

Joli Greene

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Joli Greene is a Maine artist, and educator who has shown her work internationally for over 30 years. In the early 1970's, Joli started studying fiber arts while living in Canada. While she and her botanist husband studied plants in the Rockies, she began to keep extensive records of plant dyes. For many years she taught and worked as a weaver, spinner, and natural dyer. Her love of plants and weaving turned her toward basketry. Working and studying with traditional and contemporary basketry teachers from many cultures, including Native American and Japanese, she continues to pass on what she has learned. She was a Maine Touring Artist for 10 years, before being invited to travel to Russia as the first Artist-in-Residence sponsored by the Soviet Peace Committee. She lived and worked in Russia for a year doing theatre, music and art with teenagers, before returning home to Maine where she continues to teach, show and sell her work. . She is also a published illustrator of botanical, zoological and medical drawings.

Joli's work reflects a deep love and respect for the natural world. She has a particularly close connection with the plant world, and has studied herbal and plant spirit medicine. Many of her baskets tell stories about the forest with words and images woven into them. It is her hope that as people experience her work they will be moved to cherish the natural world, and strive to live in harmony with all life.