

## Cover Art and Designer



### *About the Artist*

My name is Stephanie A. Smith and I identify with she/her pronouns. My majors are religious studies and social science-multidisciplinary. I look forward to following through to a master's program after I earn my bachelor's degree. I am a distance student studying online from Trona. Trona is a small town at the southwest corner of Death Valley that is classified as a ghost town, which I think is pretty neat. As an artist, I love to get lost in being creative. I have learned many types of artistic techniques, but my favorite pastime is painting. Painting is important to me because it emotionally connects me to my French and Mexican ancestry and is a time when I can contemplate the world around me without pressure. I prefer to work in traditional styles and techniques using bold colors. Submitting my painting to Adelante was a big step as I have never previously entered an art contest. But, by following the link to

the advertisement in the school announcements, I found a wonderfully encouraging and diverse atmosphere that is as inspiring as it is reflective of the community. Community, like a shared meal, is nurturing and so I offer you my simple "Comfort Food."

*Comfort Food* celebrates kinship and home, friendship, and sharing. Food is central to life and community. The price of food may be on the rise, but the pricelessness of breaking bread together cannot be measured. It brings people together, creating conversation and shared experience. Food is a cultural expression of love that is best enjoyed when shared.



Stephanie A. Smith  
*Comfort Food*  
Acrylic on paper, 12" x 9"