



Bio of Mary Ann E. Mears

Mary Ann Mears is a sculptor who has been commissioned to create site-specific art for public sites across a number of states including Florida, North Carolina, Michigan, Illinois, Connecticut, Massachusetts, New York, Virginia, and Washington, D.C. Within her home state of Maryland, her commissioned works are located in Bethesda, Rockville, Cheverly, Belair, Glen Burnie, Silver Spring and at several locations in Baltimore.

She is also a volunteer arts advocate. Her achievements include being a founder of Maryland Art Place and helping to craft and successfully lobby for Maryland's Public Art Bill. She is a trustee of Maryland Citizens for the Arts. Mary Ann is the founder of Arts Education in Maryland Schools (AEMS) Alliance. She serves on the Maryland State Department of Education's Fine Arts Education Advisory Panel.

She is the recipient of an Honorary Doctorate in the Fine Arts from University of Maryland, Baltimore County (UMBC). In 2009, she received the Distinguished Service to the Arts Award from the National Governors Association. She was one of the *Daily Record's* 2010 Maryland's Top 100 Women.