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Helen Henton (1901–86), *Fish Houses*, 1970. Oil on canvas, mounted on board, approximately 20" x 24".

Gift of the estate of Helen Henton.

WINTER BRINGS CLUSTERS of ice-fishing houses onto frozen lakes, seasonal communities of a distinctive vernacular architecture. Helen Henton of Olivia captured the colorful individuality of these structures in a scene that could have been made on thousands of Minnesota lakes. The robustly colored houses seem to float between cold snow and colder skies.—Thomas O’Sullivan



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