



M.M. ROE

"Just make something up," Margaret Roe replied when she was asked to say something about herself. "It doesn't matter who does the creating," she said, "as long as it gets done."

She was born in Olympia, Washington, adopted by a family until she was 13, then placed in care of the state for four years of what she said was "incarceration." Denied a high school education, she received a diploma from St. Martin's College and enrolled in Clatsop Community College where she studied "all art related subjects." She then attended Evergreen State College.

"I consider myself an artist," she said, though parttime jobs "have always been essential." She has worked on charter fishing boats and sea urchin boats. She worked in "several print shops, spent six years on a dairy farm, drove heavy equipment, fish hatchery work, rack sampling for the Quinalt Indian Nation, groomed horses and harvested oysters, to name a few." She is currently employed part time by the University of Washington Department of Quantitative Science engaged in research on razor clams.

Her artwork has been displayed in several galleries in Washington and Oregon, including the Rainbow Gallery in Cannon Beach. She said she does not compete and therefore has no art awards to display.

She lives in Humptulips Valley, Washington, where she paints and "shares a peaceful life with the earth."

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