

Jan Huling



Jan Huling was born in Chicago and raised in St. Louis. After attending the Kansas City Art Institute she started her career in greeting card design at Hallmark. She now works in New York City as a product designer, children's book author and beadist. Neither sketched nor planned, Huling's three-dimensional works draw inspiration from her travels to India and Mexico, as well as imagined, playful scenes reminiscent of childhood fairy tales and fantasies. Her work is approachable yet evocative, incorporating spiritual iconography alongside humorous artifacts of contemporary popular culture. The armatures for Huling's sculptures are an unpredictable mix of forms ranging from Kewpie and Munny dolls to birds and giant insects. In addition to seed beads, Huling's colorful sculptures incorporate a variety of found objects, such as buttons, coins, tokens and costume jewelry. Huling's slow and meticulous beading process, the intricacy of her swirling, hypnotic patterns, and the spontaneous manner with which Huling approaches each new project results in sculpture that is both delicate and



alluring – simply put, she transforms the ordinary into the extraordinary. Huling received a Fellowship from the New Jersey State Council on the Arts in 2015.

Education

- 1974-1976 BFA, Kansas City Art Institute, Kansas City, KS
- 1972-1974 Drake University, Des Moines, IA

Selected Exhibitions

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| 2019 | SOFA Chicago, Duane Reed Gallery | Hunterton Museum, Clinton, NJ |
| | Art Market San Francisco, Duane Reed Gallery | Mobilia Gallery, Cambridge, MA |
| 2018 | Art Market San Francisco, Duane Reed Gallery | Porter Contemporary, New York, NY |
| 2017 | American Visionary Art Museum, Baltimore, MD | SOFA Chicago, Duane Reed Gallery |
| | SOFA Chicago, Duane Reed Gallery | 2012 Mikhail Zakin Gallery, Demarest, NJ |
| | Art Aspen, Duane Reed Gallery | Hunterdon Museum, Clinton, NJ |
| | Art Market San Francisco, Duane Reed Gallery | SOFA New York, Duane Reed Gallery |
| 2016 | SOFA Chicago, Duane Reed Gallery | Duane Reed Gallery, St. Louis, MO |
| | Art Market San Francisco, Duane Reed Gallery | Mobilia Gallery, Cambridge, MA |
| | Palm Springs Fine Art Fair, Duane Reed Gallery | SOFA Chicago, Duane Reed Gallery |
| 2015 | SCOPE Miami, Duane Reed Gallery | 2011 SOFA New York, Lyons Wier Gallery |
| | SOFA Chicago, Duane Reed Gallery | Lyons Wier Gallery, New York, NY |
| | Hoboken Historical Museum, Hoboken, NJ | Morgan Contemporary Glass Gallery, Pittsburg, PA |
| 2014 | SCOPE Miami, Duane Reed Gallery | 2010 Lyons Wier Gallery, New York, NY |
| | SOFA Chicago, Duane Reed Gallery | Mobilia Gallery, Cambridge, MA |
| | Select New York, Duane Reed Gallery | Duane Reed Gallery, St. Louis, MO |
| 2013 | Wheaton Glass Weekend, Duane Reed Gallery | SOFA West, Lyons Wier Gallery, Santa Fe, NM |
| | Art Aspen, Duane Reed Gallery | SOFA New York, Lyons Wier Gallery |
| | Exhibit A, Corning, NY | Jersey City Museum, Jersey City, NJ |

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