

Van Gogh's, *The Artist on the Road to Tarascon* (May 1888)

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I hope this finds you well.

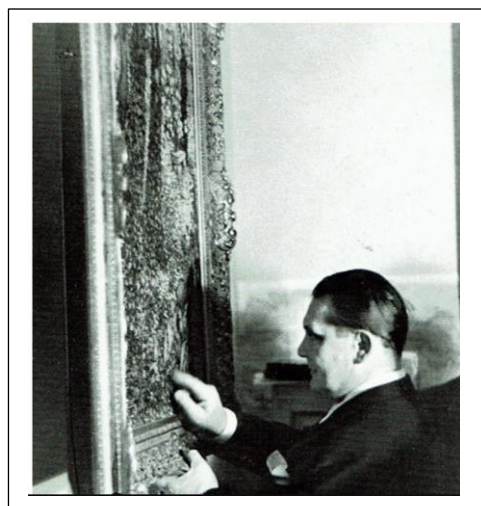
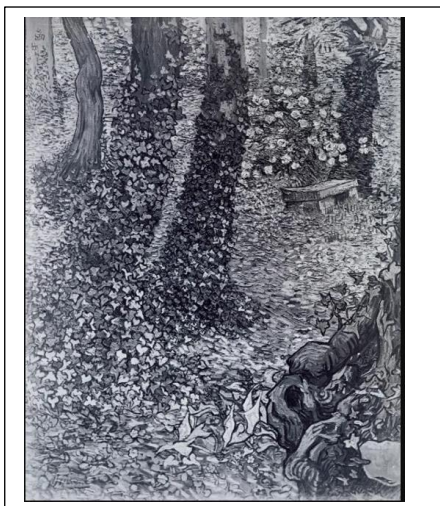
I just started reading "The Vanished Collection," by Pauline Baer de Perignon. Thanks for the recommendation, Sue!

If you are reading a good book and would like to share it, let me know and I'll post it on Facebook and mention it in my next newsletter.

I watched a great documentary on Van Gogh's life and his art on YouTube:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Tvgnups4rGM>

I'm on chapter 6 of my latest book, "Stealing Van Gogh." Here's a clue and a plot point. *Trees with Ivy* (May 1889) was among the most important landscapes that Van Gogh painted at the asylum outside Saint-Rémy-de-Provence. The trees were in the garden where he and his fellow inmates relaxed. The canvas was taken down from The Berlin Museum in 1937 as part of the Nazi crusade against "Degenerate Art," *Entartete Kunst*. No color photos exist of the painting, which has been missing since Nazi deputy leader Herman Göring took an interest in it. Both the painting and Göring touching it with his finger are pictured below.



The Lovers is another painting that has been missing since World War II. There are no known color photos of this canvas. However, Van Gogh drew a sketch of the painting in one of his letters, which is also a plot point in *Stealing Van Gogh*.



Van Gogh's *The Lovers* (October 1888)



Vincent's sketch of *The Lovers* in his letter to Theo, 21 October 1888
Credit: Van Gogh Museum, Amsterdam (Vincent van Gogh Foundation)

If you know of anyone who is looking for a speaker, the Kentucky Humanities Speakers Bureau is great about helping to subsidize appearances. I'm also giving talks about "[A Promise Moon](#)" and how it relates to the Underground Railroad in Kentucky, as well as gardening with native plants and "[Let The Earth Breathe](#)." If you or anyone you know would like to schedule a talk, here's the [link](#).

Here are a few pictures from our Native Plant Seed swap. It was wonderful to see some of the folks from previous book talks and reconnect with plant lovers!





If you can't make it to a presentation in person, here is the link to my recent videos. They are short, 5-6 minutes. [Video link.](#)

If you haven't already, please take a moment to leave a review on Amazon. It is really helpful with sales. [Here is the link.](#) Thank you.

Happy reading.

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