

# ARLENE KNOWLTON



## biography

As a newly published artist freshly minted from the pages of Monochromica (yes, I'm officially 'published'—cue the confetti!), I've set out on a mission to sprinkle some eco-friendly magic into the art world. Picture this: I repurpose discarded treasures into vibrant sculptures that not only dazzle the eye but also whisper sweet nothings about sustainability and responsible consumption. It's like recycling, but with flair! My sculptures are not just decorative eye candy; they're like the superheroes of the art realm, showcasing the stunning metamorphosis of what was once deemed waste. Think of it as a beautiful rebellion against the mundane, urging everyone to take a second look at what they toss aside. With a dash of creativity and a sprinkle of innovation, I aim to ignite conversations about art, nature, and the intricate web of life we all share. Navigating the intersection of sustainability and creativity, I dabble in diverse media—from recycled materials to soy-based resin and LED

lighting. My artistic practice is like a love letter to Mother Earth, transforming what others might see as rubbish into breathtaking masterpieces. And let's not forget the LED lights that give my sculptures a little extra pizzazz—because who doesn't love a good light show? The interplay of light and form creates an immersive experience that shifts as you move, proving that art can be as dynamic as your latest TikTok trend. But wait, there's more! My creations come with a side of whimsy—think glow-in-the-dark elements and UV-reactive surprises that pull you into a multi-sensory dialogue about perception. Each piece tells a story, challenging the notion of waste and redefining beauty in the process. In my world, the discarded becomes dazzling, and the ordinary transforms into the extraordinary. Driven by a deep-seated commitment to environmental stewardship, I've taken to heart the mantra that art can transcend mere aesthetics. My sculptures act as narratives that provoke thought about materiality, value, and our connection with the planet. Growing up amid the chaos of consumer culture, I saw the consequences of unchecked waste, which fueled my creative fire. My art is a rallying cry for a world where beauty and sustainability go hand in hand, urging viewers to reconsider their relationship with the things they often overlook. As I dive headfirst into this wild artistic journey, I'm continuously learning, experimenting, and pushing the envelope of what eco-conscious art can be. My recent acceptance into exhibitions is just the cherry on top of this evolving sundae! So, buckle up—this is just the beginning of my adventure in transforming trash into treasure, one whimsical sculpture at a time!

## artistic statement

Welcome to my art gallery, a whimsical space where nature and nostalgia dance together! Each piece is a glimpse into my imagination, inspired by the great outdoors and my inner child who still believes in fairies. Let me introduce 'Illuminating Hope.' It's a warm hug in art form—twinkling LED lights and recycled bits that remind us to shine even in darkness. Life can feel heavy, but this piece encourages us to glow like disco balls at a party. Ah, the underground music scene—my heartbeat! House music is my jam, techno my lifeblood. It's a quirky family reunion where we dance like nobody's watching, bonded by peace, love, unity, and respect. Next is 'Elysian Tides,' a 3D underwater escape filled with glowing mermaids and a vibrant octopus. Created from recycled materials, it shines in the dark, showing that creativity and nature can be best friends. It's a reminder of our responsibility to the environment. I also have a heartfelt tribute to love and loss, crafted from recycled items. It's a testament to resilience, highlighting how beauty can emerge from grief—after all, sometimes we must dance through the ashes. Now, picture an ocean-inspired piece that would make Poseidon weep with joy! It's a colorful underwater paradise, celebrating marine life and environmental awareness. A joyful reminder to cherish our planet! Imagine me on a sun-kissed beach, waves crashing, guitar strumming—a tribute to the rock anthems of my youth. It's a vibrant time capsule, filled with shimmering colors and nostalgic energy. Then, meet my debut steampunk sculpture, a delightful mix of industrial chic and playful whimsy. Think repurposed treasures colliding with gears and gemstones, like a Victorian tea party crashed by a punk rock concert. Introducing 'The Enchanted Portal,' a colorful piece that invites you to explore your memories and dreams. It's like therapy for the soul—without the hourly rate! Let's not forget the scent! This cosmic cocktail blends soy-based resin with semi-precious stones, creating a sensory experience that screams, 'Let's dance 'til dawn!' Childhood toys have been reincarnated into chic art—now that's a glow-up! And here's a cherry on top: a heart-shaped lid that's a love letter to techno music, offering a warm hug to your senses. Applying this magic with a spoon is a delightful ritual that celebrates art and sustainability. So, dive into my whimsical world! My art pieces celebrate life, love, and our beautiful planet. Whether you're reminiscing about the ocean or rocking out to your youth's soundtrack, there's something for everyone. Grab your snorkel, dust off those dancing shoes, and let's kick off this eco-art party!

## social/web contacts

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"Illuminating Hope" wood, fabric, soy resin, plastic, paint, acrylic, gems, 13in x 3.5in x 13in, 2024, \$1500  
In a world that often feels overshadowed by darkness, sadness, and uncertainty, 'Illuminating Hope' serves as a beacon of light and magic. This art piece is a reflection of our contemporary experience, where feelings of isolation and despair can sometimes overwhelm us.