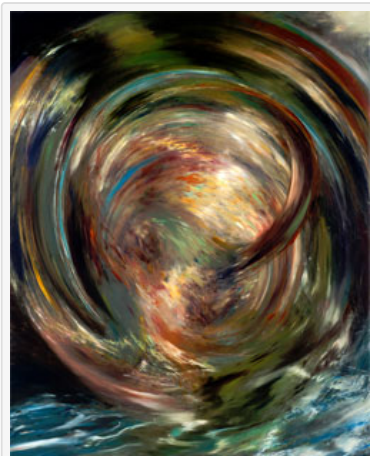


## painter adam wolpert chases storms through a landscape of dreams



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'Premonitions: Paintings by Adam Wolpert' exhibit runs through May 22 at the Quicksilver Mine Co. in Forestville. Photo courtesy of www.adamwolpert.com.

If you gaze long enough at the paintings of West County artist Adam Wolpert, you may find yourself experiencing a kind of visual vertigo, plummeting forward into the endless spirals of Wolpert's lovely, semi-meteorological, supremely celestial visions.

Doing for the unconscious landscape of dreams what the Hubble Space Telescope has done for the farthest reaches of the universe, Wolpert's luxuriant oil paintings manage to be both abstract and photographic, depicting cloud-like swirls, vapors, vortexes, tempests, wisps, and spirals that seem to glow with a light from deep within the canvas.

In the new exhibition, "Premonitions: Paintings by Adam Wolpert," running through May 22 at the Quicksilver Mine Co. (www.quicksilvermineco.com), the artist's unique visions can be experienced up close and personal, always the best way to enjoy Wolpert's large works.

Stretching up to five feet tall, the paintings could simultaneously inspire a scientist's rational mind and touch a mystic's soul, appealing to viewers on several levels at once, capturing the imagination while boggling one's brain with

their technical mastery.

Through Wolpert's career (www.adamwolpert.com), the artist has always been viscerally engaged by nature, pushing the limits of his art in search of visual language with which to describe his emotional responses to the world.

His best work, like that on display in the "Premonitions" series, breaks the boundaries of earthly representation, projecting a spectrum of natural details onto eerie dreamscapes that are both intensely personal, and — in this case quite literally — universal.

The Quicksilver Mine Co. is located at 6671 Front St. in downtown Forestville. The gallery is open from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m., Thursday through Monday.

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