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March 2020

It is the mission of East Montrose Civic Association to serve the interests of East Montrose, to promote the safety and welfare of its residents, to foster a sense of community, and to celebrate the diversity and uniqueness of the area. These goals are accomplished through the efforts of its volunteers and elected officers.

NO MARCH MEETING!



The EMCA Board would like to invite you to an event!

What: EMCA Shred Event 2020 When: Saturday, April 18th

Time: 9am - 12pm

Where: Peggy Shiffick Park 700 Bomar

EMCA Members are free! Non-members are \$5.

Come on out, bring your paper shredding, have a donut and meet your neighbors.

We scheduled the event early enough that you can declutter your home,
do something for the environment
and not miss the fabulous Art Car Parade 2020 (a Houston favorite) all in one day!

Only paper will be shredded.

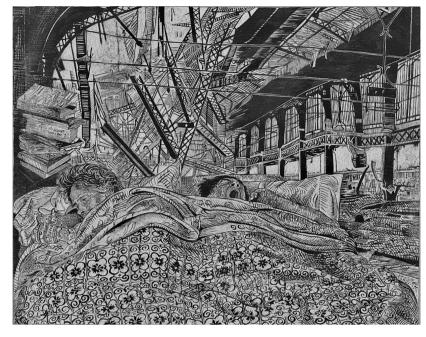
Please plan on taking any cardboard boxes or other containers home with you.



Artist **Alice Briggs** stays in our neighborhood when in Houston. One evening after watching TV together, she noticed Jeff's stack of books and asked permission to photograph them. Since then we've seen his stacks of books in some of her drawings. We call this woodcut proof of hers "Spooky Action at a Distance".

Briggs is unafraid to explore truly spooky subjects: subjects most of us prefer to avoid. Art League Houston will exhibit *The Writing on the Wall* which addresses immigration and border politics in the city of Juarez. Brigg's artwork will be shown in conjunction with her projects with Juárez reporter and photojournalist **Julian Cardona**.

In the preface to their upcoming book, Briggs states, "The people of Ciudad Juárez, who tell their stories in these pages, are neither composite nor fictional characters. A few gave permission to publish their first and last names. Others are identified by nicknames known only among their friends and families. A small number did not want not to be named at all. They share memories of their experiences between 2006 through 2012, years when the streets of their city exploded with violence, years when **President Felipe Calderón** sent ten thousand federal forces into Ciudad Juárez. A new lexicon that rose out of Ciudad Juárez during this six-year period is the core of our project, an investiga-



tion of the language and framework of a main growth industry in this border city: crime. These pages reveal that much of this crime is sponsored by the Mexican State. When not committed by the State, the government's policy of near impunity condones these crimes.

As with any attempt to capture slang, our efforts have become history before these pages could be bound. Some years after the drug trade's parallel economy rode into town, it was followed by thousands of soldiers and Federal Police. President Felipe Calderón implied that the resulting deaths of Juárez citizens were equivalent to an extermination of cockroaches. If ever there was an occasion for speechlessness, this was it. But in this city where Spanish and English collide, the streets exploded with words invented and adjusted to describe a world Juarenses had never seen."

The Writing on the Wall
Art League Houston
March 13 – April 25, 2020
Opening Reception:
6 – 9 PM Friday, March 13, 2020
Artist Talk:
7:15 PM I Main Gallery

Discussion with Artist Alice Leora Briggs and Julián Cardona: 6:30 PM Tuesday, April 21, 2020 I Main Gallery

















Very close to our lovely hood is an art gallery that many of you may know ... ARCHWAY GALLERY. The gallery was started in 1976 by a group of professional artists who formed a partnership to exhibit their work and have more control over their artistic freedom. It has been in many locations over the years and is presently located at 2305 Dunlavy with nearly 4000 sq.ft. of space and 30 artist-members.

In March, ARCHWAY will be hosting an exhibition and auction to raise money for *Empty Bowls Houston* which benefits the *Houston Food Bank*. Silent Auction Reception: Saturday, March 7 from 5 - 8 p.m. (The Empty Bowls artwork will be open for bidding through April 2, 2020.) Event Day: April 4 from 11 a.m.-3 p.m. at *Houston Center for Contemporary Craft*, 4848 Main Street, 77002

Upcoming Exhibition at the ARCHWAY: March 7 to April 2, 2020 *Mostly Water, Some Rock* Photography by **Larry Garmezy**, in participation with FotoFest 2020.

Opening Reception: Saturday, March 7, 2020 from 5 to 8 p.m. with Artist Talk at 6:30 p.m. 2305 Dunlavy, Houston, TX 77006



Larry Garmezy—At the Speed of Sound



Larry Garmezy—In the Flow of Time

Who knew painting could be so much fun? Unlike the many creative people in our neighborhood, I was not gifted with artistic talent. When EMCA went to local neighborhood business *Pinot's Palette* for a night of painting, I was thinking of many excuses to not show up. I was glad I went. Our instructor, Barbara, offered just enough guidance through each step of the process. While I won't say I created a masterpiece, I was pleasantly surprised at the outcome. The most enjoyable piece of the evening, though, was the camaraderie with fellow residents and seeing how each visualizes the basic template to create their work of art. It highlights how East Montrose continues to be the Living Mosaic it is meant to be.



Yard of the Season...



by Betsy Anderson

Our Yard of the Season winner for the months of February through April 2020 is the well-cared for and loved town home at 907 Peden.

When you drive, walk, or bike past, notice the lovely colors that compliment each other. There is one breezy-looking palm tree, an almost always blooming Knockout rose bush, bright yellow pansies, orange Gerbena daisies, white lantana, cacti and the just about ready to bloom Indian hawthorn bushes at the curb. They meld together to make a gorgeous landscape in a relatively small amount of green scape.

We are happy and proud to have East Montrose homeowners who care so much for their property.

Area crime reports can be found at the excellent and current www.spotcrime.com

The city of Houston crime database is almost always out of date.

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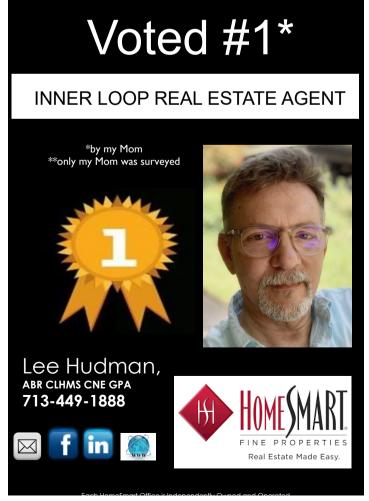
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February Treasurer's Report

Beginning Balance			\$12,332.39
Monies In:	Memberships	\$50.00	
	Spring Social	\$195.00	
Monies Out	Storage unit	(\$61.00)	
	PO Box Annual Renewal	(\$130.00)	
	Membership Postcards	(\$429.82)	
	NearTown Dues	(\$100.00)	
	Spring Social Expense	(\$251.00)	
	PayPal Fees	(\$4.68)	
Ending Balance:			\$11,600.89

TRASH COLLECTION SCHEDULE

March 2	Monday	Regular Trash and Lawn
March 4	Wednesday	Heavy Trash—TREE WASTE
March 9	Monday	Regular Trash & Lawn & Recycle
March 16	Monday	Regular Trash & Lawn
March 23	Monday	Regular Trash & Lawn & Recycle
March 30	Monday	Regular Trash & Lawn

This trash schedule comes from the Rollout app and is subject to change.

***holiday schedule / not confirmed

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