

# Gallery Happenings

## “A lot of stuff to paint around here”

By Sarah Hamingson

Gallery Moab will be hosting a Small Works Member Show during July. The local artists in Gallery Moab draw inspiration from our beautiful and beloved landscape, no matter their style or medium. Some artists are representational, some are abstract, some work in two dimensions and some three, but all are one way or another influenced by our surroundings. As one of our gallery visitors aptly commented, “there is a lot of stuff to paint around here.”

The show includes what member **Staci Sheets** calls our “big small moments.”

She explained, “When I think of small works, it makes me think of the big small moments in my life and Left-hand has always been a big moment in life so I chose to paint it for our small works show.”



Left Hand by Staci Sheets



Arches by North Frank

**North Frank's** abstracts are based on spending time out on the Colorado Plateau and exploring “the nature of the evidence the world provides us with,” while **Page Holland's** piece focuses on “complex abstractions created by gentle waves of water reflecting an otherwise simple canyon wall.”



When given the challenge of making a small sized piece, many of our artists were pushed to do something a little different from their usual style. Peg Harty said, “Having a member show and a deadline kind of motivated me to just get busy and paint some of the stuff I photograph when out hiking. I’m not sure painting small is easier, but somehow, it’s not as big of an investment. It was fun.”



Artist **Sandi Snead** also noted the fun she had as she said, “I painted this whimsical raven to celebrate the playful spirit of these clever birds. By stepping away from my usual traditional portrayal I hope to remind the viewer to embrace a lighter and more joyful perspective of the natural world. This was just plain fun to paint!”



**Deborah McDermott** drew inspiration from a very specific time and yet expresses the feelings that many of us have about this landscape. About her piece, she says, “*Buckhorn Wash Butte*” is a linocut print inspired by a road trip to Buckhorn Wash. What impressed me that day were the subtle earth colors in contrast to the brilliant blue sky scattered with bright, white clouds. I felt at peace and grateful for this quiet landscape, mostly devoid of human traces.”

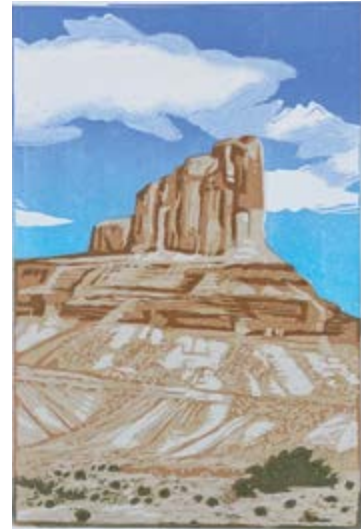
Come visit Gallery Moab in July and share in our joy and gratitude for this area that inspires us all. We’ll be hosting a reception on Friday, July 3rd from 5 to 7 pm if you’d like to meet some of the artists in person. If you can’t make it then, one of our member artists is always staffing the gallery. Stop in out of the heat and see the art small and big at Gallery Moab!

Open Sunday & Monday 12:00 – 3:00 p.m.;  
Tuesday through Saturday 12:00 – 6:00 p.m.  
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We look forward to your visit!

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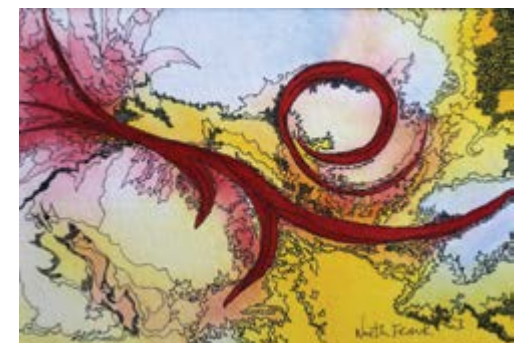
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Buckhorn Wash Butte by Deborah McDermott



The Bottom by Shari Michaud



Monument by North Frank



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