

## “We are all gathering alone” by Sima Schloss



Sima Schloss, We are all gathering alone, 2020, mixed media, 11 x 14 in.

Sima Schloss is a Beacon Gallery artist and hence I must admit I am a bit biased in writing about her. I love her work and have really enjoyed seeing its evolution since I first got to know her a few years ago.

Schloss' piece “We are all gathering alone” is a result of her recent time at home. She says, *“When I started this work the pandemic had just begun. Like so many of us, I had horrible anxiety and had to find a way to work through it. While I was working on it, I was speaking with my family and friends which gave (and still does give) me a great deal of comfort. The work started evolving as I added more elements of color and different line qualities. I started to emerge feeling stronger. I realized that I may be physically alone in my apartment but I am not alone when facing my fears and anxieties.”*

Schloss' art often features strong figurative pieces in bold poses. She demonstrates a continuous desire to push boundaries and create in new ways. Like her work, hopefully we will all emerge stronger from these trying times.