



**MELANIE FAIN**

Resides: Boerne, Texas  
b. 1958, Texas, USA

*Tangled Web*

Black-chinned  
hummingbird, female  
Etching with Watercolor, 5.5 x 8

*During the summer months orb weaver webs criss-cross between the numerous live oak trees that line the road to my house. One afternoon I noticed something large and gangly trapped in one: a female black-chinned hummingbird stretched out and stuck fast. It was apparent by her loose feathers that*

*she had struggled to free herself to no avail. She had grown tired and given up. After I photographed her, I carefully freed her and painstakingly removed the sticky pieces of web from her wings and body before releasing her.*