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Art for children and adults comes to Armada

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Squirreled Away Books in downtown Armada presents "Forest of Lost Things," a solo exhibit by artist Lindsey Harnish, opening Friday, Oct. 8 with a reception from 7 to 10 p.m. The collection celebrates the wonder of the woods and the mysteries of childhood.

Friday's reception is free and open to the public. The show runs through Nov. 8.

Harnish's work explores this relationship between nature and childhood wonder from an adult perspective, depicting attentive woodland creatures and children wandering an abstract forest. Art Nouveau and the Pre-Raphaelites, as well as Pop Surrealism and children's book illustrations such as "Where the Wild Things Are," inspire her technique.

The paintings suggest children's book illustrations in their vibrant simplicity, but also speak to psychological and spiritual needs for greenspace in urban environments.

"As adults, we don't easily surrender to awe," Harnish said. "But as children, everything in the world enraptured us - all living things were a marvel and we felt connected to them."

Harnish's work can be seen online at: [facebook.com/LynzCreates](https://www.facebook.com/LynzCreates).

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