

May 9, 2024

Dear Friends,

honeyjones studio and gallery will be closing at the end of May. For some of you, this may not be news. I'm writing now to confirm it without too much explanation and to express my gratitude for the experience and to everyone involved. The last four years spent exploring this endeavor have been wonderfully exciting and meaningful, every step of the way. Every connection, dialogue and learning process whether planned or impromptu, has been and will always be for me an enormous source of hope and pride and delight.

Although the business will conclude, I will keep my website alive for the indefinite future, in part because it is a wonderful record of this adventure and its many inspiring moments. I also hope that it will serve as witness to a next transition into my own art projects which I have been only dipping into and would now like to spend more focused time on. I'm looking forward to more open time in general.

Dear Artists, I am honored to have worked with you. You have shared your beauty and love and hope and your senses of purpose. In arguably very grim times, this is so good and so needed. Dear Vendors, Assistants, Local Collaborators, and Scholarship Recipients, I am honored to have worked with you as well. Together we have all endeavored to send out messages for the good in humanity. I have loved my roles as initiator, intermediary and advocate in support of many beautiful ideals and have loved getting to know you through your art and passions.

To the surrounding community and to all visitors, neighbors, friends, families, and my own birth family, thank you for your curiosity, enthusiasm, engagement and support, for consistently and cheerfully checking in, taking interest in themes and missions, attending events and buying artwork, and for collaborating and for helping out on many, many occasions.... and for staying close !

Thank you to the City of Cambridge for providing COVID-19 relief grants for honeyjones. This was very helpful and very appreciated.

Many, many thanks to my wonderful landlord/property manager, Nick, for appreciating my business idea just prior to the pandemic and who has always been sincere, kind, compassionate and offered welcome and trusted advice.

Thank you to my family for simply being wonderful as they are and more specifically; to my daughter Natasha, who has been deftly, gracefully managing the honeyjones instagram

account, my daughter Amira, who has participated in both visual and performance artist roles, my son Musi, for bringing me food and emotional and logistical support, and to my husband Ayaz, the sweetest and coolest cat around, for investing hard earned money into this project.

I wish you all much happiness and good health and hopeful prospects for the infinite future.

In lieu of a grand farewell party, I hope you will all be able to come into the gallery in the next few weeks to re-connect. Here are a few lovely and meaningful ways to do that:

Through May 19

Hiding in Books

Local bookseller John Davis has been holding shop hours at the gallery since the beginning of May. His inventory is vast and diverse, and includes vintage paperbacks, hard to find editions and much more. We encourage folks to come in and browse!! <https://hidinginbooks.com/>

Monday - Saturday 12:00 - 5:00pm with some additional evening hours

Friday May 10

4:00 - 8:00pm

Gayatri Designs Jewelry

Trunk Show and Social Hours

Just in time for Mother's Day, Seanne Sullivan of Gayatri Designs will be offering a very alluring and elegant collection of gemstone earrings, pendants, bracelets and more. Aperitifs and a warm atmosphere to be enjoyed. <https://www.facebook.com/gayatridesignsjewelry/>

Saturday May 11

12:00 - 5:00pm

Informal Climate Crisis Conversations

Artist Michaela Nielsen, whose paintings are still on view, will be welcoming visitors all afternoon. This is a wonderful chance for those of you already working for climate change action to meet and create synergy forward for progress, but also for those interested to learn more from a committed artist with a background in biology, mothering and focused mission surrounding plastic pollution. <https://34curls.com/work/>

May 12

Mother's Day

1:00 - 5:00pm

honeyjones will be open with artwork, books, vintage wear... Mothers most welcome!

May 18 and 19

12:00 - 5:00pm

our last days of being open for business to the public. We may have a few surprises !

I hope to see you soon.

Love to All,

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