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Domonic Boreffi

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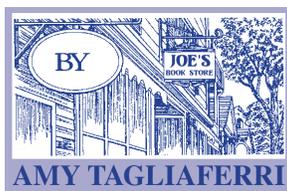
“I wanna go out to lunch! I wanna be normal again!” Domonic Boreffi, owner of Gallery Antonia laughed as he quoted Goldie Hawn from the movie “Private Benjamin,” echoing what a lot of us are feeling right now. “But there is activity even though it doesn’t seem like there is,” he continued. “None of us know what the summer will bring but we are going to be here, Gallery Antonia is going to be here trying to do what we do well.” Boreffi says he goes to his gallery every day and keeps busy updating the website (“new works are added weekly”), scheduling new events and planning new collaborations with other businesses. He told me to tell customers to give him a call, and if you’re comfortable he’ll invite you in. “Just one or two people at a time.”

As for working every day, what could he be planning for the future? “We’re always moving forward to new ideas, and welcoming other Chatham businesses to join us. It means so much to me, being part of this community.”

Boreffi was so excited about 2020, and he’s not letting the current conditions dampen his enthusiasm. “Our annual group show will be extra special this year because of the 10-year anniversary. It’s scheduled for July 18 from 4 to 6 p.m. We’re hopeful we can still have it.” When he says “we” he means those artists who have been a part of the Gallery Antonia family for a good part of the decade he’s been in business: Ann Hart, Susan Hollis, Vera Champlin, Ginny Nickerson and William Davis. “We also represent Del Bourree-Bach, William Burnham and others along with works from the estates of Marguerite Falconer and Charles Slovak. There

are 20 artists represented here altogether.” This winter he welcomed a new member to the gallery family, fabric designer Françoise Surel. “Françoise creates unique pillows. Her work is gorgeous! We are planning a kick-off show for her with photographer Kim Roderiques this summer.”

In the spirit of collaboration and thinking outside the box, Gallery Antonia has been a location for catered private events (such as birthdays, post weddings, etc.), book-signings and special tours for groups such as the Nauset Newcomers. Before the pandemic, Ann Hart gave them a presentation along with the tour and then the group had lunch downstairs at Mac’s Chatham Fish and Lobster. Another of his artists, Carol Maguire, held a solo show at the Marconi Museum last



June.

“Events like this benefit everyone; many local residents/ art patrons hadn’t been inside the museum.” Boreffi also has a real estate license with Robert Paul Properties and has collaborated with Team Guthrie Mabile on open houses featuring a tour of the property along with refreshments and artwork (and artists!) from Gallery Antonia. Boreffi also helps coordinate the successful Winter Art Series at Chatham Bars Inn. Another sideline Boreffi offers is in-home art consulting. “I can come to your home and hang work for clients; it can even be artwork you own from other galleries.” He also works hand-in-hand with Heather McGrath, owner of Simpler Pleasures, a local interior designer firm on some projects.

Boreffi may not be able to do lunch soon, but he’s certainly keeping busy. “I enjoy what I do!”