

### **Person of Interest: Lyuba Titovest**

On August 29th 2019 I received the news that I was going to partake in a digital archive entitle *El Paso Food Voices* by creating an individual podcast. This podcast and the process of constructing it was and is going to be the major project for my graduate class, ENGL 5323, taught by Dr. Meredith Abarca. This being said, in preparation for this project, I listened to the food stories feature in “private” and “public” links of El Paso Food Voices, and immediately knew who and what I wanted to be the subject of my podcast.

I have always been fascinated with art and food, particularly food as artistic inspiration, and I have always admired those who are able to fuse these two mediums together. This being said, I have always esteemed Russian Born and nationally acclaimed artist, Lyuba Titovets . She has been living and teaching art in El Paso since 1991 and has always incorporate both her native Russian and local El Paso foods, namely fruits, as inspiration in her art. With Lyuba and art in mind, I decided that I wanted to do a podcast anchored in art, particularly food in art, art in food, food as an inspiration for art and art as an inspiration for food. This subject and approach will add a wonderful and unique element to the El Paso Food Voices digital archive. Through the course of the interview and podcast Lyuba Titovets will lead us on a journey through her creative and artistic process as it relates to food. Through her art and her eyes, Lyuba Titovets will take the audience on an exploration through her personal relationship with food as a native Russian and El Paso resident.