustic and acrylic works.

Her art is in the National Archives in Washington, DC and in numerous private collections.