



# JRB ART AT THE ELMS

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## **EVENTS**

Opening Reception

Fri, November 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2018, 6 – 9 pm

## **BEYOND ART EVENTS**

*Artist Demo*

**Diana J Smith**

Saturday, November 10<sup>th</sup>, 2 – 3 pm

*Sacred Panel Discussion*

**Patrick Riley, Lanny Fiegenschuh, Claudia Wylie, Others TBA**

Saturday, November 17<sup>th</sup>, 2 – 3 pm

Hi-res images are available here: [https://www.dropbox.com/sh/hi0tr1fss2eg8lu/AAAgknOYah\\_IgBUS4a4t8sXa?dl=0](https://www.dropbox.com/sh/hi0tr1fss2eg8lu/AAAgknOYah_IgBUS4a4t8sXa?dl=0)

## **JRB Art at The Elms Presents**

### **Diana J Smith “Spirit Masks” & “The Sacred Show”**

Recognizing art as a portal to spirituality is the theme of the November exhibit at JRB Art at the Elms. The exhibit will feature “Spirit Masks” by Diana J Smith and a group show, “The Sacred Show” organized by Patrick Riley. “The Sacred Show” features paintings, objects, and photos from six artists including; Claudia Wylie, G.L. August Loessberg, Lanny Fiegenschuh, Melodee Martin Ramirez, Marjorie Atwood and Patrick Riley

“Spirit masks” features one of a kind masks made of natural materials (stoneware, beads, animal pelts and feathers,) and a contemporary interpretation of our Native American past, the oft-overlooked foundation we operate atop daily.

Diana states that “Although masks conjure images of primitive peoples performing ceremonial rights to honor their gods, mine are a tribute to that ancient colorful past that instead may inspire searching for answers to one’s destiny, and healing one’s spirit”

The subject matter of the works in the “Sacred Show” have been created to affect the human spirit or soul as opposed to the material or physical things our lives are inundated with. By definition “sacred” means ‘set apart for the purpose of worship’. The sacred is the divine. The divine is in the eyes of the beholders.

Acknowledging that our 24\7 world leaves little time for reflection or exploring our inner spirituality, we live with the constant effects of negative stress. The visual arts have proven to be especially effective in alleviating those symptoms - by providing their insights into those parts of us that are perhaps overwhelmed by the day-to-day, a sculpture, a mask, a vision can elevate us, catalyze us to transcend the mundane.

For more information on JRB Art at The Elms gallery or its artists, call 405-528-6336 or visit [www.jrbartgallery.com](http://www.jrbartgallery.com).

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