

## *Karen Purke*

Karen Purke has worked as a free lance artist since 1978 and for over 28 years she has been an art instructor in the private and public sector at all grade levels and also provided teacher education programs. Karen's goal as an art teacher is provide a positive fun environment for students to engage in the creative art process.

She has developed numerous education programs including, Doing Art With Youth At Risk , Providing Art Programs to Nursing Home Residents with special Needs , Hands On Aviation Learning Center , Science & History Programs and in 2005 she published a photo essay, "Miami's Pride, A Portrait of a County" , an artist's perspective of people and places of everyday life in Miami County.