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Her work is in countless private collections and she has collaborated with many talented and famous artists from coast to coast. Cave Paper's are used in books that can be accessed from public collections like: The Library of Congress, St. John's University, and the Walker Art Center to name a few. website is www.AmandaDegener.com