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Valerie White Biography

Valerie White makes quilts that celebrate her African culture both past and present. White is drawn to and inspired by African masks and traditional African symbols. White believes that it is the improvisational quality of her work that creates energy and rhythm within the compositions. Presently, White is exploring a variety of mixed media approaches to compose positive declarations regarding the sun and Earth. White graduated from Howard University College of Fine Arts in 1973 with a B.F.A. She taught general art and ceramics in the District of Columbia public school system. Her career as an art educator spanned more than 20 years. In 1988 White earned a Master's degree from Virginia Polytechnic University in pupil personnel services/guidance and counseling. She retired as a middle school counselor from the District of Columbia Public Schools in 1999. For the past ten years White has been creating visual energy in fiber art, and her work has been exhibited widely. She lives in Louisville, Kentucky.