

Artist: Ted Chafee.

Described by: Elizabeth Wilcox.

Title: Emerald of Ocean.

Medium: watercolor.

Description: This is a seaside watercolor scene, 18 inches tall by 24 inches wide, entitled "Emerald of the Ocean."

The focal point of this work is a side view of a Puffin bird with wings extended up and behind its body. The wings are formed by shapes of different hues of gray and black assembled in such a way to give the texture and form of ruffled feathers.

The Puffin is standing on a light sandy-like beach at the edge of the ocean atop what seems to be a raised mound of sand. Thin lines of blue with variation of shape give an impression of rocks and gravel mixed in with the soft, light colored sand.

Light watercolors in blue, green, grey, and black define the bird's head, neck and body, and distinct orange and black hues color its beak and feet. Brushstrokes outlined in light hues on the bird's white breast imply feathers.

This setting of ocean, sky, and bird is more of a wash with see thru colors and the atmosphere is bright and sunny. There is no detection of shadows. A slight layering of variation of blues and greens give the background a wave like, beach feeling that extends beyond the bird's figure.