

Catherine Bell Smith is an artist living and working in Columbus, Ohio. Her mid-west roots are a point of pride and a source of inspiration. Her current work is composed of and inspired by natural elements collected and pocketed from the land she inhales while exploring country roads, walking city streets, and growing her half-acre garden. Primarily an installation artist, Bell Smith considers sculpture, painting, and drawing essential tools in her process. Her work draws fine lines of connection between nature's example of life in balance and humankind's journey toward purpose, understanding, and integrity. The use of degradable materials directs the conversation toward what is under-valued, overlooked, or marginalized in the world today.

Bell Smith is co-director of the "Sign Your Art" street art project and co-creator of a new community organization, Columbus Open Studio and Stage. She is the current coordinator of exhibitions for Creative Arts of Women (CAW), a collective of 90 Ohio-based artists. Her local business, Arlington Frames, is a 22-year entrepreneurial success. Bell Smith holds a Master of Fine Arts degree in Sculpture from Ohio State University and a Bachelor of Fine Arts degree from Bowling Green State University. Her art studio is at Blockfort Studios and Gallery in Columbus.

She continues to pick things up and put them in her pockets.