

THE READING GROUP PRESENTS

CHAIR OF THE MONTH ART AUCTION

Featured Artist for September:

Siti Mariah Jackson

Items: 2 chairs & 2 stools: Egyptian Dynasty and Mythology

Description: **Chairs:** 3' 2^{1/2}" (h) x 18" (w) x 17^{1/2}" (d); **Stools:** 18" (h) & 13" (d); The décor of these items was inspired by the exotic images of the Ancient Egyptian arts and crafts and its mythology that adorned the Pharaoh's tombs, monuments, pyramids, pillars, textiles, pottery, jewelry, and other objects. The central design for the furniture is the classic features of the Pharaoh and his Queen and is incorporated with some conventional motifs such as plants and flowers, animals and birds, scarab beetles, hieroglyphs and scenes of state occasion. The motifs are then arranged to fit the design of the furniture with alternating and striking colors of turquoise, green, red, blue, orange, metallic gold, etc.

Biographical Info:

Siti Mariah Jackson was born in Kedah, Malaysia. In 1978-79, she received her Textile and Design and Art Teachers Diploma from Mara Institute of Technology, Kuala Lumpur. During the 1980's she was part of the Malaysian Art Examination Panel and taught art in public schools and teacher's colleges. In 1985 Jackson was awarded a Malaysian Federal Teaching Scholarship to pursue a Master of Arts Degree at the University of Illinois, graduating in 1988. While working towards her degree, she learned the art of ceramics. Jackson married artist Billy Morrow Jackson in 1988 and now resides in Champaign. In 1999 she studied watercolor, including portraits based on her life experiences in Malaysia, USA, and her travels to Europe and the Bahamas. Jackson continues to explore these diverse mediums and themes even to this day. She has participated in public commission assignments, art competitive shows locally, nationwide, and internationally. More than 400 of Jackson's artworks are in public and private collections in the USA and throughout the world.

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