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Amherst Arts Night Plus and Open Mic, September 5, 2019

Join us during Amherst Arts Night Plus on September 5, 2019 for our monthly celebration of local art! At our open mic, poets, writers, and performers of any kind are welcome! Come early to view the pop-up, contemporary art exhibition in the Homestead by our featured artist. The open mic begins at 6:00 p.m. and will be followed by this month's featured readers..



"Mt. Norwottuck And Apple Trees" 15 X 22" oil crayon 2018 Lorna Ritz

Featured artist: Lorna Ritz, pop-up exhibition on view 5-8PM

September's pop-up exhibition will feature a series of drawings of the Holyoke Range by [Lorna Ritz](#). In her artist statement, she says: "The Holyoke Range mountains are what Emily

Dickinson could see from her windows. My drawings focus on Mt. Norwottuck of them. They range was glacially formed, one of the only east-west axis range mountains in this country. Lorna says, "The mountains are so close to me I can almost reach out to pet them, like they are a big animal moving up and down as the cloud shadows allow the sun to hit them in a pulsating way. I work many hours at a time several days in a row to complete each drawing, (once I get the light from the sky falling on the mountains right, as it keeps changing so fast). Each drawing has immediacy to it, but takes time to complete; it's my own personal paradox. The drawing is the consequence of technique and skill brought about by the concept. That is how what ends up on the paper gets said, and how my drawings come to be. She works Holbein oil pastels on 300 pound hot press, (smooth), archival paper. The crayon slides across the mirror-smooth surface. She scrapes into the crayon with the single edged as a drawing tool, as much the crayon is used. She says, " I love color and I love the oil crayon to express how my eyes tell my hands how to move across the paper." www.lornaritz.com

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