Gallery Activity: The Five Senses

**Focus**: To explore landscapes by imagining what would have been seen, heard, felt, tasted, and smelled as if one were in the place shown.

**Description**:

- Find a painting that shows a scene or landscape that you would like to visit.
- Discuss with the group or participants: If you could visit the place shown, what would you see? Hear? Feel? Taste? Smell? What is the weather like? What time of day is it and how do you know?

**Tips**

- This activity works well individually or in pairs.

**Extensions**

- Write a poem or short story about your visit to the landscape.

**Suggested Artwork**:

- Andrew Wyeth, *Back Way*, Watercolor, 1982, 83.6, Gift of Mrs. John D. West
- James Cook, *Kansan Rainstorm*, Oil, 1982, 83.18, Gift of Mrs. John D. West
- Harold Altman, *Jardin du Luxembourg II*, lithograph, 1980, Gift of Mrs. John D. West, 82.197.1