

Mary Giles



Mary Giles (1944-2018) received her BS in Art Education from Mankato State University in Minnesota. After receiving her degree she began exploring various textile processes. She honed her fiber techniques through workshops with such fiber artists as Fern Jacobs, Lissa Hunter, Diane Itter, Jane Sauer and John McQueen.

Giles' beautiful contemporary sculptural forms are constructed using the traditional basketry technique of coiling often combining waxed linen with metal embellishments of copper or iron. Her sources are diverse but central to her work in its reference to nature, from her exploration of the property of various materials to the textures, light and shadow, and forms of the natural environment. The human figure is used both as a formal reference and as an element of commentary.

"I interpret and express my concerns about our environment and the human condition through my work. I have explored communication and intimacy in relationships. The results are reflected in my figural work. I admire the directness and honesty I see in tribal art and I try to incorporate those qualities in my own." -Artist Statement

Education

1966 B.S., Mankato State University, 1966

Selected Exhibitions

- 2018 SOFA Chicago, Duane Reed Gallery
- 2017 SOFA Chicago, Duane Reed Gallery
Art Aspen, Duane Reed Gallery
- 2016 SOFA Chicago, Duane Reed Gallery
- 2015 SOFA Chicago, Duane Reed Gallery
- 2014 SOFA Chicago, Duane Reed Gallery
- 2013 Palm Springs Fine Art Fair, Duane Reed Gallery
SOFA Chicago, Duane Reed Gallery
- 2012 SOFA Chicago, Duane Reed Gallery
- 2010 Duane Reed Gallery, St. Louis, MO
- 2009 Masters of Contemporary Basketry, Fountainhead
Gallery, Seattle, WA
SOFA Santa Fe, Duane Reed Gallery
SOFA Chicago, Duane Reed Gallery
- 2008 SOFA Chicago, Duane Reed Gallery
- 2007 SOFA Chicago, Duane Reed Gallery
Duane Reed Gallery, St. Louis, MO
- 2006 Fuller Art Museum, Brockton, MA
- 2005 Arizona University Museum, Tempe, AZ
Long Beach Museum of Art, Long Beach, CA
- 2004 Fuller Craft Museum, Brockton, MA
- 2003 Arkansas Arts Center, Little Rock, AR
- 2002 Boston Museum of Fine Arts, MA



Museum Collections

- Minneapolis Institute of the Arts, Minneapolis, MN
- Arkansas Arts Center, Little Rock, AR
- Racine Art Museum, Racine, WI
- Contemporary Art Museum, Honolulu, HI
- Erie Art Museum, Erie, PA
- Detroit Institute of Arts, Detroit, MI
- Fine Arts Museum, San Francisco, CA
- Museum of Arts & Design, New York, NY
- St. Louis Art Museum, St. Louis, MO

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