

JANE CORNISH SMITH

BIO – Juror, 2026 *Global Warming is REAL*



Mixed media artist and educator Jane Cornish Smith shares her time between Dallas and east Texas, where she is surrounded by rolling, tree-lined vistas. Inspired by her artist mother and a nomadic childhood, Jane employs an array of media and subject matter, with a concentration in encaustic and cold wax medium. Her textured paintings, wall reliefs, and sculpture are fused with message and materiality. Most often speaking to human and environmental rights, her work emphasizes overcoming vulnerabilities while providing viewers with self-reflective opportunities. Jane creates work with important content to foster positive change. She enjoys making art from her rural studio, where nearby bees provide wax for her art.

Jane has work currently installed in Malabo, Equatorial Guinea, Africa, as part of the Art in Embassies Program. She was curator for the group exhibition *Wax Applications: Showcasing the Depth and Breadth of Encaustic and Cold Wax Mediums* at East Texas A&M University, where she is part of the adjunct faculty. Jane has exhibited in numerous shows, including climate change-related exhibitions such as *Global Warming is REAL*, *Natural Diversity*, and solo exhibitions *Intertwined Detritus*, which addressed the ramifications of trash on ecosystems.

She has earned BFA, MLA, and MFA degrees from Southern Methodist University and East Texas A&M University respectively. Her work hangs in the permanent collections of the University of Texas at Tyler, Brookhaven College, the Museum of Encaustic Art in Cerrillos, NM, the Tenby Museum and Art Gallery in Wales, U.K., the Cancer Support Community, and others.

Now in its 10th year, *Global Warming is REAL* and the artists who make it possible continue to create awareness of climate challenges, and champion **resiliency**—where a verdant, healthy world can become a reality. Jane will be looking for theme-related artwork and consistency in the statements that reflect their process and subject matter.

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