

## Karen Hale: Brief Artist Bio

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Karen was born in Washington D.C., and lived overseas with her family until 1965, when they moved to Reston. She attended Herndon High School and particularly enjoyed art and shop classes. She went on to a career as a hairstylist, and her clientele included local artists who kept her engaged with the art world.

She eventually began several design classes at Northern Virginia Community College to develop her artistic skills. Subsequent pottery classes and Intuitive Painting classes influenced the making of her Oddjects, which are assemblages that take on a life of their own as she works with found objects and scrap lumber. Her work has been displayed at the Reston Festival, the Greater Reston Art Center, The Jo Ann Rose Gallery, and other local venues.

She is a founding partner of *Graceful Spaces*, an organization supporting Reston Interfaith's affordable housing clients with their practical household needs.

