

# Karen Theisen

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## ARTIST STATEMENT

My work is about the intersection of nature and technology. The synthetic and plastic hot glue acts as a counter-foil to the natural objects and forms that are incorporated into the sculpture. Though the beauty of nature is a theme running through my work, it is at the same time subverted by its juxtaposition with the manmade world. Though the material that holds the pieces together is literally a glue, the form itself comes directly from nature - they are molded around rocks that I find in the Sierra Nevada mountains where I live. The natural materials, pine needles, rocks, leaves are collected on my favorite hikes in the area.

But at the end of the day, nature is used as a form of Seduction—its color and shapes and forms - to draw in the viewer.

## SHOWS AND PUBLICATIONS

### **September 2012**

3 pieces included in Burning Hearts, a show put on by Tahoe Public Arts Commission

### **October 2012**

Photo of Insatiable Skin published in the Sierra Sun to promote Burning Hearts show

### **November 2012**

Photo of Insatiable Skin published in the Tahoe Weekly to promote Burning Hearts show

### **February 2013**

4 pieces include in show Heart Art at North Tahoe Arts

### **2003-2004**

Several shows of sculptures and drawings at galleries in the San Francisco Bay Area

## EDUCATION

### **California College of The Arts**

Masters of Fine Arts in Sculpture, May, 2004; San Francisco, CA.

### **San Francisco State University**

Masters of Arts in Instructional Technology, December, 1996; San Francisco, CA.

### **Virginia Commonwealth University**

Bachelor of Fine Arts in 3-D media, May 1989; Richmond, VA; Graduated Cum Laude