

Reverse painted, functional art made with a Jewish flair

Living Art by Leah is hand-painted, functional, Judaic art created out of a desire to honor the beautiful traditions of the Jewish people.

Renowned organizer Hot Works, LLC brings the 22nd Estero Fine Art Show to a new location at JetBlue Park in Fort Myers on January 5 & 6.

All forms of discipline are for sale to the public. There is something for everyone, in all price ranges. The Estero Fine Art Show has been voted among the top 100 art shows in America three years running. It is juried by art professionals with criteria based on originality, appearance, technique/execution and booth appearance. There is \$1,500 in professional artist awards presented on Saturday, January 5 at 3:00 p.m.

One of the artists whose work will be prominently featured is Lori Charnow of Boynton Beach.

Born in Brooklyn, New York, the artist has roots in two distinct Jewish cultures as the daughter of first-generation Americans whose families immigrated from Russia on her father's side and Turkey on her mother's. As a child, she enjoyed the unique opportunity of experiencing old world Sephardi and Ashkenazi customs firsthand in her

grandparents and great-grandparents homes. This early history gave the artist a great longing to share her cultural roots with her own family and friends and has led her to create unique pieces of art to enhance the rituals of both cultures.



As a former teacher of children and adults, Lori is proud to use her knowledge and life experience to add to the vast richness of our beloved Jewish culture and traditions. It is her hope that her work will inspire others to reach

back and bring their own histories into the present.

Lori's The Leah Collection was made to use in all your family's holiday celebrations to add beauty to the experience and strengthen your family's ties to Jewish tradition. Each unique piece of hand-painted glassware is baked to a permanent, but delicate finish. Surface imperfections reflect this creative process.

The Leah Collection's mission is to create functional art that adds beauty to the celebration of Jewish rituals and encourages the continuity of Jewish customs from one generation to the next, (in Hebrew, l'dor v'dor). They also intend to help sustain Jewish life and the Jewish community as a whole, for this generation and the next.

Meet Jewish artist Lori Charnow and 125 other professional artists at Hot Works' Estero Fine Art Show on January 5 & 6 at JetBlue Park, east of I-75 off Daniels Parkway in Fort Myers. Event hours are 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. daily. Free admission; \$10 parking. More information is available at www.hotworks.org.



While at the art show, be sure to visit the Youth Art Competition for grades K-8 or ages 5-13. Students are encouraged to submit original art that is publicly displayed in the art show the entire weekend as they are exposed to the rules and entrepreneurship opportunity of doing art shows for a living. There is \$250 in youth art cash awards presented on Sunday, January 6 at 3:00 p.m. under the tent labeled "Youth Art Competition."

The Institute for Arts & Education is the associated 501(c)(3) non-profit organization that is dedicated to fostering art education among youth, cultural diversity, visual arts and community enrichment.

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