

## Karen Rand Anderson

Over decades, my relationship with the natural world and an affinity for landscape have consistently informed my art practice, whether the work is two or three dimensional. In 2005, I began working sculpturally with branches, bones, vines and other organic materials, hearkening back to my undergraduate work at RISD in the 1970s, where I worked in porcelain in combination with materials such as shells, bones, rocks and wood. The resulting body of work from 2005-2012 was a series of “branchworks”: vessels, objects, and twisted and woven organic forms formed with branches and vines, sometimes combined with found objects.

With a background in both two- and three-dimensional art, I have continually combined the two, toggling between painting/drawing and sculpture. In all the mediums I have worked in, energetic, intuitive mark-making and an emotional, process-driven approach characterize what I want and need to express.

*Award-winning Providence-based artist Karen Rand Anderson graduated with honors from Rhode Island School of Design in 1977 with a BFA in ceramics and, in 2010, received her MFA in mixed-media studio art through the Vermont Studio Center/Johnson State College graduate degree program in Johnson, VT. Karen's deep involvement with visual art has spanned many different mediums, including glass, ceramics, sculptural work with natural and found materials, drawing and painting; she is influenced by a connection with the natural world and a personal inquiry into mystery. Karen's recent painting focuses on an exploration of landscape, moving forward into abstraction, informed by intuitive mark-making, layering of color, and gestural brushwork. Her sculptural work utilizes natural materials combined with appropriated objects; large-format drawings often reference her sculptures, both visually and conceptually. Her work has been shown in solo, invitational and juried shows throughout New England, as well as further afield, and has won numerous awards. She has completed artist residencies at Vermont Studio Center, I-Park Artists Enclave (CT) and in Bulgaria. Karen's professional affiliations include artist membership at the Providence Art Club and elected artist membership in the Art League Rhode Island, where she also serves on the Board of Directors and as co-chair of the Exhibitions Committee.*

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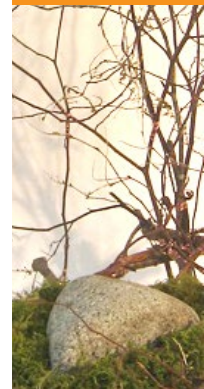
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### Education

Johnson State College/Vermont Studio Center  
Johnson, VT, MFA in Mixed-Media Studio Art, Honors – 2010

Rhode Island School of Design, Providence, RI  
BFA in Ceramics, Honors – 1977

Continuing Education Courses at Rhode Island  
School of Design – 1999-2003

Lyme Academy College of Fine Arts  
Old Lyme, CT – 1997-2000

School of Contemporary Music, Boston, MA, Musical  
Debut at Boston Conservatory, Classical Works for Piano  
and Original Works for Guitar and Dulcimer – 1971

### Residencies

I-Park Artist's Enclave, Hamden, CT, Artist Residency – 2007

Vermont Studio Center, Johnson, VT  
Artist Residencies – 2005, 2006, 2008, 2009, 2010

Griffis Foundation/Orpheus Foundation, Invited  
as Visiting Artist for One-month Residency in Sophia,  
Bulgaria – Summer 2008

### Affiliations

Elected Artist Member, Art League of Rhode Island

Elected Artist Member, Providence Art Club

Elected Artist Member, Connecticut Academy of Fine Arts

Elected Artist Member, Society of Layerists in Multi Media

Elected Artist Member, Mystic Arts Center

Board of Directors, Art League of Rhode Island

Exhibitions Committee, Current Co-chair,  
Art League of Rhode Island

Member and past Gallery Committee member,  
Pawtucket Arts Collaborative

Rhode Island School of Design Alumni Council – 2012-2016

Rhode Island School of Design Alumni Association

Lyme Academy College of Fine Arts Alumni Association

Board of Directors, Mystic Arts Center, Mystic, CT – 2001-2007

Exhibitions Committee, Mystic Arts Center – 2004-2007

Programming Committee, Hygienic Arts, Inc,  
New London, CT – 2005-2007

### Selected Solo Exhibitions

Onochoko Creative Studios, Warren, RI – 2017

Summer Show at Bass Cottage Inn, Bar Harbor, ME – 2016

Reliable Gold, LTD, Providence, RI – 2016

*Wondering About Flow*, Bank of Rhode Island,  
Providence, RI – 2015

*Allowing Transformation*, AS220 Project Space,  
Providence, RI – 2015

*Reaching for Beauty*, Coastal Living Gallery,  
Wickford, RI – 2015

*Seeking Place*, Van Vesseem Gallery, Tiverton, RI – 2014

*Forgiveness Bower*, Grant-funded Invitation from  
Providence Art Windows Project, Work installed  
in downtown public window space: altered chair,  
saplings, rocks, wire, 109x28x25", Providence, RI – 2013

*New Territory*, Alexey von Schlippe Gallery,  
UCONN Avery Point Campus, Groton, CT – 2014

*A Tentative Embrace*, Grant-funded Invitation from  
Providence Art Windows Project, Work installed  
in downtown public window space: graphite and  
gouache on paper, 56x48", Providence, RI – 2012

*Branchworks*, Candita Clayton Gallery, Pawtucket, RI – 2012

*What Really Matters*, Alexey Von Schlippe Gallery,  
UCONN Avery Point Campus, Groton, CT – 2010

*It's Not What You Thought, Redux*, Cate Charles Gallery,  
Stonington, CT – 2010

*It's Not What You Thought*, MFA Thesis Exhibition,  
Julian Scott Memorial Gallery, Johnson State College,  
Johnson, VT – 2010

*Internal Landscapes: Personal Vision*, Hygienic Galleries,  
New London, CT – 2007

### Selected Two and Three Person Exhibitions

*Heart of a Tree*, ArtProv Gallery, Providence, RI – 2017

*Land/Scape: Three Views*, Krause Gallery, Providence, RI – 2012

Exhibition with Ariel Mitchell, Smolyan Gallery of Art, Smolyan, Bulgaria – 2008

Exhibition with Ariel Mitchell, National Palace of Culture, Sofia, Bulgaria – 2008

### Selected Group and Juried Exhibitions

Pawtucket Foundation Prize Exhibition, Pawtucket Arts Collaborative, Pawtucket, RI, Monica Shinn and Sharie Weschler-Rubek, Jurors – 2017

*Exploring Abstraction*, Warwick Museum of Art, Warwick, RI, Kevin Gilmore, Juror – 2017

Providence Art Club 2016 Member's Show, Awarded Best In Show – 2016

Pawtucket Foundation Prize Exhibition, Pawtucket Arts Collaborative, Pawtucket, RI – 2016

29th Rhode Island Open Juried Exhibition, Warwick Museum of Art, Warwick, RI, Linnea Leeming, Juror, Awarded Honorable Mention – 2016

*Surface Tension*, Juried Exhibition, University of Rhode Island Fine Arts Center, Mary Dondero, Juror – 2016

*Harvest*, Van Vessem Gallery, Tiverton, RI, Curated Invitational show, Mark Kehoe, Alexander Castro, Curators – 2016

Art League Rhode Island Annual Elected Artists Exhibition, The VETS Gallery, Providence, RI – 2016

Jamestown Art Center Annual Members Exhibition, Jamestown, RI – 2016

Members' Exhibition, Providence Art Club, Providence, RI – 2015

*Water, Water Everywhere; Paeon to a Vanishing Resource*, International Invitational Exhibition, Alexey von Schlippe Gallery of Art, UCONN, Groton, CT – 2015

Art League Rhode Island Elected Artist Annual Members' Exhibition, Newport Art Museum, Newport, RI – 2015

Pawtucket Foundation Prize Exhibition, Ida Schmulowitz/John Reidel, Jurors, Pawtucket Arts Collaborative Gallery, Pawtucket, RI – 2015

*The Big Show*, Art League Rhode Island Themed Show, URI Feinstein Gallery, Providence, RI – 2015

Art League Rhode Island Elected Artist Annual Members' Exhibition, Attleboro Arts Museum, Attleboro, MA – 2014

*Merge*, Juried Show, Warwick Museum of Art, Warwick, RI, People's Choice Award – 2014

*Red*, Pawtucket Arts Collaborative Juried Exhibition, Holly Gaboriault, Juror, Pawtucket, RI – 2014

27th Annual RI Open Juried Exhibition, Warwick Museum of Art, Warwick, RI, Anthony Thomasini, Juror, Notable Works Award – 2014

*Winter's Eve III*, Juried Exhibition, Gretchen Dow Simpson, Juror, East Greenwich Library, East Greenwich, RI – 2013

Connecticut Academy of Fine Arts 102nd Juried Exhibition, Julia Pavone, Juror, Mystic Arts Center, Mystic, CT – 2013

RADIUS, RISD RI Alumni Juried Exhibition, Bunny Harvey, Juror, Keeseh Studio Gallery, Providence, RI – 2013

*New Year, New Work*, Art League of RI Juried Exhibition, Judith Tolnick-Champa, Juror, Bannister Gallery, Rhode Island College, Providence, RI – 2013

*Past, Present, Future*, Juried Exhibition, Deborah Baronas, Juror, Pawtucket Arts Collaborative, Pawtucket, RI – 2013

*Winter's Eve II*, Juried Exhibition, Mimo Gordon-Riley, Juror, East Greenwich Library, East Greenwich, RI – 2012

*The Garden Within*, Pawtucket Arts Collaborative, Pawtucket, RI – 2012

Art League Rhode Island, Elected Artist Annual Members' Exhibition, Jamestown Art Center, Jamestown, RI – 2012

*STATEWIDE*, RISD Rhode Island Alumni Juried Exhibition, Judith Tolnick-Champa, Juror, Jamestown Art Center, Jamestown, RI – 2012

*Crossing the Bridge VII*, Juried Exhibition, Brad Guarino, Juror, Hygienic Arts, New London, CT – 2012

*Poetry of the Wild/New London*, Invitational Sculptural Installation, Ana Flores, Initiator, New London, CT – 2012

Art League of Rhode Island Associates Show, Imago Gallery, Warren, RI, First Place Prize – 2012

*VICINITY*, RISD RI Alumni Juried Exhibition, Providence, RI – 2011

*Moon/Flower Climb*, Invitational Site-specific Outdoor Sculpture Exhibition, Mystic Arts Center, Mystic, CT, 14 foot site-specific ephemeral installation – June-October 2011

*The Literary as Muse*, Juried Exhibition, Pawtucket Arts Collaborative, Pawtucket, RI – 2011

*Comfort Zone*, Art League of Rhode Island Juried Exhibition, Portsmouth Arts League, Portsmouth, RI – 2011

*Nature Nourishes*, National Juried Invitational Exhibition, Hartford ArtSpace, Hartford, CT – 2011

*Crossing the Bridge VI*, Juried Exhibition, Janice La Motta, Juror, Hygienic Arts, New London, CT – 2011

Pawtucket Arts Collaborative, Annual Juried Show, Pawtucket, RI – 2011

International Juried Drawing and Print Exhibition, Rogue Space Chelsea, New York, NY – 2010

*Crossing the Bridge V*, Juried Exhibition, Sharon Butler, Juror, Hygienic Arts, New London, CT, Honorable Mention – 2010

*Hemmingway Invitational*, Expressiones Gallery, New London, CT – 2010

53rd Regional Exhibition, Mystic Arts Center, Mystic, CT, Louise Forest Gibson Prize for Sculpture – 2009

Connecticut Academy of Fine Arts, 97th Juried Exhibition, Mystic Arts Center, Mystic, CT – 2008

65th Annual Connecticut Artist's Juried Invitational Exhibition, Slater Museum, Norwich, CT – 2008

*Illumination*, National Juried Exhibition, Society of Layerists in Multi Media, Sidney and Berne Davis Art Center, Fort Myers, FL – 2008

*The Written Word*, Invitational Juried Exhibition, Mystic Arts Center, Mystic, CT – 2008

Mystic Arts Center Elected Artist Exhibition, Mystic Arts Center, Award for Overall Excellence, Mystic, CT – 2007

*Black, Red, White*, Invitational Juried Themed Exhibition, Mystic Arts Center – 2007

Connecticut Academy of Fine Arts 96th Juried Exhibition, Mystic Arts Center, Mystic, CT – 2007

*The Art Violin Project*, Commission for New Haven Symphony Orchestra's Juried Citywide Exhibition, New Haven, CT – 2007

*Stuck on You*, Juried Exhibition, Golden Street Gallery, New London, CT – 2007

*Crossing the Bridge II*, Invitational Juried Exhibition, Barkley Hendricks, Juror, Hygienic Arts Inc., New London, CT – 2007

### Selected Art Awards

Best in Show, Providence Art Club Member's Show – 2016

Honorable Mention, 29th Annual Rhode Island Open Juried Show, Warwick Museum of Art, Warwick RI – 2016

People's Choice Award, *Merge*, Juried Show, Warwick Museum of Art – 2014

Juror's Notable Work Award, 27th Annual Rhode Island Open Juried Show, Warwick Museum of Art, Warwick, RI – 2014

First Place Prize, Art League Rhode Island, Associate Members Show, Imago Gallery, Warren, RI – 2012

Awarded Grant for Site-specific Ephemeral Sculpture, *Moon Flower Climb*, Mystic Museum of Art, Mystic, CT – 2011

Johnson State College, MFA Thesis Excellence Award, Johnson State College, Johnson, VT – 2010

Vermont Studio Center Residency, Partial Scholarship, Vermont Studio Center, Johnson, VT – 2010

Honorable Mention, *Crossing the Bridge V*, Juried Show at Hygienic Arts, New London, CT – 2010

Louise Forrest Gibson Prize for Sculpture, 53rd Annual Regional Exhibition, Mystic Museum of Art, Mystic, CT – 2009

Orpheus Foundation Residency, One Month Artist Residency, Sophia, Bulgaria – 2009

I-Park Artist Enclave Residency, One Month Artist Residency, I-Park Foundation, Hamden, CT – 2007

Award for Overall Excellence, Elected Artists Exhibition, Mystic Museum of Art, Mystic, CT – 2007