

ALUMNAE ASSOCIATION OF MOUNT HOLYOKE COLLEGE

ALUMNAE ACHIEVEMENT AWARD 2017

PRESENTED TO



Jane Rebecca Hammond '72

JANE REBECCA HAMMOND, CLASS OF 1972, the Alumnae Association of Mount Holyoke College is pleased to honor you with the Alumnae Achievement Award. This award is presented to alumnae whose accomplishments and service to society exemplify the values and virtues set forth by the College.

Jane, one of the foremost American artists of your time, your interest in art began when you were a young child, spending time collecting and cataloging items found in nature. During your time as a student at Mount Holyoke, your interest in nature grew, and you were inspired by the studio art faculty. After graduation, you moved to Arizona to study ceramics, receiving an MFA from Arizona State University. In 1977 you earned a second MFA from the University of Wisconsin-Madison. Upon a move to New York City, you began to form an image bank of clippings taken from instructional or scientific manuals, children's books, and other publications. Using printmaking techniques, you constructed high-key colored paintings using these images. In 1989 you had your first solo exhibition at Exit Art in New York City, and in 1993 the Cincinnati Art Museum organized your first museum exhibition. You are also highly recognized for your collaborations with authors and poets, transforming their written words into visual art. For instance, you asked the poet John Ashbery to provide you with titles, and you used those titles to jump-start your imagination, creating sixty-two pieces of art over the next eight years.

While known as a painter, you are also highly recognized for your photographs, sculptures, and prints. In 2006 a collection of your paper art was exhibited at the Mount Holyoke College Art Museum, featuring more than fifty-five unique paper objects. For the last decade, you have worked on a larger war memorial entitled *Fallen*, which consists of 4,487 handmade leaves, each unique and inscribed with the name of a US soldier killed in Iraq. The Whitney Museum of American Art in New York City acquired this piece in 2007. Your significant contributions to the world of art have been many, and your work continues to be recognized as fresh, innovative, and impactful.

Jane, for your accomplishments, the Alumnae Association is honored to present you with the Alumnae Achievement Award on this, your forty-fifth reunion.

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