

Karen Adelaar  
Bio

Karen Adelaar studied art and ceramics at the Glasgow School of Art, in Glasgow, Scotland. She also has a degree in Cosmetology and is licensed to practice in The State of New York.

Karen spent two years as an apprentice to a Master Museum Taxidermist at his studio in Clifton, New Jersey, where she specialized in birds and small mammals. She also worked at the American Museum Of Natural History in New York City where she helped to set up The Discovery Room, an interactive space for children and adults.

Karen attended classes at the Culinary Institute of America in Hyde Park, New York where she took classes in Baking and Cake Decorating. She then designed her own bakery and owned and operated Just Desserts, a small retail bakery on the upper east side of Manhattan. After establishing the bakery and getting many write-ups in The New York Times and New York Magazine, Karen sold the bakery and went into Ceramics, a field that she had maintained an avid interest in over the years. It seemed natural progression after the Bakery.

She became the Director of the Ceramics Department at Marymount Manhattan College in New York City where she taught, managed the ceramics program and maintained the running of the studio for 20 years. After retiring from Marymount college Karen started painting. She took some workshops at R & F Paints in Kingston, New York and the rest is History.

Karen is a member of the Atlantic Gallery in New York City.

She had a solo exhibition Entitled "Remains To Be Seen" at the Gallery in Chelsea last October. She had 97 pieces of Sculpture, Paintings, both mixed media and encaustic, and assemblage. The show was a huge success!

Karen has work in many small galleries and private collections.

She has been published in Lark Books and Hudson Valley Magazine.

She is a member of Atlantic Gallery in NYC, Ridgefield Guild of Artists in Ridgefield, Conn., American Women Artists, Hudson Valley Artists Association and Long Island City Artists to name a few.

She is on Facebook and Instagram, [www.artsy.net](http://www.artsy.net), [www.atlanticgallery.org](http://www.atlanticgallery.org), and [karenadelaar.com](http://karenadelaar.com) which is currently under construction.

Karen Adelaar is a fourth generation New Yorker who lives and works in both New York city and Dutchess County, New York where she maintains studios at both locations.