

Jane Deering Gallery

Joy!

Joy Halsted | what I've been doing in the time of (covid)

November 13 - 22 . 2020

@ 19 Pleasant Street . Gloucester MA

Friday, Saturday & Sunday 1:00 - 3:00pm and always by appointment . 917-902-4359



Joy Halsted . *Anti-corona knitted hat* 2020 . Wool, mohair and acrylic yarns.

'There is no artist on earth like Joy Halsted,' wrote Pat Lowery Collins in her 2015 interview with the artist. The multi-faceted Halsted is an inventive, provocative, irreverent, playful, politically-aware,

and process-oriented artist. And what has Joy Halsted been doing these many months since life and covid locked her and all of us indoors? Using process once again to compulsively knit. To knit hats with corona pompoms attached at the top. *Anti-corona* hats, as Joy nicknames them. *'Humor is our saving grace,'* she writes. *'The atmosphere is serious; we're all feeling a bit lost. As an artist, I felt the need to raise spirits; to offer a new perspective.'*

The caps are looping off her knitting needles at a fast clip, a bit akin to Bartholomew and his 500 hats. Strings of them will be on view in this new expression of Halsted's imagination and energetic vitality. Hats off! to the indomitable Joy, an artist rising again to meet the need. (Actually, hats on!)

Anti-corona hats @ \$35 . The gallery will donate to **The Open Door**.

Halsted swaps her ironing board for knitting needles



Joy Halsted graduated from Bennington College with further studies at the Art Institute of Philadelphia; the Art Students' League in Woodstock, NY; the Art Institute of San Miguel Allende, Mexico; and the Corcoran School of Art in Washington, DC. A versatile artist working in many media — painting, drawing, print making, stained glass, sculpture and recyclables — Halsted is equally known for her spirited social commentary. The artist has exhibited in Boston, New York, Chicago, Washington DC, Philadelphia, as well as her beloved hometown of Gloucester, MA. Her work is in the permanent collection of the Cape Ann Museum, Gloucester, MA; and in museums in Chicago, Philadelphia, and Duluth, MN. The artist maintains a studio on Cape Ann.

