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Artificial Evolution

This work features "hybrid" flower forms

Being inspired with the natural world has led me to explore the issues of GMO's (genetically modified organisms) with their creation of Chimera-like new life forms and "Intelligent Design" with it's slant on evolution being designed by a creator. I am using the features of modifying and design to create new imagery. Along with my interest in nature, I find the digital world of computer technology compelling and am drawn to the juxtaposition of its reality with the natural world.

This new work sometimes entails site specific photography where I stage arrangements of natural organisms (specifically flowers) with either man-made or other natural elements. I take digital photographs of these ephemeral assemblages, then using my computer I create my hybrid forms. Working digitally with my computer allows me to see in new ways; it allows me to be surprised by the outcome and the possibilities.

I title each image as if it were a new life form

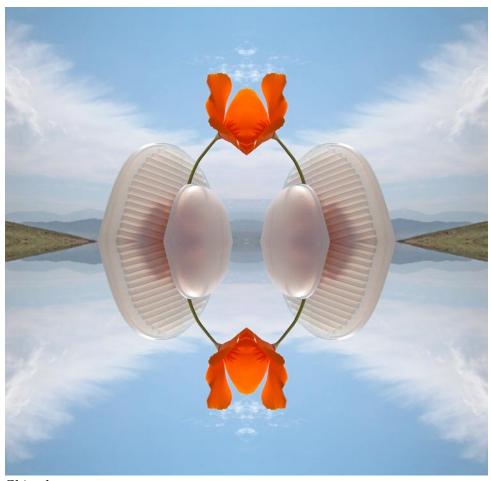




Carpio kallos, Hybrid 1



Carpio anthemom



Chirotheca papaver



Floris pollicaris



Papaver cuspis



Recombinant One



Calla lappa



Calla pomifera x