

Gallery Happenings

Jonathan Frank Opens the Fall Season at Gallery Moab

by Sarah Hamingson

Gallery Moab, located at 63 S. Main, is a co-op gallery with over 20 local artists displaying paintings, sculptures, ceramics, photography, jewelry and more. There is something here for every art lover. We are open daily from 12-6 p.m. with shortened hours on Sunday and Monday being 12-3 p.m. We also open by appointment. (435-220-0891)



This month our gallery is very happy to have our own member artist, Jonathan Frank, featured on our guest wall with his newest work. He is a member of the American Watercolor Society and the National Watercolor Society. As an accomplished watercolorist, he is often juried into shows around the country. He has won several awards.

Originally from Denver, Colorado, Frank has been living and working in Moab, Utah for the past twenty plus years. Regarding his process, he explains that when he takes a hike, he is always looking for the grandest view. Using his camera as a sketchbook, whether from the ground or by drone, he captures a scene from as many angles as possible. His true challenge lies back in the studio where he must “make sense” of the images and translate them into his own visual language. In the process of building up his painting, each element he works with becomes an abstract shape.



Juniper 01



Juniper 02

Ultimately, he outlines each of these hundreds of shapes with India ink. This gives balance to the various parts of the painting, making them equal in their presentation, thus unifying the whole picture.

The main theme of his work is that nature prevails. As a landscape painter his primary objective is to depict nature as if it has never been touched by humankind evoking a feeling of solitude and isolation.



Liddle Wooden Nugget



of the wood and decided he needed to paint it. Since then, he has been working on his “After Life” series where he made the decision to paint just pieces of wood out of context attempting to capture the complexity of lines and forms in the wood itself. Through experimentation he ended up painting an abstracted color field as a background to the subject thus bringing to life an otherwise dead subject.

Frank’s new work will be on display throughout October. Join us for a reception in his honor on Friday, October 2, from 5–8pm, where you can meet Jonathan and other gallery artists. If you cannot attend, you can meet the artist on duty during regular business hours.



Prelude to a Flood

2026 Community Artist in the Parks: Chrissy Noel Kinslow



Chrissy Noel Kinslow is a Moab-based community artist whose work weaves together art, nature connection, and shared experience. Rooted in the landscapes of the Colorado Plateau, her practice centers on listening deeply and creating accessible, heart-led spaces for reflection and creative expression. Through guided art experiences, storytelling, and land-based practices, she invites participants to reconnect with themselves, each other, and the natural world.

She says, “As the 2026 Community Artist in the Parks, I invite you to join me in these sacred and stunning spaces for a series of mindful, creative, and nature-centered experiences. Together, we will slow down, breathe deeply, and let the landscape speak through our art.”

Throughout 2026, Kinslow will create original work within the parks for a minimum of 24 hours per month, April through October, and share her inspiration and creative process with visitors. Her works will be sold in the Canyonlands Natural History Association stores during her tenure.

“Visitors from around the world come to experience these national parks—but few have the chance to witness, and participate in, art created directly from the desert in real time. I am honored to share this journey with you.”

Dates for Kinslow’s 2026 park visits are subject to change or cancellation if needed. Check current schedule at go.nps.gov/2026CAIP

Chrissy will be doing her art at various locations and times:

— Arches National Park —

- Oct 1 Delicate Arch, 9am, 6hrs
- Oct 8 Sand Dune Arch, 9am, 6hrs
- Oct 15 Devil’s Garden, 9am, 6hrs



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