

"Art objects are lures, attracting certain spirits, and they're a container for that spirit."

-Ficino

Julie Branch is a sculptor living outside of Rotterdam, New York. Working primarily in ceramics and fiber she creates figures inspired by nature, dreams and mythology.

Julie grew up in the Dakotas, Colorado, Hawaii and Montana. As an adult she lived in Minnesota, Montana and New York City. Throughout her childhood and adult life nature has been an endless source of wonder and solace. Raising two children and working as an art therapist underscored the importance of nature in the overall health of people.

Her recent work focuses on this relationship with animals and nature. Some work captures the spirits of the animals she encounters during her daily explorations into the woods surrounding her studio. Other work reflects the rich forms found in the forest. Underneath it all is a deep understanding of the vital role the forest and its inhabitants play in our collective mythology and humanity. Along with that understanding goes a deep concern for the future of all animal and plant life. Julie hopes that the figures she creates help to invoke the spirits of nature and evoke within our psyches our deep memory and need for them.

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Education

MPS Pratt Institute, Brooklyn, NY 1991

BA Macalester College, St. Paul, MN 1982

Solo Exhibitions

Solo Exhibit, Town of Ballston Community Library, Burnt Hills, NY 2012 & 2011

Solo Exhibit, Jewish Community Center, Niskayuna, NY 2010

More Bliss, Sow's Ear Studio & Gallery, Niskayuna, NY 2010

Solo Exhibit, Valley Artisans Market, Cambridge, NY 2010

Bliss, Sow's Ear Studio & Gallery, Niskayuna, NY 2009

Group Exhibitions

Hair Spray and Opinions, Troy, NY 2016

A Common Thread, Textile Center of Minnesota, Minneapolis, MN 2016

Winter Salon Show, Clement Art Gallery, Troy, NY 2016

Guest Artist, Micropolis Gallery, Gloversville, NY 2015

20 for 20, Invitational exhibit, Textile Center, Minneapolis, MN 2014

Fence Show, Capital District Arts Center, Troy, NY 2014

Adirondack Museum Fiber Arts Festival, Blue Mountain Lake, NY 2013 & 2012

Reflection, Small Gallery, Valley Artisans Market, Cambridge, NY 2012

Time Illuminated, Sow's Ear Studio & Gallery, Schenectady, NY 2011

*Figuratively Fiber**, Textile Center of Minnesota, Minneapolis, MN 2011

*People's Choice Award Winner

Winter Garden, Valley Artisans Market, Cambridge, NY 2011

Schenectady Art Attack, Schenectady, NY 2010

Winter Solstice, Saratoga Arts Council, Saratoga Springs, NY 2009

At Play, Valley Artisans Market, Cambridge, NY 2009

Fence Show, Capital District Arts Center, Troy, NY 2009

A Common Thread, Textile Center of Minnesota, Minneapolis, MN 2009

Freedom, the Fabric of Our Nation, Textile Center of Minnesota, Minneapolis, MN 2008

Alumni Art Exhibit, Macalester College, St. Paul, MN 2007

Publications

Art Doll Quarterly, Spring 2016, Winter 2014, Spring 2012, Winter 2011

Dialogue, Issue 58, Summer 2013

Studios: Cloth, Paper, Scissors, Summer 2010

Affiliations

Scarlet Seven Gallery, Troy, NY

Micropolis Gallery, Gloversville, NY