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Artist statement

I have been a fiber artist for over 40 years, using and adapting well-practiced basket-making skills. My materials include silk and cotton fabrics, archival paper, wire, sand, thread, buttons, encaustic wax, and acrylic paints and mediums. I work intuitively, the colors and textures of the materials informing the vessels I create.

My "Women Forms" vessels often refer to women's bodies as containers of shared experiences and individual stories, which shape and hold the content of their lives. They speak of the importance of the women in my life, of their strengths and sorrows, their growth and joys. More recent "Elemental Vessels" are created to hold our important invisible things: dreams, thoughts, ideas, wishes.

My craft-development work with women in Africa has had a profound influence on my art and on my life. I have learned to simplify, to let the forms and the materials speak for themselves.