

MARY JOSEPHSON

MY CORNER OF THE WORLD

Saturday, November 11 - December 23, 2017

Special Opening November 11, 11am-2pm

Artist will be present



Mary Josephson, *The Purple Night Awakened*, 2017, Embroidery on tapestry, 14"h x 17"w

We are very pleased to present *My Corner of the World*, an exhibition of contemplative works in embroidery, mosaics, and paint by contemporary artist, Mary Josephson.

Josephson's work depicts the heroics of everyday life, the commonplace events that add depth, meaning and color to our experience. Josephson says, "We each have our stories, the tales of our

lives. These connections are the subject of my work, represented in a manner meant to inspire, empower and offer hope".

For Josephson, use of materials is a key element in her work, often fashioning something new from existing materials. This current body of work began with a series of embroideries on tapestry. On these tapestries Josephson composes a riotous landscape of color and flowers inhabited by people, animals, birds and insects. In Josephson's world these gardens create the places of discovery, solace and beauty that we call home. We then carry this sense of place out into the world when need be, centered by the home created within ourselves. Using agriculture, urban encroachment and wildness as a stage, she addresses important subjects such as ethnic diversity, gender identity and sense of community, often painting people whose skin color, age, or gender renders them invisible or powerless. Her wish is to capture more than a likeness of the individual but rather represent the character or spirit of a person or place in a manner that relates to all of humanity.

Josephson earned a degree in Painting from the Pacific NW College of Art, Portland, OR, and attended the Parsons School of Design, Paris, France. Her work has been placed in numerous collections including the Tacoma Art Museum, Tacoma, WA, Portland Art Museum, Portland, OR, and the Anderson Museum of Contemporary Art, Roswell, NM.

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