

February 26, 2016

To whom it may concern,

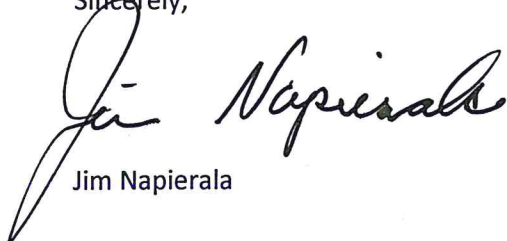
Karen Capobianco is a true artist, she is a multi-disciplinary creator of ideas and objects. Whether she is making sculpture, shooting a photograph, or designing jewelry, she brings a unique vision and deep intelligence to all she does. Karen is a teacher who has worked with children from Preschool to College, she is a businesswoman, having run her own Art Wear Designs for over 20 years. Whatever discipline Karen is involved in, she always puts all of her heart and soul in her work.

Having worked as an artist for the past 40 years, I greatly appreciate Karen's commentary on my work. She is very generous with her comments and always provides keen insight into her perception of the work, as well as placing it in a broader cultural context.

Recently, Karen has been working on a line of wearable tools for modern fiber artists; incorporating sustainability, laser printing, cosmic imagery and handmade finishes. Each one being unique, they are useable tools, both beautiful and thought-provoking.

A residency in Paris would be a remarkable opportunity for Karen. As a student of Art History the museums alone will be a profound influence on her, not to mention the stimuli of working in a different culture. I hope you afford Karen this opportunity, as she is a true artist.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Jim Napierala". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, sweeping initial "J".

Jim Napierala