

Five Reasons to Visit Lower Oak Lawn this Weekend

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3. Get your art on at Nicola Parente's Exhibit Opening at Gremillion.

Take a breather from your day of exploring the district by checking out LOL's newest art exhibit, *Edge of Awakening* by Nicola Parente. The Houston-based artist, inspired by the words of Henry David Thoreau, embraces negative space to evoke a sense of limitlessness.

In the paintings comprising the series, Parente embraces negative space to evoke a sense of limitlessness. On a predominantly white ground, lines of black and intermittent color appear and re-appear in ever-changing intervals and variant shades whose only clear boundary is the edge of the medium.

Parente works from his studio in Houston, Texas. Born in Italy, he draws from a rich Italian heritage and a deep well of cross-cultural experiences to bring his art to life. Most recently, Parente's work was selected for Texas Art 2010 juried exhibition. In 2009, his work was featured in an exhibition, *Transparent/Translucent*, at the Museum Gallery, University of Texas, in San Antonio.