

Professional Biography for Pi Benio

Pi Benio received her MFA from Eastern Michigan University. Her work has been shown regionally, including a one-person exhibit at the Detroit Institute of Art, in Chicago, New York City, and Japan. She has completed residencies at Oxbow, Ragdale, the Women's Studio Workshop, and the Virginia Center for the Creative Arts. Pi was awarded multiple Individual Artists Grants from the State of Michigan in addition to Best of Show at the Toledo Area Artists Exhibition. She has also studied at Haystack, Penland, Arrowmont, and Anderson Ranch taking many workshops in media ranging from ceramics, fiber, woodworking, glass, papermaking, and sculpture.

Pi's works span multiple media where she incorporates a plethora of techniques into installations that voice concern for the environment and the delicate nature of life. After a long teaching career at Adrian College, she helped to found the Adrian Center for the Arts in 2015. A firm believer in the arts as a way to enhance community, she helped to also found the Lenawee Council for the Visual Arts in 1998 and the Artalicious Art Festival in 2006. She is still active with both and serves as the Co-chair of visual arts for Artalicious.