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1 Work of Rona Lee Cohen featured at MGFA

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4 Mitchell-Giddings Fine Arts, 181 Main St., hosts
5 “Carrying On,” an exhibition of the art of Rona Lee Cohen, from
6 June 27 through Aug. 9. An artist reception is planned for
7 Saturday, June 27, from 5 to 7 p.m.

8 Cohen will also present a walkabout in the gallery
9 alongside her exhibition, where visitors can enjoy an informal
10 gallery talk and conversation on Saturday, July 25, at 4 p.m.

11 "It's hard to find a true, untrammelled note in this time of
12 electrified opinionation," Cohen wrote in her artist statement. "I
13 remember thinking 'in times like these you need a lucky charm.' I
14 wandered the house and there was Joan's papier-maché sculpture
15 'Guardian.' And that was a beginning, a heart-to-heart with my
16 dear artist friend and her sculpture that felt so protective and
17 pink."

18 She describes travels in the fall to New York City and
19 Washington, D.C., when she visited galleries and museums,
20 viewing works of "so many artists whose work touches our
21 humanity and leads the way." Musing on the boundless freedom
22 of expression of art, she wrote, "I am awed by [the artists']
23 brilliance and temerity."

24 Cohen began this series of paintings featured in this
25 exhibit "in a more reckless and free way than usual — slipping
26 around in paint ahead of hesitation, led by the simplicity of urge,
27 snatching a bit of courage for the ride."

28 The gallery announced 30% of the artist's proceeds from
29 the sale of her works will benefit the International Rescue
30 Committee and Equal Justice Initiative.

31 Gallery hours are Thursday through Saturday, 11 a.m. to
32 5 p.m., Sunday, noon to 5 p.m., or by appointment. For more
33 information, call 802-251-8290 or email
34 info@mitchellgiddingsfinearts.com.

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