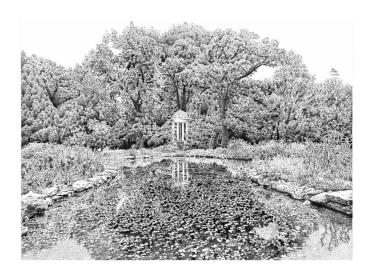
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The Philbrook Gazebo 16"x12" Pen & ink stippling \$3,500



The Ace of Spades 6"x8" Pen and ink stippling \$350

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Bio

Ben Dobbs is a third-generation artist from Fort Smith, AR. Other than encouragement and high school art class, he is self-taught, mainly working with ink in the stippling technique. Dobbs is the recipient of the Jane Owen Director's Award from the Arts on Main 2023 Adult Art Competition in Van Buran, AR for "Backdrop of a Daydream" and the People's Choice Award from the Local Color Studio Gallery 9th Anniversary Show Juried Exhibition in Fayetteville, AR for "The Philbrook Gazebo." When not drawing he can be found as a barista at his local bookstore.

Artist Statement

Being somewhat color blind I've always favored working in black and white mediums such as pen & ink or pencil. Within the pen & ink medium stippling quickly became my favorite technique. Compared to other techniques stippling can be very time consuming. With that though I feel there's a tremendous amount of control. You can really find tune the values as they come in. Dark areas can be very forgiving while light areas require more precise placement. My advice to anyone is to keep outdoing yourself, not everytime but on average. Do that and just keep going.