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Grace Caufield *Idunn's Butterflies* Acrylic on canvas

I was inspired to make this piece in 2021 after learning of the decline in the population of monarch butterflies due to pesticides and overdevelopment of land. I named this piece after the Norse Goddess of Spring and eternal youth. According to mythology, her absence caused all of the plants, bugs, and animals to decay or age rapidly, which I felt was fitting given the background about monarch butterflies. I took inspiration from impressionist portraits while adding a more vibrant, colorful twist.