

### April 2020

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Gallery Hours: Currently closed - by appointment call 479-234-5440



#### Small Works National International Art Show

The Small Works Show is UP! The name has not changed . . . it's still the Small Works National Show, but this year we have an entry from Estonia! I had to look that one up. It is a country bordered by the Gulf of Finland, the Baltic Sea (Sweden), Latvia and Lake Peipus (Russia.) The entry is called "Chicken Selfie" and the artist is Berbel Lätt. I am working to get all the Small Works entries up on our website and should have that done by next week. We should announce the winners in the next few days.



https://southwestartists.org/photo-galleries/ then go to Juried Shows and 2020 Small Works.

We will be voting for Peoples' Choice on this show. Once all the photos are on the website you can vote by email to the Gallery <a href="mail@menaartgallery.org">email@menaartgallery.org</a> or vote on Facebook or Instagram.

And, please remember all the work is for sale!



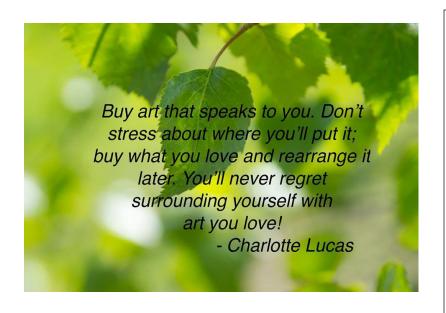
## A note from the Chairman, Tiffany Lane:

Another month of tremendous change has passed...and yet, some of the most wonderful "changes" ALWAYS happen in the month of April! The arrival of spring brings about renewed life, brilliant foliage, and most of all, HOPE. What better escape than to revel in all that spring delivers, in this time of so much loss and concern? I implore you to take notice of the surrounding beauty this season – it is truly the planet's expression of artistry, and will nourish your spirit.

Things are still happening at the gallery – including the sale of artwork! We are coordinating efforts to adapt our business model to promote online sales and continued communication on social media. We know that when we get beyond this strange time, the gallery will be positioned for success. Work is going on behind the scenes, and we anticipate emerging stronger than ever!

I genuinely appreciate your support of our gallery. Art is therapeutic, and hopefully you have been able to indulge in the arts during this "downtime." Stay well, and hope to see you all in person in the not-too-distant future!

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Follow Mena Art Gallery on Facebook and Instagram so you don't miss a thing!

#### Lynn says:

The world around us has been pretty strange the last couple of months. But I still get out of bed every morning and tell my furry zoo, "It's another day in Paradise, kids."

Spring is such a hopeful time, and we've seen many stories of people helping people, just caring and acting the way we all aspire to be.

If you are fortunate enough to have plenty please consider your neighbors. Is there something you could do to make the situation easier on them? What a great time to pay it forward. . .

"Every artist dips his brush in his own soul, and paints his own nature into his pictures." – Henry Ward Beecher

# MORE Photos from the March 7<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Gala! (Thanks, Beth McMillen!)





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## Membership Drive Continues . . .

We still have expenses, even when closed.

Please consider a membership or donation so we can be confident of coming out on the other side financially sound.



We appreciate you all so very much.



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Membership in Mena Art Gallery is available at several levels:

Student: \$10:00 Individual: \$25.00 Family: \$45.00 Sustaining: \$5 (or more) Monthly

Membership forms are available at the Gallery or on the website www.MenaArtGallery.org

We encourage you to become a member in this progressive artistic community and hope you will remember Mena Art Gallery in your estate planning by leaving a legacy for the arts within the community for future generations.

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