

# Artist Statement | *Interlaced, Interwoven*

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My work explores memory and the quiet continuity of family and chosen family through the medium of mosaic. These pieces take the form of a tree's rings, where time is held not in a linear path, but in expanding circles.

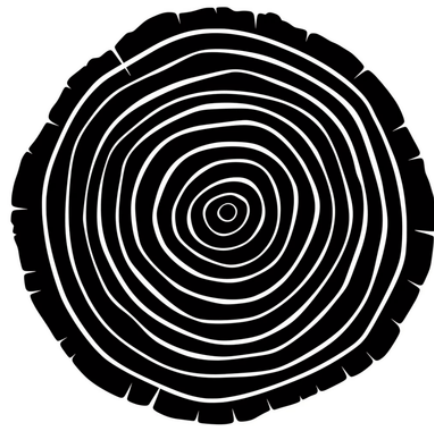
The smallest, innermost ring represents the oldest generation my great-grandmother Ann (born in 1900) whose plates form the foundation of the work, the largest, outermost ring incorporates my two-year-old daughter Shelby's paintings (born in 2023), bringing the lineage into the present moment and extending it forward. From that center, each ring grows outward, incorporating plates from different generations and influences that have shaped my life. Including work by Nancy Schön, Edna Hibel, Ellen Schön, and Sherry Talley.

The materials themselves carry meaning. These plates are fragments of lived experience once part of daily rituals, shared meals, and intimate moments. By breaking and reassembling them, I both honor and transform their original purpose, preserving their presence while allowing them to evolve into something new.

Mosaic, as a medium, is inherently about lived experience, it pieces together fragments to form a whole, mirroring how generations and influences accumulate over time. Each shard holds its own history, yet gains new meaning through its relationship to the others, reflecting how identity is formed through layered influences.

This work is also rooted in my identity as a fourth-generation woman artist. That lineage shapes how I see and make, carrying forward an ongoing practice of creating, reinterpreting, and transforming material into meaning.

Mirrors are woven into the composition, introducing reflection both literally and conceptually. They invite the viewer to see themselves within the work while also looking back encouraging reflection on the generations that came before, and how their presence continues to shape the present.



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