ARTIST STATEMENT

Raised in Craft, glass, and fiber, an early encounter with Matisse engaged me to ask

What Is Art?

One universal requirement – A human must declare Art into existence.

All else is optional. All else is potential.

Art’s source is self. A truth found. A stepping stone appears.

I choose to make objects. Into the arena comes surface, shape, color, otherness from me. I arrive with experiences, thoughts, animation, emotion. We dance amid fate and will.

The work, like self, geology, society all revealing layers of events.

The self is encountered as the process presents questions, tests opinions, challenges belief, strengthens.

The self is lost. Move a line. Shift a shape. Fall in love.

Why want to photograph one sunset and not another? Lack of attention? Pleasure in certain colors and shapes? Who we are with? Memories? Can you explain beyond knowing it captured you? Do we need more than to know we have been captured?

What is beauty and why is there beauty.

I present you with the shards of conversations that have captured me.

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