

St. Martin Art, Writing and Nature Imaginarium Activities!

Sir Roland Richardson is a St. Martin artist. He was born in Marigot, and has painted the people and nature of this island for many years. He painted this traditional St. Martin house, with a bright Flamboyant tree growing over it.



What do you think the people in this painting are talking about?

Tell or write a story about what's happening in this scene.

What do you think might happen next?

Draw or paint that moment!

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Roland Richardson paints many landscapes. He is famous for painting outside, in nature. He painted this St. Martin landscape overlooking the ocean.



If you could visit this place right now, what five things would you bring with you? Paint, draw, or list them.

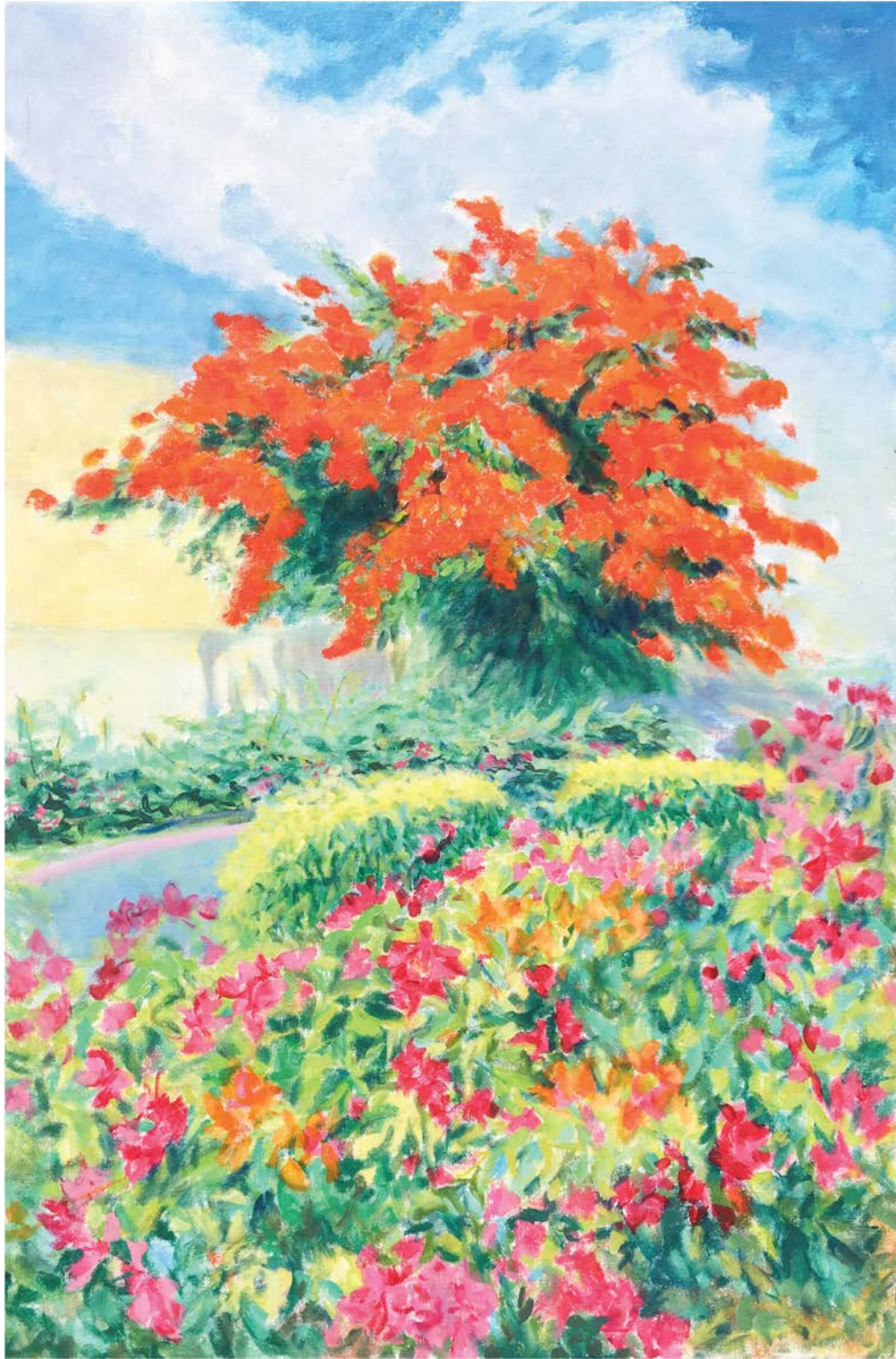
What do you think you might smell?

What sounds do you think you might hear?

Do you think there would be any animals around?

What birds and insects do you think would live here?

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The Flamboyant tree is an important tree for St. Martin. It is named for its bright, flame-colored flowers.

Can you think of other trees, plants, or animals that are named for their color?
Make a list!

Try drawing or painting some of them.

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Roland Richardson paints many Flamboyant trees. The Flamboyant is his special subject. He says: “From childhood, it has attracted and enchanted me. I love its cool shade, its umbrella shape, its wonderful smell, and most especially its beautiful fiery flamboyant red color.”



Do you have a favorite tree or plant to draw?

What makes it your favorite?

What are other things in nature that you could draw or paint?

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