

Gallery Happenings

January at Gallery Moab

by Thea Nordling

Gallery Moab has weathered the challenges of 2020 and is ready for a new year of sharing the creativity of our talented local artists with our community and visitors! We are an artist-owned and operated cooperative gallery, showcasing original fine art and artisan crafts inspired by our remarkable canyon country landscape.

We welcome Julia Buckwalter, our newest gallery artist. As the 2021 Artist in the Parks Julia will often be painting on site in Canyonlands National Park, Arches National Park, Natural Bridges National Monument, and Hovenweep National Monument this spring through fall. We are delighted to be showing her vibrant paintings of the sweeping desert landscapes and majestic skies that have awed and inspired her since childhood. She grew up in Utah and traveled throughout the Southwest, studied Visual Arts on both coasts, and then returned to Moab to practice her art.



River Rhapsody by Julia Buckwalter

and I begin to feel the brushstrokes I will use forming as muscle memory. I am often inspired by time spent watching clouds. As a child I'd watch storms roll in across the horizon while playing in the Ghost Ranch landscape of Georgia O'Keeffe. I am deeply inspired and affected by



Evening Mood, Grand Canyon by Julia Buckwalter

Maynard Dixon, and Edgar Payne, the Post-Impressionist palette and brushwork of Cezanne and Gauguin, and the cinematography of classic western films. My paintings are expressions of passion for the desert landscape's rich palette, her naturally described shapes and linear



Desert Storm by Julia Buckwalter

Julia paints with oil on canvas and panel, both en plein air and large-scale from photographs in the studio, focusing primarily on the dynamics of clouds in her skiescapes and the rich variations of color in her landscapes. She describes her creative process as beginning with "activation of a mental blending brush." She goes on to explain, "Moab's landscape in particular provides endless inspiration via the intense variation of colors found in nature. A palette evolves in my mind,



patterns, and the accompanying language of water, sky, and clouds...Combined, they awaken all of the senses."

The unique, fun and functional creations of ceramic artist Joanne Savoie, our December Guest Artist, will still be on display through January. Her art-ware is inspired by canyon country geology and the dramatic beauty of water carving through millions of years of rock layers. In addition to the exciting works of these two featured artists, the gallery offers a colorful diversity of paintings, prints, photography, ceramics, wood carvings, fused glass, sculpture, jewelry, fabric art, cards and more. One of the artists is always on hand when the gallery is open to help you or answer your questions. We love to talk art!

For your safety and ours, Gallery Moab follows COVID safety protocols by requiring masks indoors, social distancing, and sanitizing. We offer a colorful selection of 100% cotton masks in different styles made by our artists. Sale of these masks helps us keep the lights on!

Closed for cleaning from January 1 -12. Reopening January 13, 12 noon to 4:00 p.m. daily. Call 435-220-0891 and we will open by appointment during other hours.

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Julia Buckwalter

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 2019-2020

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1 Farmer's Moon • Reven Swanson Denver CO \$9,000	9 Oracular Oracle • Tim MacAllister Moab UT \$7,427
2 Transitional Piece Mockup • Kevin Shaffer Leadville CO \$5,000	10 Potato Bug Predicament • Nathan Johansen Provo UT \$4,100
3 Germination III • Nathan Johansen Provo UT \$5,400	11 Transitional Piece • Kevin Shaffer Leadville CO \$15,000
4 Astrologic • Joe Burreigh Carbondale CO \$6,750	12 Wings of Freedom • Dimitry Domani Santa Fe NM \$12,000
5 Wapati • Christopher Coleman Marysville UT \$6,200	13 Synapse on the Breeze • Michael Ford Dunton Castle Valley UT \$13,000
6 Ancient Kiosk • Gayle Houston/Jim Yeager Moab UT \$7,000	14 Dancing Moon Roller • Reven Swansen Denver CO \$9,000
7 Anastasia • Dimitry Domani Santa Fe NM \$9,000	15 Forgotten From Where We Are Begotten • Tiimo Mang Lakewood CO \$24,812
8 Helen the Heron • Serena Supplee Moab UT \$10,000	16 Meridian • Pavia Justinian Fruita CO \$8,000



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"Festive" by Helen Becker

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