

# 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.



## **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  
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**Preferred Properties - Owner Jane McNeil -  
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**Rachel Zink - Arts for Life Director  
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