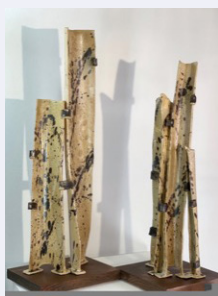


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**TOUR OF THE ART STUDIO OF JOAN LIBBY HAWK '69****Friday, January 20, 2023, 11:00 am*****Lunch afterwards at the Apollonia Grill***

Artist Joan Libby Hawk, Mount Holyoke Class of 1969, seeks to visualize the not-yet-see through whatever means necessary. She experiments with materials and forms to fashion intriguing contemporary art that invites viewers to take a close look.

Like many women responding to urgent priorities – children, family – she required a pivot away from art to a different professional path. Joan built a communications career in government, nonprofits and the United Nations Women's organization developing innovative campaigns advancing human rights and women's empowerment.



In 2017, thinking “if not now, when?,” she opened her studio in Sarasota, jumpstarting a full-time art practice put on hold decades ago. Joan exhibits at Sarasota's Art Uptown Gallery, where she installed her most recent show during December 2022, ON + OFF THE WALL, comprised of innovative clay vessels and sculptures and multi-layered abstract paintings. A selection of these pieces and more will be on view during our visit.

Joan explains that art and commitment to women's and human rights converge in expressions like MY CITY IN RUINS, a memorial to Ukraine, or SOCIAL DISTANCE, a rueful riff on our collective Covid experience. WALK THROUGH FIRE, nods to the past while moving emphatically through modern times; antiquity supplies an unending idea loop.



In addition to earning her BA in English at MHC, Joan studied at the Ruskin School of Art, Oxford, dug into clay at the Oxford Polytechnic, attended Bangkok Museum seminars and received an MFA from New York's City University.

See: [www.libbyhawkartmaker.com](http://www.libbyhawkartmaker.com), [www.artuptown.com](http://www.artuptown.com)

**The tour is free**, but please email [mhcswfl@gmail.com](mailto:mhcswfl@gmail.com) to make a reservation. Limit is 10 on the tour. Optional lunch is paid individually. Sign-up deadline is Friday, January 13th.

Joan Libby Hawk's Studio is located in Pelican Cove at 1606 Brookhouse Dr Unit BR 138, Sarasota 34231. Lunch afterwards at Apollonia Grill, at 4956 S. Tamiami Trail, Sarasota 34231 is paid individually. Email [mhcswfl@gmail.com](mailto:mhcswfl@gmail.com) if you need directions.