

# Cultural Shadows by Nicolette Rose

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Bringing art to articles of everyday life with constant quality in a changing world.

## In The Gallery...

Mackerel Sky presents, "Cultural Shadows", an exhibit of felted pieces from a three year exploration using wool as a means to express the swiftness of time, and our fleeting cultural existence, by Lansing artist, **Nicolette Rose**.

Having hosted an exhibit several years ago of **Nicki's** paintings we are thrilled at the opportunity to showcase this new body of work, which she has divided into three categories: "Remnants", "Vessels", and "Spirit Shields".

**Nicolette** explains: "Temporarily leaving painting behind, I could not resist the many joys of working with wool especially its history. "The history of wool is ancient and life supporting but today the uses of wool fall into an almost esoteric category. The mysteries are still compelling though, and I began to feel a cultural conscientiousness take hold as I worked. While beading I was especially aware of my ancestors bending over their work. Prayers went out to them and those who may enjoy these pieces. They were made with "loving intention" in hopes of creating visible evidence of something that is no longer in existence.

"The 'Spirit Shields' emerged after

## PLEDGE OF JOY

We see our mission as offering beautiful things to give you small bursts of daily joy and your visit is an opportunity to relax amidst the choices. While traversing amidst the barriers in East

Lansing due to construction, please know that once you arrive in the gallery we aim to offer a tranquil space. **We validate parking** for any of the parking lots and ramps in the downtown and are eager to help you become comfortable with these changes. **Just give us a call.**

### A little help for our friends:

**The Mackerel Skylights** curled 7.83 miles of purple ribbon during the month of December, 2017. We extend our gratitude to all of you who made it through the maze of closed streets, closed parking, and confusing signage to do holiday shopping at the gallery!

participating in the January 2017 Women's March where thousands of pink pussy hats marched for miles with knowledge in the strength of our unity, with hope and love. These shields like the pink pussy hats, were made to convey powers ("suumesh") guarding against those forces that attempt to lead your spirit away from your desired path. Those forces could include yourself. They should be placed in a part of your environment where your true spirit can be renewed daily.

"Even though I have gained inspirational strength and awareness from this

journey, I am looking forward to returning to my paints."

We are eager to share this inspiring collection with you. The felt work Nicolette is sharing has a painterly quality imbued with texture and meaning. Please join us for an opening celebration for "Cultural Shadows" on Sunday, February 4, 2018, from noon until 4. This is an opportunity to speak to Nicolette about her work and enjoy refreshments and comaraderie. "Cultural Shadows" will run through March 25, 2018.



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# Jimmy the Jeweler Rides Again

It is easy to tease our friend, **Jim LeTerneau**, because he is such a kind man with a hilarious sense of humor. The huge bonus is his skill as a jeweler who has developed a distinct personal style over his many years of making. Imagine our excitement about his return to live in Michigan again!!!



Taking full advantage of this easy proximity we are hosting a jewelry trunk show with Jim to help you celebrate Valentine's Day, the coming of Spring, the joy of living.



**Saturday, February 10 from 10-5** Jim will be in attendance to show you his newest work. Happily, he will also spend Sunday at Mackerel Sky from noon until 4. Stop by for a little snack and beverage and spend a relaxing time chatting with Jim, perusing his jewelry and having an all-together pleasant time.



## GALLERY HOURS

**Tuesday – Friday, 10:00 to 6:00**

**Saturday, 10:00 to 5:00, Sunday, Noon to 4:00**

**Closed Monday**



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