

Vicki Grant

Education:

University of Maryland - 1977 - Master of Architecture

Artist statement:

"I graduated from the University of Maryland School of Architecture. I have been practicing both my art and architecture for over 35 years before devoting my creative energy full time to sculpture.

The focus of my work, be it Architecture or Art, has been towards creating visual experiences that engage the viewer both intellectually and emotionally.

The forms, structure, color and textures in nature are my inspiration. Sketching is the inception of the thought; I then sculpt clay to reflect the original conceptual thought. After firing, multiple layers of oil pigments are applied until the final patinas of rich hues are achieved. Quills, fossils, stones, feathers, wood and shells are incorporated, enriching the visual and intellectual experience."

About the work:

The architectural references in Vicki Grants work are clearly evident and imbue her organic sculptural work with intricate details that draw the viewer closer. Indeed, her sculptures installed both individually and in large installations are at once both spiritual and totemic... they appear to radiate an almost magical essence.

Grant says *"In practicing architecture I explored the complex process of manipulating form, texture, materials, and color to create an emotional response from those interacting with the space. My artwork is a continuation of that process... connecting to the viewer remains the ultimate goal."*