

Artist Profile

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My work is composed of 16" to 19" mixed media sculptured figures mounted on an upholstery covered base. Bodies have internal wire or dowel supports and are stuffed or wrapped with fiber. Heads and feet are made from paper clay with a cloth overlay. Doll hair is made using various fibers (trim, wool, fake fur, real fur, or human hair) clothing is handmade and machine sewn. Paint, colored pencils and pastels are used for additional detail work on the faces. All accessories and props are handmade.

Artist Bio

Karen is a member of the Southern Highland Craft Guild, Fiber Arts Alliance, and Go-Figure-Dolls. She holds a BA degree in Fine Arts from UNC-A, and Master degree in Fine Arts from ASU. Karen taught art in the public school for 30 years. She is an award-winning artist who has won several blue ribbon awards from Land O'Sky Doll Club for her special doll sculptures. Her work has been found in *Doll Crafter & Costuming*. Karen enjoys working full time in her studio in Leicester, North Carolina making her unique one-of-a-kind dolls.

Artist Statement

I have lived nearly all my life in the beautiful mountains surrounding Asheville, North Carolina. I was influenced as a very young child by all the wonderful craftsmen of our area and was a frequent visitor to the annual Southern Highland Craft Fair. I grew up with a love and a fascination for all of the crafters but especially those that worked with clay and fibers. Many of my childhood memories are of making things out of scraps of fabric and pieces of clay. My childhood memories, my Scotch Irish heritage and my love for the mountains are often a source of inspiration for my work.

