

# *Watchung Hills Regional High School Hall of Fame*



**A. Kimberlin Blackburn**  
**Sculptor, Painter, Textile and Bead Artist**  
*Class of 1971*

Holder of a Master's Degree in Fine Arts from Rutgers University (1980), Kimberlin is among the pioneers in an art form that utilizes wood, glass beads, ribbons, ropes, fabric, film, paints, and inks in her art.

Born in Hawaii, Kimberlin received her education on the mainland: Watchung Hills Regional High School, Livingston College, Rutgers University. Now, once again she lives in Kauai on a farm that is her "source of artistic inspiration."

Her work has been displayed in venues from coast to coast, in galleries great and small, and in such prestigious venues as the Smithsonian American Art Museum, the Hawaii State Foundation on Culture and the Arts, and the Newark Museum. She has crafted ornaments for the White House's Permanent Collection of Christmas Ornaments, and her innovative work has been the subject of articles in such well-known media as *The New York Times*, *The Washington Times*, and *The Star Ledger*.

One art critic said of Kimberlin's work: "Blackburn's work may be varied in medium, but the story told is consistently personal, reflecting a dedication to her family history and deep love of the land."