

*We do not want merely  
to see beauty...*

*We want something else  
which can hardly be  
put into words—  
to be united  
with the beauty  
that we see,  
to pass into it,  
to receive it  
into ourselves.*

— C. S. Lewis

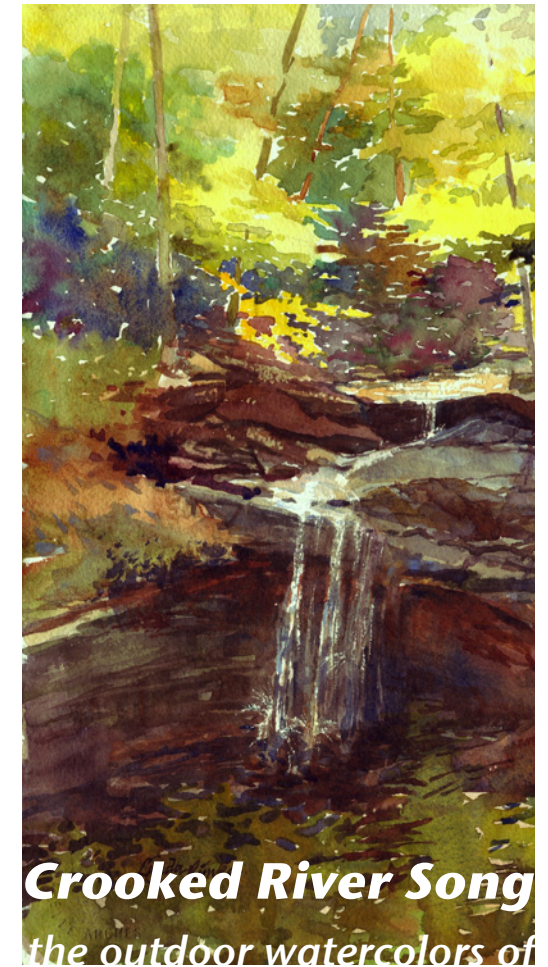


*“As it cascades through Cuyahoga Falls, the Cuyahoga River falls over 200 feet in less than two miles. This stunning geology exceeds the drop at Niagra Falls.”*

—Friends of the Crooked River

*“Were we to find a way to remove the dam and restore nature in the Gorge, this stretch of the Cuyahoga River Valley would become one of the region’s most unique assets...”*

—John Debo, Superintendant of the Cuyahoga Valley National Park



**Crooked River Song**  
the outdoor watercolors of

*Lynda  
Rinke*

*He cuts out rivers  
among the rocks;  
and His eye sees  
every precious thing.  
—Job 28:10*

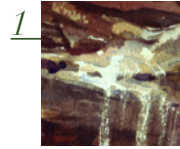
My first home was near a hidden waterfall on Mud Brook, a tributary of the Cuyahoga or “Crooked” River. Somehow, the sound of that waterfall got into my bones.

I have grown up hiking Crooked River trails and crossing Cuyahoga Bridges. All my life, the river’s gorges and cascades have fascinated me and satisfied my thirsty soul.

A dying wish is that the river will become entirely wild, with no dams hindering it’s natural falls. This includes the restoration of the Highbridge Glens Park, which is partially under the dam pool of the 1913 dam that is a part of Gorge Metropark, and the restoration of Coppacaw, the Great Falls the dam partially destroyed, for which the town of Cuyahoga Falls was named.

To this end, a tenth of the proceeds from the sale of any Crooked River painting or print will be donated to the non-profit Cuyahoga River Remedial Action Plan [cuyahogariverrap.org](http://cuyahogariverrap.org) for the restoration of Coppacaw.

*Linda Rinke*



**1 Blue Hen Falls** 15 x 11” September 2007  
*Painted just as the leaves were turning gold in the Cuyahoga Valley National Park.*  
\$650



**2 The Beaver Marsh** 11 x 15” August 2008  
*Painted from the boardwalk that crosses the marsh next to the Cuyahoga River in the Cuyahoga National Park.*  
\$350



**3 Yellow Creek Revisited** 5 x 4” July 2005  
*Painted from the same spot I had painted while in college, off the Deer Run trail in O’Neil Woods Metropark.*  
Collection of the artist



**4 Entwined** 7 x 11” July 2009  
*Painted off the Adam Run trail in Hampton Hills Metropark.*  
Collection of MK



**5 The Little Cuyahoga** 11 x 15” October 2006  
*Painted off the CVNP towpath trailhead off Memorial Parkway. This play of light catches my eye every time I drive over the bridge.*  
Collection of the artist



**6 From the Overlook** 11 x 9” September 2005  
*As seen from the Overlook Deck off Sackett Blvd., Cascade Valley South Metropark*  
\$180



**7 Power Grab** 11 x 15” June 2008  
*My preliminary painting for Coppacaw, painted from the same vantage point in the Gorge Metropark.*  
\$450



**8 Coppacaw, the Big Falls** 15 x 22” June 2008  
*This depiction of the Big Falls was painted from my photos superimposed on photos taken before the falls were destroyed by the 1913 Ohio Edison dam in Gorge Metropark (see back).*  
\$650



**9 Newly Free** 11 x 15” August 2009  
*Painted under the Rt 59 bridge in Franklin Mills Riveredge Park in Kent.*  
\$250



**10 Reflections** 11 x 15” July 2006  
*Painted in Towner’s Woods*  
Collection of ES

