

## UPCOMING SHOW

*Up to 20 works on show*

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Jack Meier Gallery

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## STEVE PARKER

# Hidden beauty in the bayou

Steve Parker believes that when it comes to painting landscapes, sometimes prettiness can become a distraction. This philosophy is reflected in his painting at his upcoming show at Jack Meier Gallery, where he has focused on capturing the swamps and “chocolate milk” water bayous surrounding his home in Houston, Texas.

“I kind of stayed with something

that I have in my blood,” says Parker. “I’ve been to Taos and Colorado and it’s just too pretty for me. The situation in East Texas is that we have big trees, hundred year old pines, and instead of posing them with sparkling, rushing water, we have brown water ponds covered with lilies.”

Parker finds something in this type of setting that continues to move him

and hold his attention, even after a lifetime of painting the area.

“It is really out of this world, the luminosity of brown water and it speaks to you because you’ve never seen it in a painting before,” says Parker. “When you sit there and just watch the light change, it really takes you into other worlds. Painting becomes a matter of transporting viewers of my paintings to a

CRAB RIVER LILIES, OIL ON CANVAS, 30 X 40"

