

Sister Karen Boccalero

"Hidden Heroes" Coloring Page



Sister Karen Boccalero (1933–1997) was a nun, artist and founder of Self-Help Graphics & Art, a community art center in East Los Angeles. Raised in Los Angeles, Boccalero had a lifelong interest in art that continued after she joined the Franciscan order. After studying art at Temple University, she returned to East Los Angeles and opened the first iteration of Self-Help Graphics & Art in the garage behind the house she shared with her fellow nuns. Since 1970, Self-Help Graphics & Art has provided a foundation for Chicana artists to cultivate creative expression and solidify their identities.