

Karen Keil Brown

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Artist, Community Art Collaborator

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Profile - Artist

I am passionate about living in our beautiful Blue Mountains. Originally from New Jersey, I was raised in Asheville and graduated from UNC – Asheville with a BA in Fine Art in 1981. In the middle of raising our 3 artist daughters, I was an art teacher for 10 years in the private school system, Currently, I am a full time landscape painter in the River Arts District with art work in several galleries throughout the southeast. My husband (Buster) and I presently live in North Asheville. I have been an active participant in the community for over 30 years. I am a member of the UNC - Asheville Alumni Association, Asheville Art Museum, Arts for Life, Asheville Downtown Gallery Association, Asheville Chamber of Commerce and a board member of the Asheville Area Arts Council. When I am not painting, I enjoy spending time with our family and friends, hiking, riding our road bikes, and playing tennis.

Work Experience

Artist Self Employed 1981-present
Oil/Acrylic Landscape Painter

Commercial Artist
Media Graphics - Layout artist 1981-1983

Asheville Catholic School 1995 - 2005
Art Teacher K-8

I was Responsible for creating art lesson plans that were not necessarily constrained by the school curriculum, Introducing the children to a variety of art experiences, skills and techniques with a fun creative approach.

Responsible for organizing student art displays each year
(Scholastic Student Art Awards)

I worked successfully with faculty and administrative staff, Always available to children who wanted to do extra projects, a reliable teacher who was on time and available for extra school activities.

**Real Estate Broker
Preferred Properties 2006 -2011**

**I really enjoy working with people ! My 5 years' hands-on experience buying and selling residential properties was very rewarding.
Continued education and Licensure.**

Brown Properties (Broker License only) 2012- Present

KKB Art Studio 2010 - Present

**Karen Keil Brown - Ethereal Landscapes
Full time Artist, Painter in Acrylic and Oil
348 Depot St, River Arts District
Studio #160**

**Creating, Selling, Marketing, Commissions and collaborative art projects
Community involvement with RADA and downtown.**

Gallery Representation

**Asheville Gallery of Art - Asheville
Taupe Gallery - N Wilkesboro
Woolworth Walk - Asheville
Wild Hope - Alpharetta GA
Shuptrine Fine Art - Chattanooga TN
Agora - NYC 2014-2016
Wells Gallery - SC 2014-2016**

Affiliations

UNC - Asheville Alumni Association
Junior League of Asheville 1982 -2016 (sustainer)
Downtown Gallery Association Board (Rep) 2013-Present
First Friday Art Walks Downtown
Brown Family Foundation President 2005- Present
*Assisting programs for the youth in
Buncombe county*
Asheville Gallery of Art Cooperative Art Gallery - 2010- Present
Board Member 2011-2014 President 2012
French Broad River Garden Club - 2014- Present
National GCA Leadership Award 2015
Asheville Area Arts Council Board 2014- present 10/2017
The Asheville Area Arts Council is the collective voice for the arts, advancing Buncombe County by delivering resources, developing innovative collaborations, and fostering creativity in the community.

Arts for Life

2010- Present

Arts For Life is a nonprofit organization dedicated to supporting people facing serious illnesses and disabilities. By providing educational art programs, we enrich patients' lives, nurture their minds and spirits, and encourage positive healthcare experiences for children and their families.

**Initiated the UNCA Class of 1981
Scholarship Fund**

Education

**UNC - Asheville 1977 - 1981
Bachelor of Arts - Fine Art**

**Continuing Education -
Art Workshops
The Art Student League - NYC
Esalan Institute - Big Sur CA**

Referrals

**Asheville Area Arts Council Director - Stefanie Darr
stefanie@ashevillearts.com**

**Preferred Properties - Owner Jane McNeil -
jbmcneil@preferredprop.com**

**Rachel Zink - Arts for Life Director
RachelafInc@gmail.com**

**William Henry Price
Artist in the River Arts District and RADA board member
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**Dr Larry Turner
Artist - River Arts District
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