

Joan Hyde Shapiro

West Hartford, CT

"I enjoy working in mixed media color; surface and rhythm are evident in my compositions." "My works emphasize relationships of shape and surface through a dance of contours," she said. "As a sculptor, I let the natural stone and materials dictate the development of the finished form. As a painter, I use color, space, texture, and movement as my primary tools of expression."



Joan Hyde Shapiro received a BFA from The Boston University School of Fine and Applied Arts in 1961. Once a graphic designer for a Boston publishing company, she has been a full-time artist in her West Hartford, Connecticut studio for the past 35 years.

She has worked in many areas of art including drawing, painting, sculpture and collage. She is an instructor at The West Hartford Art League where she has been teaching children for many years. Since the 1970's, she has received numerous awards for her sculpture of alabaster and steatite. The rough volume of the natural stone dictates the development of the finished form. Her primary tools of statement in painting are color, space, texture, and movement. There is a modern and lyrical quality to all of her work. She has enjoyed numerous successful one woman shows in Connecticut and continues to exhibit her sculpture and paintings in prestigious galleries throughout the region.

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