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## Press Release



Three friends - Charlie Champalimaud of Troutbeck, Amenia, NY, Martha Fish of Milton Market, Litchfield, CT and artist and master gilder Carol Leskanic, based in Bantam came together early spring to share and reflect on our time, witnessing what felt like a new era of civic engagement. Searching for an outlet the three friends started meeting weekly and learned about the local social service organization Susan B. Anthony Project (SBA), in Torrington CT. SBA's mission is to promote safety, healing, and growth for all survivors of domestic and sexual abuse and advocates for the autonomy of woman and the end of interpersonal violence. The three friends were

quickly drawn to the incredible work this organization has been doing since 1983. Under normal circumstances, fifty percent of SBA's funding comes directly from fundraising, but their events are currently on hold. All the while, their need in the community throughout the pandemic has increased significantly. The organizations work is more important now than ever.

Together, Charlie, Martha and Carol started gathering vintage frames collected over the years and Carol began working on paper. Forty works of art have been created by Carol Leskanic and will be exhibited at Troutbeck and Milton Market in conjunction with events highlighting a talk by SBA's Executive Director Jeanne Fusco. The body of work is focused on collaged variations of emotive minimal, organic forms, quiet compositions created through the layering of handmade black and white Japanese papers. Each piece is then mounted in vintage black, painted or wood frames ranging in size from 5"x7" to 18"x21".

The work is for sale during exhibitions at Troutbeck and Milton Market on October 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> for an invited group of guests only (due to Covid-19 safety restrictions) and will be available for sale to the public at Milton Market and online at [Miltonmarketct.com](http://Miltonmarketct.com) from Saturday, October 3<sup>rd</sup> to Sunday, October 4<sup>th</sup>.

100% of the proceeds will go directly to the Susan B. Anthony Project.

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