

# Gallery Happenings

## Welcoming Summer at Gallery Moab

by Peggy Harty

Gallery Moab, a member owned gallery, welcomes you to visit our newly remodeled space which just re-opened in April. The new entrance is right next to the Delicate Arch Mural on the East Side of Main Street. Inside you will find a fine array of paintings, sculptures, jewelry, ceramics, and other artful gift items created by local and regional artists.

Each month, we also invite a guest artist to share a wall in the gallery. David Halenda, "CC," will be joining us in June. He has lived in Moab for the last five years. David's work is derived from his backcountry time spent tramping through the southwest both in the US and Mexico. He says, "Though I've sketched and painted sporadically throughout my life in the last three years I've worked with an intensive focus on painting the deserts and mountains of this region working in acrylics and recently in watercolor. Currently, I'm investigating a more abstracted approach to my work while seeking to stay honest to landscape at hand." He also states that his style has been influenced in part by both current and past Native American art.

It seems all artists try to explain the reasons they create and what they experience. CC asks, "How is it possible



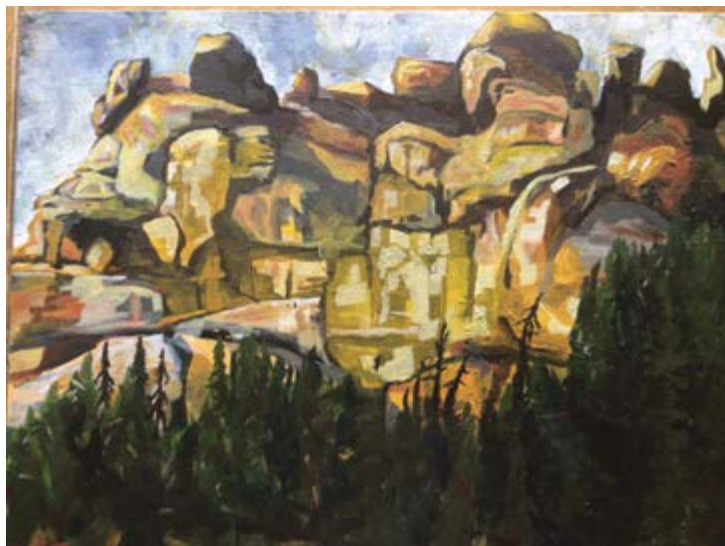
alone watching shadows swallow entire mesas, that I'm keen to capture."

He further explains, "So, if you wake up on a mid-winter's night, lodged high up in the walls of canyon perhaps, listen. Listen to a silence so total that the hum of one's own body machinery rings out clear as a canyon wren's call. A silence that, some may claim, is as old as the 60 million years encased in the sandstone through which these canyons are carved. How to render this onto canvas? That's the working problem I've been addressing these last few years."

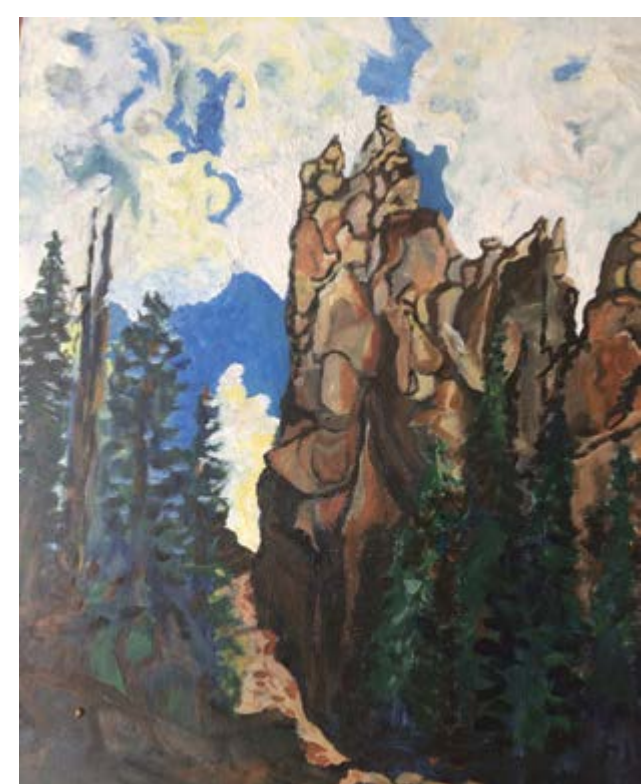
In other artistic ventures, David was a member of the NEA awarded theatre group, Los Angeles Poverty Department for ten years, with whom he acted, directed and produced plays presented across the US and festivals in Europe. He also produced a well-received radio play on Moab's own KZMU radio festival.

We will be having a reception for CC on Friday, June 5th, 2026 from 5-8 PM. Please join us in welcoming him and visiting with him about his art.

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to capture the deep quiet and spans of time measured in millennia one experiences in these deserts onto a canvas?" While he makes no claim to have successfully done so, he says, "It is that time buried in perfect silence, the sense of enormity encased in stone that one experiences when roaming upon this Colorado Plateau that I attempt to imbue in my work. It is the struggle, the dance, the hours spent





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