



Venetian Canals of Winter Park: The Art of Don Sondag

Love of the city's water and nature inspired a local artist's works in this Albin Polasek Museum & Sculpture Gardens show.

Explore the history of Winter Park and why it was called the "Venice of North America" through an exploration of archival images, documents and vintage memorabilia, all set off by the exquisite paintings of acclaimed local artist Don Sondag, who has spent his career documenting the beauty of these unique water features.

Sondag's love of the water and nature developed during his childhood days growing up on the Winter Park Chain of Lakes. Using a variety of brushes and

palette knives *en plein-air*, on location and in his studio from sketches and photographs, his oil paintings transform from a rich impressionistic tapestry of color and brushwork into photorealistic images. As you gradually view the works from near to far, viewers can feel as though they have become a part of the scene.

The majority of the historic and archival objects and ephemera on display are on loan from the collections of a Polasek Museum community partner, Winter Park History Museum. [OAM](#)



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CLOCKWISE FROM TOP LEFT:
*Banana Leaves on Fern Canal, Lake
Maitland Boathouse, Dog Island
Tree Swing and Red Sweep Boat on
Lake Maitland*

FACING PAGE:
Rollins Boat House on Lake Virginia