

Nicci Nunes Artist Statement

My land art is a result of collecting things that nature offers and organizing them into designs that support the tenderness of sitting with and feeling my emotions. I am inspired by the steady presence of nature and the breadth and depth of emotions, especially the feelings that can be hard to carry. My land art gives me a place to process my feelings whether it is holding my grief for the loss of a loved one or honoring the vulnerability of putting a dream out into the world and hoping it will come true.

My land art journey began when I was going through a difficult time. I went to nature to find some relief, but I had the hardest time being able to simply stop and be. At first, I couldn't do it. Eventually, I started collecting things and making piles as a way to deal with my anxiety. Through that process I learned to sit still and be with myself. I also developed a body of land artwork. Now, land art has become a way for me to process my emotions through my body and to let them out in a visual way. It is my healing practice. I hope that you can see and feel that when you look at photographs of my work.