Enriching BioScience’s role as a Forum for Integrating the Life Sciences, Arts in Science provides an occasional venue for poems, visual art, and other forms of artistic expression that explore and enliven our understanding of life. Through the contributions in this section, we hope to share with our readers the passion for nature that science inspires.

This painting is from Jody Guralnick (www.jodyguralnick.com) an artist based in Aspen, Colorado, in the United States. Her description of “Ally” is below.

“Ally”

An ally is someone who combines their efforts or a resource for mutual benefit—a good description of fungi. They are the scaffold that binds together the forest. I want my paintings to open your eyes to the world of a collective sensibility, the understanding of the mycelium that we may not see but know is there, lacing it all together, playing their reciprocal part in forming a whole. It’s all hidden in plain sight, a vision of pattern and connection, the exquisite detail of often unnoticed life.

JODY GURALNICK