

ABOUT BARBARA TROMBLEY

Born in Detroit, Michigan, Barbara Trombley is a multi-media artist, a visionary, and an entrepreneur. She formally attended The College of Creative Studies in Detroit, majoring in ceramics, watercolor, and fabric design.

After college, Barbara worked for a major graphic design studio as a lettering artist. She created signs, menus, logos, business cards, and ads for major corporations. After conducting a market survey for a sewing manufacturer, she designed a complete line of sporting goods bags.

For 20 years, Barbara created her own Christmas cards, each year in a different medium. In 1982, she used chunky, metallic glitter and school glue from the dime store on the card. The response was overwhelming, and a friend even commissioned her to make 50 glittered invitations for a New Year's party. This first order was the beginning of a future in the handmade greeting card business.

It took two years of research to develop Ultra-Fine Art Glitter and her Designer & Fabric Dries Clear Adhesives. These were used to create Northern Lights Cards, the first handmade all-glitter, all-occasion greeting card line in 1984. The business grew from Barbara making just a few cards a day to a company of seven women producing 1,500-2,000 cards a day and shipping worldwide.

After numerous requests, Barbara decided she would market her supplies to stampers and crafters. They wanted to learn "The Art of Glittering" so that they could use the same techniques to create unique and sparkling cards. After developing her own glitter colors, industrial-strength adhesives, and metal writing tips that are a part of The Art Glittering System, she became known as the "Glitter Queen."

Art Institute Glitter, Inc. now supplies artists and artisans, crafters and craftsmen with more than 375 brilliant glitter colors and industrial-strength adhesives. Barbara frequently appears on the "Carol Duvall Show" on HGTV, demonstrating how to make glitter lace cards, Faberge' eggs and gorgeous layered medallions. Hundreds of retail stores throughout the world carry her full line of Art Glitter products.

In 2003, Barbara was given the award of Entrepreneur of the Year from the State of Arizona. Since then, she has opened her own fine arts gallery next to Art Institute Glitter's showroom in Historic Cottonwood, Arizona. She is an exhibiting artist at the Sedona Arts Center and a member of the Color Marketing Group.