

Janet Watkins is a self taught artist. Her career began just a few years ago after retiring from a 30-year career in banking. She was a panel speaker at the 2023 NCECA conference, a member of the Craftmans Guild Of Pittsburgh, and the Women of Visions Organization, a collective of women in Pittsburgh said to be the longest-running group of African-American women in the country. As an artist, she enjoys working with several mediums including earthenware clay, porcelain, mosaic, and glass. Each one of her hand-built pieces are uniquely whimsical and beautifully detailed. Many of her larger sculptural pieces have been exhibited in galleries including the Carnegie Museum of Art in Pittsburgh, Wilmer Jennings Gallery in NYC, University of Pittsburgh Fine Art Gallery, Society of Contemporary Craft BYN, Concept Art Gallery, August Wilson Gallery, MoKa Gallery, Kelly Strayhorn Art Gallery, Sewickley Library Arts Gallery, PGH Center for the Arts and Media Gallery, and Touchstone Gallery.