

## Yelena Klairmont Featured Artist at Gallery 60035

Highland Park's new Gallery 60035 features local artist Yelena Klairmont, whose intricately examined, large landscapes represent the great love of nature she first found in the Russian forests of her childhood.

The gallery's opening reception on Sun., July 10:1-5 pm, will be the culmination of City Gallery, Highland Park's 4-day, citywide art party. There will be food from Once Upon a Bagel and Viccino's and live music.



**Prairie Grass; Portage Woods, Oil on Canvas**

Klairmont paints landscapes which manifest the immediacy of nature's variety in a perspective which is close and intimate. "I love to look at things very carefully," says Klairmont, "because every blade of grass is of surpassing

value. Every detail reminds us of the unimaginable treasure of the whole" No thing is too small for the passion of her gaze.

Klairmont is especially interested in the ecology of our local landscape. Her tireless gaze sees ravine, river, lake, the foliage and flowers of the Midwest with an almost unnerving clarity. Klairmont's work has special, historical value for Highland Park. In "Jensen's Bridge" this same, blazing attention is turned to another favorite subject: the turn-of-the century gardens designed by Highland Park environmentalist Jen Jensen, whose enlightened approach to garden planning was 100 years before his time. For that reason, her three major paintings are displayed at the Highland Park Public Library.

"I hope my paintings will widen your eyes to the wonder that is all around us", says Klairmont. "Because everywhere you look, you are blessed."

*Work by Yelena Klairmont can also be seen at the State of Illinois Artisan Gallery, Chicago; and at [www.yelenaklairmont.com](http://www.yelenaklairmont.com). Gallery 60035 is located at 1946 First Ave, Highland Park*