***Vision Statement***

*Paths intersect. Lives are impacted. Identities evolve. Everything happens for a reason.*

***“To move forward, we have to understand and know***

***where we came from***

***and how we got to any given place in time.***

***Everything is connected…”***

     Elaine Weiner-Reed’s art focuses on examining and unraveling the complexity and mystery of human relationships, emotions, and behavior, featuring the individual *within* or *outside of* a group dynamic. Are the figures center stage or out of focus? Do they wear a mask? How do they relate to others within the scene? Are they close or connected? Hidden or shielded? In your face or turned away…?

 In Elaine Weiner-Reed’s paintings, layers of color, shape, and her unique calligraphic line palpitate boldly with charged energy or serenely with subtle undertones to weave a story that intrigues, sparks the imagination, and conveys a mood or atmosphere. What is the story and is there more than meets the eye? How does it make you feel? Does a work express intimacy, loneliness, grief, agony, alienation, joy, solidarity, sensuality, conflict, harmony, or mystery?  Weiner-Reed explores life and documents her journey in her work, zooming in on an individual, defining their personality or psyche in layers. Depending on the storyline, she depicts them with a defined character or as a mysterious silhouette or after-thought...

 Each painting is infused with emotion and wrenched from personal experience and deep reflection. Some are also influenced by dreams and desires and an innate curiosity.  Each tells its own unique story and is part of an evolving series. Weiner-Reed believes we are all products of our personal histories, and in her work, she connects her present to the ancestral voices and timeless whispers of the past.

 For more than five years, the Artist has been exploring “*Identity*” and what she defines as the *Morphology of Self*. What makes someone who they are? What traits determine one’s identity…? What forks in the road led us to where we are today?

 Elaine Weiner-Reed’s September 2017 solo exhibition “Masks and Mirrors” is a window into her intellectual and creative journey and an invitation to reflect, explore, and dialogue with her and as your own life journey continues to unfold.