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“Wings & Leaves” is a body of work created between 2019 and July 2021. They were all made out of stainless steel and copper mesh, which was flame-painted with a butane or propane torch. The colors on the mesh were achieved by heat; no chemical patinas were used in the heat-treating process.

Insect wings inspired all of the wing forms. The structure, semi-transparent iridescence and the linear veining of insect wings inspired the imagery. All of the wings are made out of flame painted stainless steel mesh. The works reflect upon the beauty and fragility of the natural world. In particular the bee wing imagery was also inspired by environmental concerns regarding colony collapse disorder, which has affected bee pollinators from around the world.

The individual leaf forms were made out of flame-painted copper mesh. In the most recent works copper and stainless steel mesh was combined to create hybrid forms utilizing both materials in combination with colorful glass frit.