

This is Amanda Kowalski reading on behalf of the artist Theresa Garcia-Ruiz

This piece was inspired by the Kemp's Ridley Sea turtle. I love the way these special turtles return to Corpus Christi every year to lay their eggs at the national seashore. Like the seasonal migrations of birds and butterflies, it's one more way that nature confirms we're doing alright, at least for another year. In Turtle Migration, I hoped to capture a little of the excitement, the movement and solidarity of the turtles navigating through the open water, relying only on each other for the support and guidance they need to for a successful migration. Whether by instinct, magnetic vibration or some other unknown motivator, all the turtles are drawn to the same destination. I imagine this kind of shared journey offers one way to view our own life's journey, traveling together, and inevitably, toward a common destination. Like the sea turtles, we have only our instincts, intellect, clues from nature, and the support and companionship we share with one another to guide and strengthen us to have faith as we navigate through our own mysterious journey.