

# Art on display this month in grocery store, deli

**Manna will also host reception, book signing with poet**

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Canvas images from a Tuscaloosa poet's book of abstract six-color shape-writing will be on display throughout September at Manna Grocery and Deli.

Hank Lazer, a semi-retired University of Alabama professor and former UA administrator, has written "Slowly Becoming Awake," which features shape-writing works that include simple, typed transcriptions so readers can appreciate each for its visual elements, and also read simply for text.

The 10 canvases on display at Manna, 2350 McFarland Blvd. E., reflect Lazer's interest in Zen meditation and his occasional morning writing practice at Duncan Farm, a remote farm west of Carrollton in Pickens County. The canvases will be for sale, as will copies of "Slowly Becoming Awake."

Manna will also host a reception and book signing with Lazer from 3-5 p.m. Sept. 13. The event will feature snacks, drinks and a brief



**"Slowly Becoming Awake," published by Dos Madres Press, is Hank Lazer's 31st book of poetry.** [CONTRIBUTED PHOTO]

music-poetry improvisational performance with musician-composer Holland Hopson.

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69-year-old Lazer's 31st poetry book. In 2015, the California native received the Harper Lee Award for lifetime achievement in literature.