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GCE A Level Advanced Art and Design

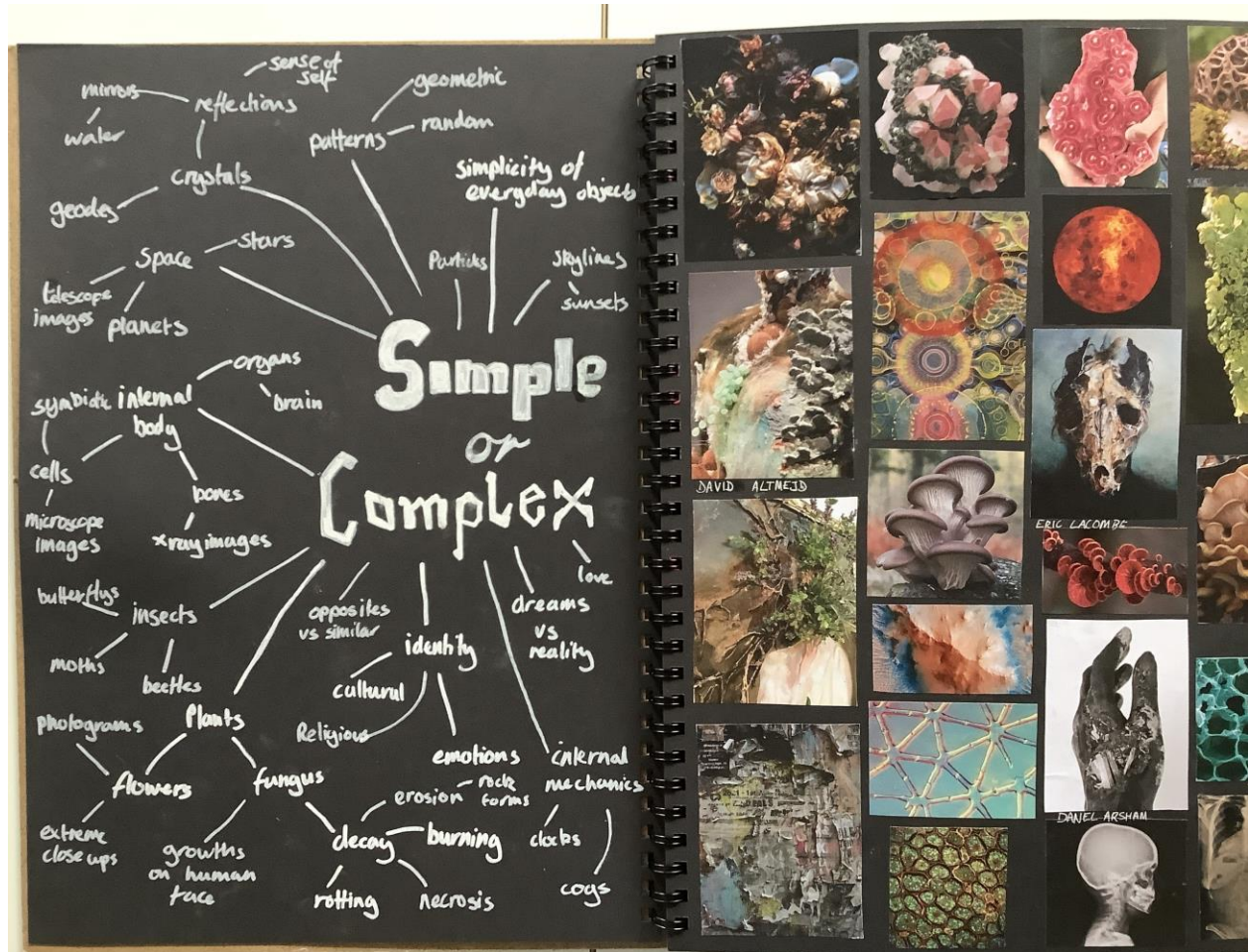
**Fine Art
Component 2**

Total Mark 42

	A01 Develop	A02 Explore and Select	A03 Record	A04 Realise
Mark	10	11	11	10
Performance Level	4	4	4	4
			Total out of 72	42

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Statement of Intent

The theme that I will be exploring within this project is "Simple or complex", I plan to focus on complexities in art, aiming my topic towards exploring necrosis. Necrosis is the death of tissue within life forms, I intend to explore rotting and degeneration within different tissues. The complexities of decay are extremely interesting to me due to its unique and random nature in final appearance. I would also like to explore the microscopic appearance of cells, as they are unseen to the naked eye I think that it would be fascinating to explore their various shapes and colours.

Some of the artists that I may explore include:

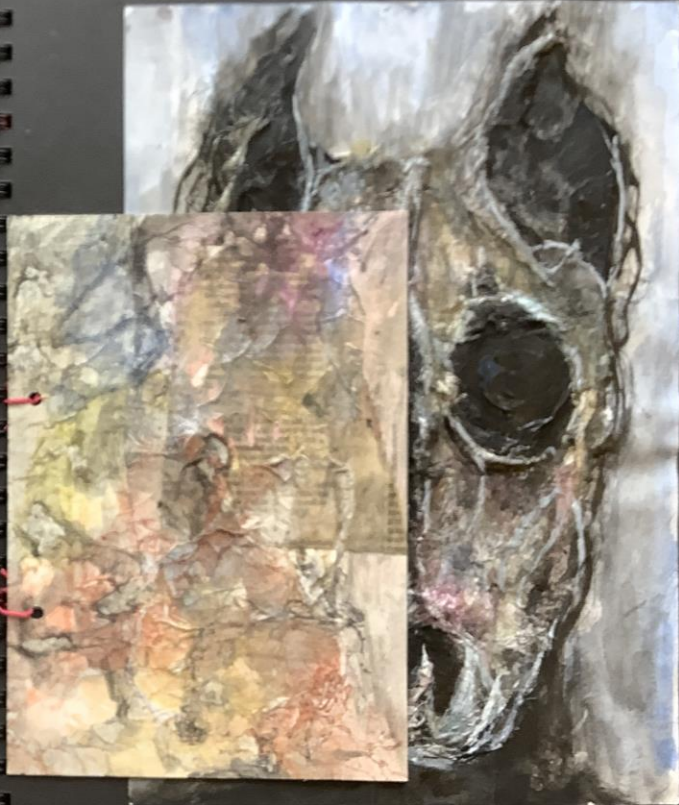
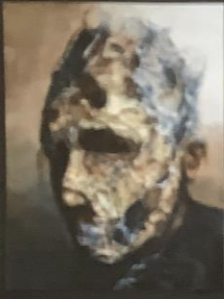
- Eric Lacombe
- Fernan Federici
- David Altmejd
- Daniel Arsham

I intend to continue to develop my skills in mixed media artwork, I will focus on my painting techniques combined with 3D effects. I also intend to complete my final piece for this project on a large scale of at least A1. To go alongside my mixed media pieces, I would like to continue to create first hand reference photos and photo outcomes for this project.

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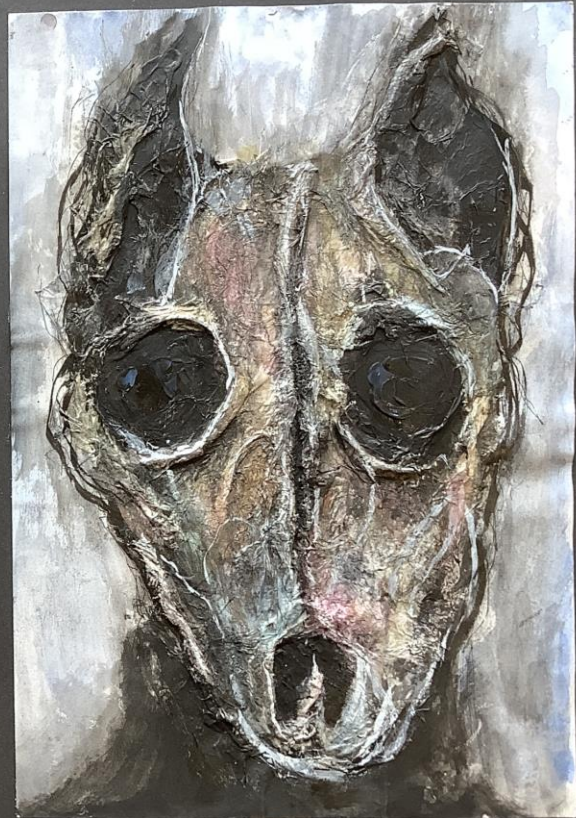


Eric Lacombe
self taught painter

designer. Lacombe
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On the left is a final pencil drawing of a rat skull, using a reference from my photoshoot on the opposite page. I really like this piece; drawing a detailed piece on a larger scale was particularly challenging for me as I found it difficult to scale up the proportions from the original piece. I feel that I was able to accurately create the dramatic areas of highlight and shadow that are exhibited in the reference photo. To improve this drawing, I would use a different background as I find the white negative space to be overpowering in areas.



PHOTOSHOOT



In this photoshoot, I aimed to explore organic structures that I could illustrate and incorporate into pieces later in my project. On the left I have photographed a pine cone and a crystal. Disappointingly, I was unable to capture the full depth and form of the crystal despite editing the picture to amend this. I do not plan to use these particular photos in my project development.



These are photos of the interior of a rat skull to capture the full form. I used the macro on the camera to really life the structures shown and plan to explore forms in my work.

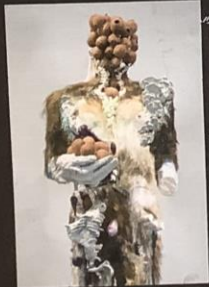
David ~ Altmejd ~



"The New North"

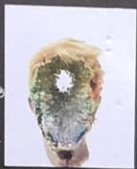


"The Healers"



"The Island", 2011

David Altmejd is a Canadian sculptor, born in 1974. Altmejd aims towards bizarre, highly detailed sculptures that often blur the distinction between figurative representation and abstraction. Altmejd crafts his sculptures from an extremely wide variety of materials, including: crystals, mirrors, synthetic hair, fur, resin, wood and metal. Altmejd is clearly inspired by the natural forms of moss, fungi, crystals and lichen. I am exploring this artist as I love their use of unconventional materials to create bizarre and intriguing artwork. I do not plan to create a sculpture for my final piece, however, I will implement Altmejd's basic ideas and techniques within my own work to create abstract pieces.



"Body Builders"

"The Island", 2011, is a 2 metre tall humanoid sculpture, comprised of an intriguing combination of coconut shell, wood, epoxy clay, expanding foam and acrylic paint. This intimidating creation towers over the viewer, inviting closer inspection of the intricate and unusual mixed media work. I really like the spore-like shapes that protrude from the face. Altmejd has used a predominantly natural colour palette using pops of vibrant purple and blue to create an eye

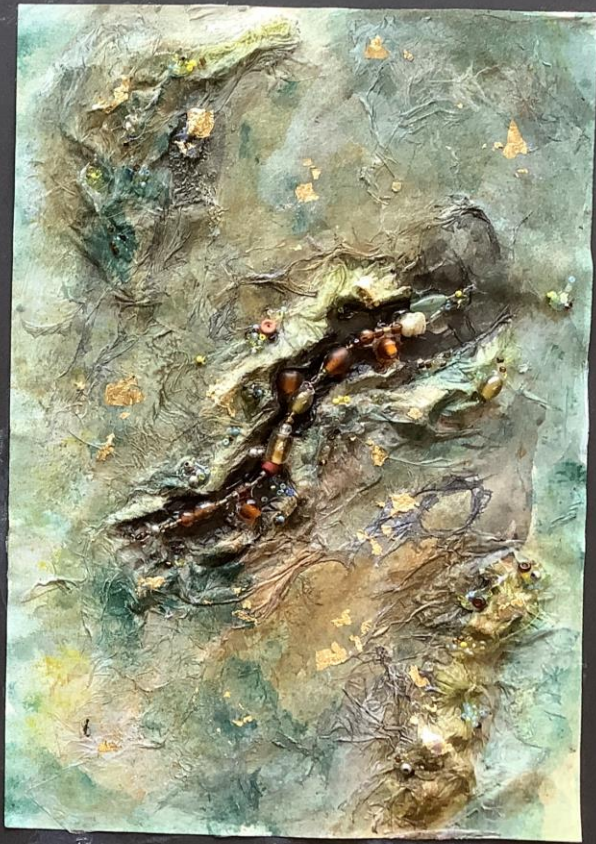


In this piece, I have used a combination of hair, wire, wood, acrylic paint, and a mix of other materials to create a complex, textured surface. I have used the beads and hair to create a dense, almost organic-looking structure. In the future, I may experiment with using only the variety of beads as they bonded to the glue more easily. As a whole mixed media piece, I feel that these techniques have blended extremely well together and I plan to explore these more in my project.

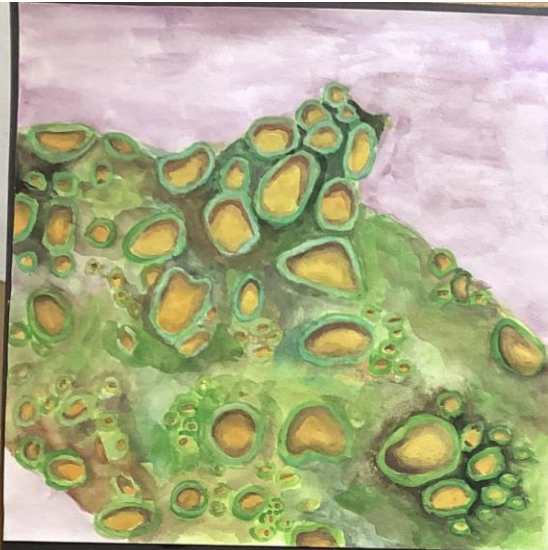
David Alamejd's work is a combination of Lacoste's techniques, as well as using materials such as gold leaf, beads and mud rock to emulate the complexities of Alamejd's work. I love the 3D value that the beads add to this piece, however, they were extremely difficult to attach. In the future I may experiment with using only the smaller variety of beads as they bonded to the glue more easily. As a whole mixed media piece, I feel that these techniques have blended extremely well together and I plan to explore these more in my project.



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To create the piece of the night, I combined my previously learnt skills in applying mod-rock and gouache paints. I used similar colours to the previous painting, but included more purple shadows as I really enjoy the contrast it creates in otherwise monotonous areas of colour.

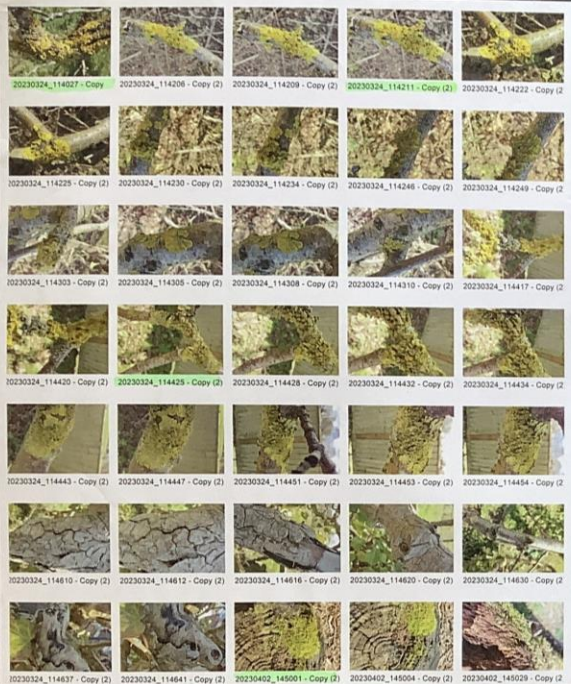
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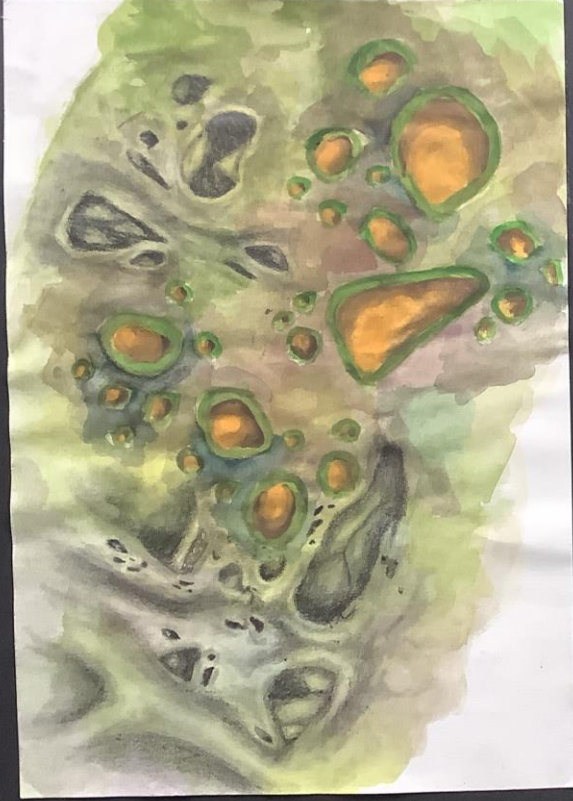


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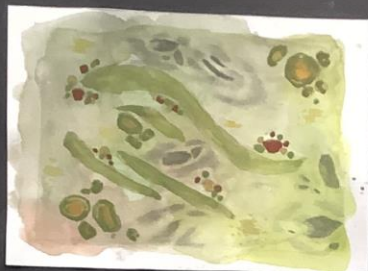


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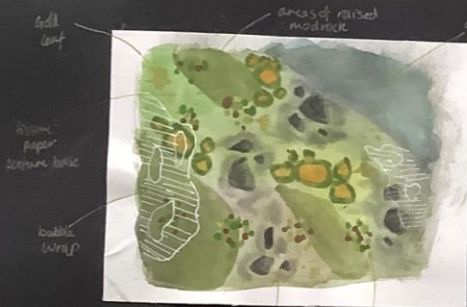
In this piece I experimented with composition and colouring. My painting with the tonal pencil work. I feel that I have created cohesion within the two mediums. I aim to incorporate the use of marbled and tissue paper in a similar manner in my work. I will be working on A4 before upscaling for my final outcome.



To create the texture above I used a combination of bubble wrap and tissue paper. I really like these techniques together. However, I struggled to create strong colours on the bubble wrap areas. I will transfer this later in my work before deciding if want to add this technique to my final piece. I also experimented with using a darker background, I like the contrast it creates with the lighter paintwork but in the future I will experiment with backgrounds that are gradient, instead of solid colour.



I really like the portrait composition on the left and plan to use elements from it in my final piece. I am discarding the composition above as I believe showing areas of background creates a more effective composition.



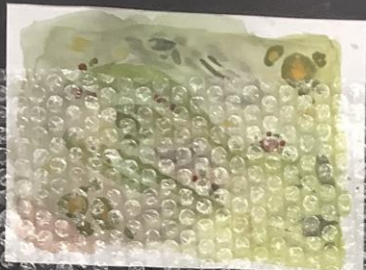
The plan on the left is one of my favourite compositions on this page, I plan to make a larger mock up of this whilst changing some details. In my final piece, I plan to add more areas of tonal pencil drawing.

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Above is an example of the colour palette that I will explore in my piece. I have focused on using natural greens and browns, with a vibrant artificial purple to create interest and contrast within my work.



Above is an A2 mock up of my final piece, I have incorporated all of my previously explored techniques and have combined several of my initial ideas to create this composition. For my final piece I have decided to complete the piece on an A2 canvas, I will use the bubble wrap and tissue paper to create rough edges on the canvas so it looks more natural. In this piece I used brown paint around the gold leaf to make it seem more natural whilst keeping its shine. I struggled to blend the background however after adding extra shades of green I feel that I have over come this. In this piece I used flattened bubble wrap, in my final piece I will revert back to unflattened as seen previously in my work.



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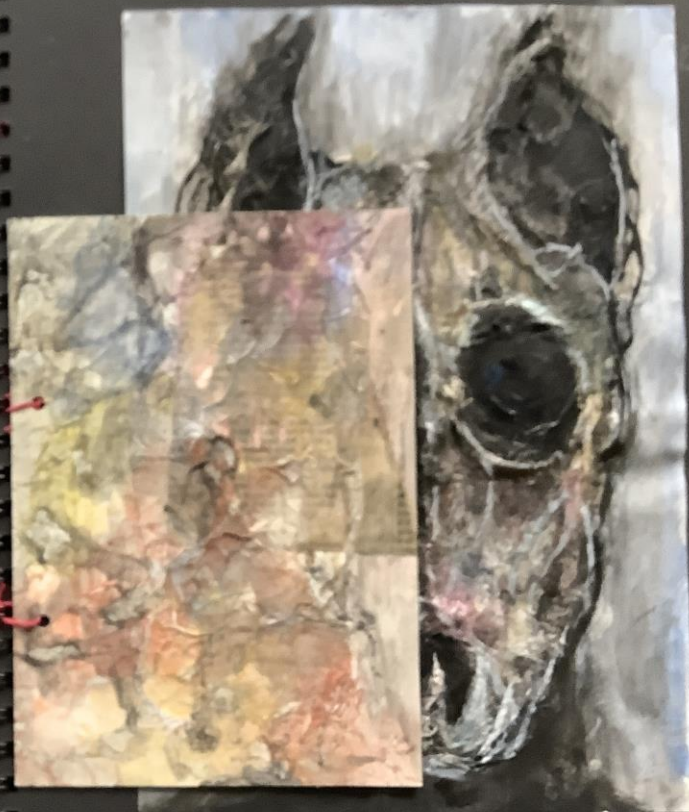


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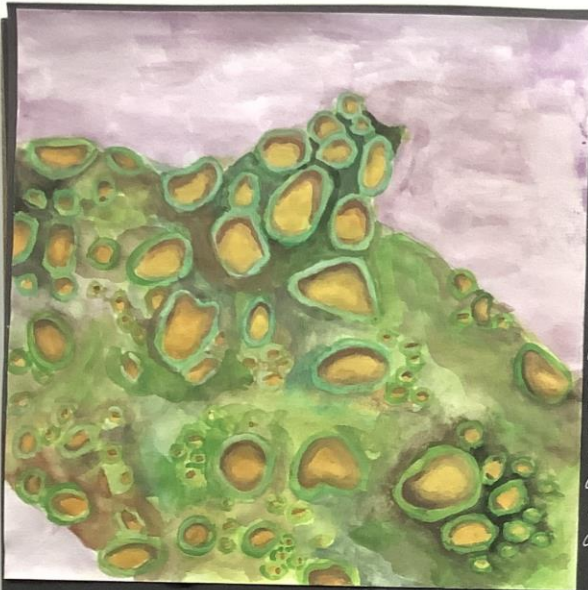
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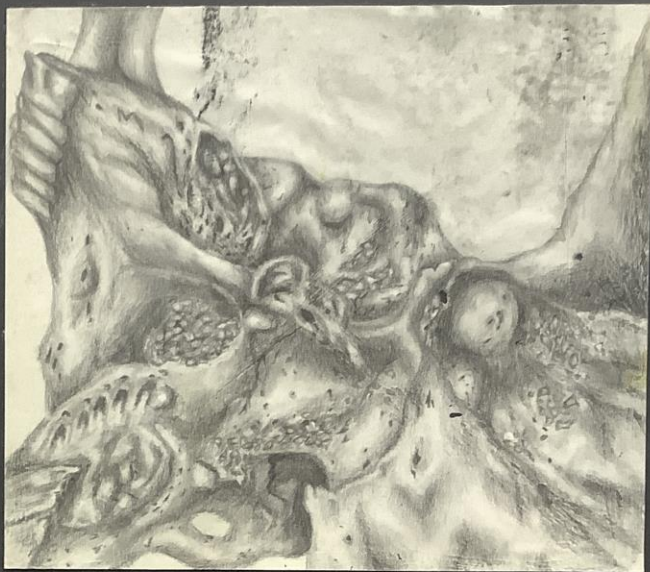
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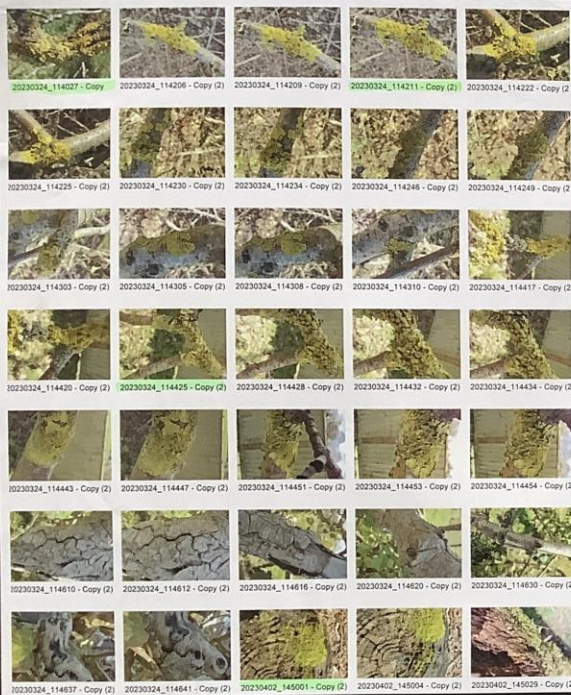
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