**THE TIE THAT BINDS**

art by Melanie Hickerson



Julia C. Butridge Gallery

Dougherty Art Center,

1110 Barton Springs Road, Austin, TX 78704

*Opening Reception: Thursday, January 16, 7-9 PM*

January 11, 2020 to February 8, 2020

I grew up in a family that had homemade art; singing, acting, reading, cooking and dancing together. Swimming was a favorite sport. Camping and picnicking meant “leave a place better than you found it.”Human culture, as student and partner, dances with the natural world.

This body of work is about the tie of peoples, individuals and nature as part and parcel of one family. I want to make something instant *and* slow with a focus on relationships between humans and a healthy planet. A homemade family of all.

Lindsey Smith and The Annual Teaching Artist Exhibit for the DAC staff will be on view, also, at the Dougherty Art Center. We all invite the public to the Reception honoring these exhibits!

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