

Vale Craft Gallery

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Joyce Reborá: Artist's Statement

For the past several years, I have been making small sculptures out of wood. Sometimes the sculpture takes the form of a little person which I paint and add fiber to for hair. In this show I've embellished the figures with broken crockery, adding texture and shiny colors. Like putting together jigsaw puzzles, the application of irregularly shaped shards to the surfaces of my pieces is at once playful and complex.

Another image I frequently use is a simple house form. This shape can be transformed by materials to convey diverse messages. I cover the bare structure with colorful and engaging found objects, such as birthday candles, pencils, paintbrushes and marbles. In my current body of work, I have again used crockery, allowing the colors to dictate the look of the finished sculpture. I consider each of my pieces, whether houses or people, to be a sort of a self-portrait.

I have a BFA from Mundelein College and an MA from Columbia College, both in Chicago. For several years, I have taught painting and drawing at Columbia College, North Park College and at various art centers in the Chicago area. Recently, my sculpture and paintings have been featured in many national group exhibitions, as well as in several one-person shows.