

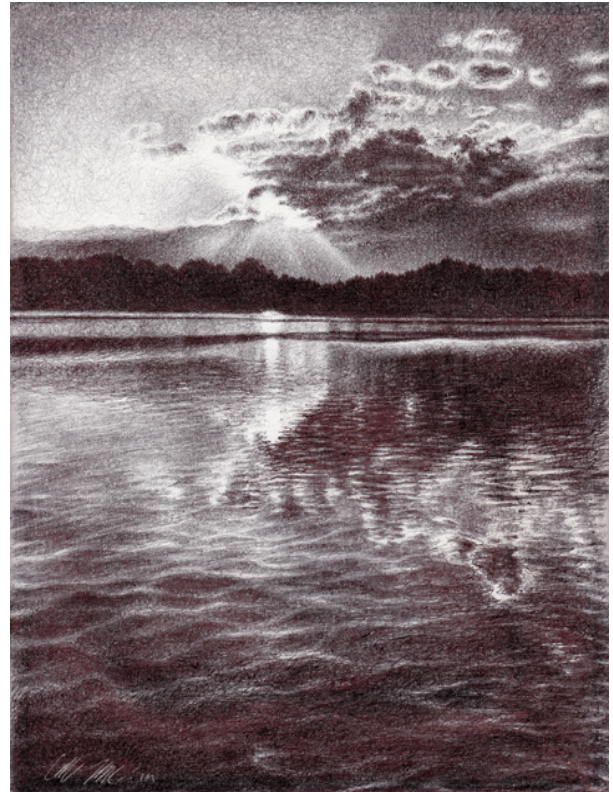
Colleen Blackard Summer Solo Show Opening:

Thursday July 10th, 2014
6pm-9pm

GP's Hamilton Park, located in Jersey City, is proud to host a landmark Solo Show featuring the work of artist **Colleen Blackard**.

A graduate of Hampshire College, MA, Colleen's drawings have been shown around the world in London, Moscow, Tokyo, New York City, and more. Her work has been featured in such venues as Fountain Art Fair, Rush Arts Gallery, Contrast Art Show, Family Business Gallery, and Times Square. Her drawings are in Pierogi Gallery's Flat Files in NYC, and she is represented by ISSO Gallery in Japan.

As Brooklyn's premier "circulism" artist (known in Japan as "kuru-kuru"), Colleen Blackard's luminous landscapes are captivatingly detailed yet maintain an Impressionist style. She builds up masses of ballpoint pen circles to create patterns of obfuscating shadows and defining lights that confuse and clarify the subject. She chooses this time-consuming yet meditative process as a way to describe the beauty of existence by giving life to every detail.



Colleen Blackard's artwork was featured in "The Edge of Un-Pretty" at Maxwell's, the recently shut down iconic rock-bar. The popularity and worldwide response to Blackard's work has led her to return to New Jersey to share her work with the community that supported her artistic career from her start. Her upcoming solo show at GP's will unveil her most recent works, including her foray into the medium of marker.

The July 10th Solo Show will feature nearly 20 original works, ranging from drawings on paper to her new marker drawings on canvas. The show will also showcase exquisite prints of her drawings that will bring light and beauty into your home. The artist will be at the opening at GP's on Thursday, July 10, 2014 to meet with collectors and talk about the background and influences of her work. A preview of the originals featured at GP's can be seen on Colleen Blackard's website.

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