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**encaustic (en-ko stik)**

- 1. A painting consisting of pigment mixed with beeswax and fixed with heat after its application.**
- 2. The art of painting with this substance.**
- 3. A painting produced with the use of this substance.**

### **Taking Care of Your Encaustic Paintings**

**Encaustic is highly durable and archival because it seals out moisture and dirt. The pigments used in the wax are the same pigments used in fine art oils, watercolors and acrylics, but the binder is beeswax and resin (that acts to harden the surface and make it more transparent). Encaustic paintings should be treated like any fine art, and kept in an environment with a temperature range of 40-120 degrees. It is recommended that the surface occasionally be buffed with a soft cloth to bring up its natural glossy shine.**