

Gail Rappa

“Between Earth & Sky”

#### Statement

This new series of shadowboxes is a love note to Tuscarora, Nevada, my home. They remind me of our sweet house, the smell of sagebrush, and the silhouette of ravens against the high-desert sky outside my studio window. Our little family recently moved from Tuscarora into "town," the city of Elko, so our son and daughter could be closer to school. The winter of 2023 brought storm after storm to Nevada, not allowing us to go home on weekends. My art is a nostalgic reminder that "home" is just a season away.

#### Bio

Gail Rappa is a professional artist and jewelry maker. She is known for her unique and intricate wearable art and sculptures crafted from precious metals, hand-carved elements, and semi-precious stones. Her work has been widely featured in publications, articles, and group shows throughout the country. Rappa is a metal jewelry fabrication instructor at Great Basin College (GBC) and serves as the Coordinator of the Humanities Center at the college. Rappa is an active member of the Nevada arts community, serving on the Board of the Nevada Arts Council. Rappa and her husband, en plein air painter Ron Arthaud, split their time between their home in Tuscarora and their new residence in Elko, Nevada, where they live with their two children and their beloved dog, Buddy.

#### Gail Rappa Quote:

"There is nothing more nurturing *and* more challenging for me, than the isolation and solitude of our remote high-desert home."