

ARTIST STATEMENT

Randy Walker: "Edge of Ice"

"Edge of Ice" is part of a series I've been doing about *Michigan Mornings*. This painting is at the beginning of the winter months when autumn leaves still covered the ground, and a puddle becomes ice.

I don't blame my dog Maxwell for my total hip replacement, but his unconstrained need to chase squirrels, rabbits, whatever, and a couple face down visits to the ground, raised my awareness of my surroundings. In this case ice, leaves, and pavement.

Thank you Maxwell for my awakening to the beauty of the natural world—close up.