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Canton, MA—Massasoit Community College, Akillian Gallery, 900 Randolph St. Canton, MA 02021 . "Intense Inspirations", an exhibition by Brockton artist Lafayette Hayes will be on view from Feb. 6 – 28, 2007. To celebrate Black History Month, 19 works in mixed media will be on display. Public invited to meet the artist at the opening reception Feb. 6th, 5-7pm. Light refreshments will be served.

Gallery Hours: Tues.-Fri.10:00-2:00pm, or by Appt. Please call 781-821-2222x 2124.
Hours may be restricted by unforeseen campus activities held in the gallery.
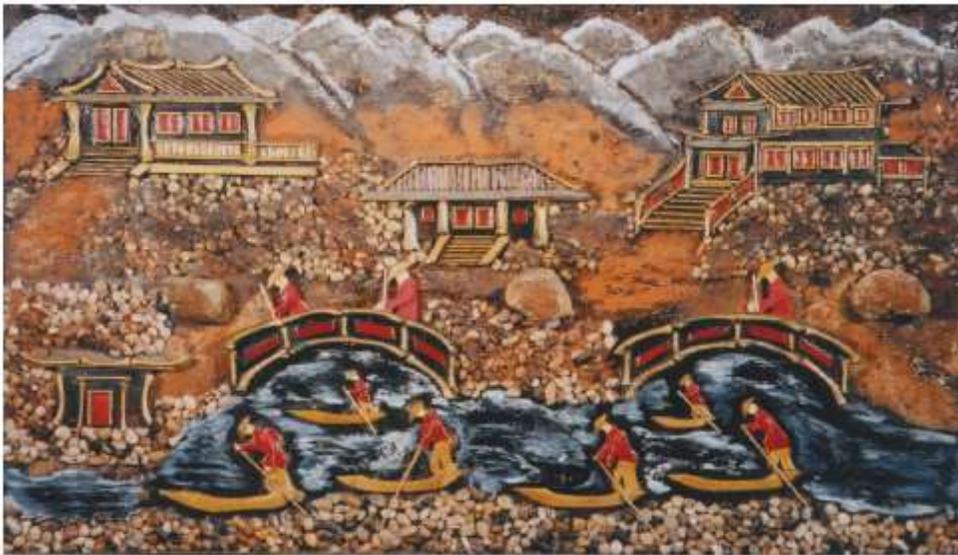
The Orient - 45"x28" - Mixed Media - 2004

Sawdust, plywood, cigarette filters, cigarette ashes, toothpics, chicken bones, match sticks, rocks, paprika, pine wood, parsley flakes, leftover building materials, found objects, and paint.

Lafayette Hayes was born in Atlanta in 1941, and moved to Boston in 1943. He attended Boston Public Schools, and received a Bachelor's degree from Central State College, Ohio in 1963. He studied at Goddard College to receive a Masters in 1971. His art training is self-taught through observation and experimentation since 1979.

He has several solo and group exhibitions in and around Boston, and is a member of the Artists' Circle of the Fuller Museum

Personal Statement: "I am a mixed media artist. The work combines art, architectures and carpentry, using unusual materials to create quality works of art."

"I use leftover building materials, i.e., saw dust, bones, Styrofoam, cigarette filters, tree branches, cork, sea shells, nutshells, lobster, clith ribbon, my own hair, grits. And several well-thought-out spices. My themes are inspired from culture all over the world. Through travel – vision and freedom is imperative. Free to change my mind, colors and materials."

"Hopefully, my work will be enjoyed by all as much as I enjoyed creating it."