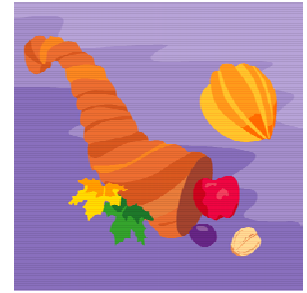


Dallas Area Fiber Artists Newsletter

November—December 2005



President's Message

It was certainly exciting and inspirational to be at the Quilt Show in Houston last week. Now that I'm working full-time, I sometimes don't see my studio for days (or even weeks) at a time. There is nothing that will stir your imagination and desire to create like being surrounded by great works of art. If you also get in a rut at times, I strongly suggest a day of gallery hopping, window shopping at all your favorite places for supplies, or an afternoon on the sofa with a cup of coffee and several fiber magazines or books. It's just the thing to get you started. If you can, attend one of our play dates or workshops. Not only will you be inspired, but also you'll have a great time and enjoy the company of other fiber artists. So, that's my message for this month. Be inspired or inspire someone else.

Sherry Searcy

Board Meeting

Saturday, Nov. 19

10:00 am

Home of
Sherry Searcy
(1311 Lamp Post Lane,
Richardson)

Regular Meeting

Monday, Nov. 28

**“Rags to Riches -
Transforming
Fabric”**

presented by
Sara Moe

(location: C.C. Young
Retirement Community)

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Reps: and Diana Pease (2005-2006)

T I P S

Measuring gooey ingredients like honey, maple syrup or molasses? Spritz the measuring spoon or cup with cooking spray first. The sticky stuff will slide right off.

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For a quick, healthy sandwich, stuff a whole-wheat pita with veggies like sliced tomato, cucumber, red pepper and avocado and top with some plain yogurt, crushed garlic and a drizzle of olive oil.

November & December Birthdays



- Sharon Cheng 11/05
- Diana Pease..... 11/13
- Susan Brown..... 11/27
- Mary Vanderslice 12/03
- Rhonda Douglass 12/10
- Elizabeth Anyaa..... 12/11
- Ann Perry..... 12/14
- Ann Raskopf..... 12/16

“Scratching the Surface” 2006 Federation of Fiber Artists Juried Exhibit

The Exhibition Committee extends a heartfelt “Thank You” to all artists submitting their work for “Scratching the Surface.” We received 148 wonderfully incredible art pieces. I, for one, was glad that it was not my job to select those to be in the exhibition.

Jane Sauer selected 78 pieces, which run the whole spectrum of fiber art. She was a thoughtful and thorough juror and was impressed with the art created in Texas.

This year’s exhibition was open to all Texas fiber artists and we encouraged submissions from non-Federation members. Eight nonmembers will be represented in the exhibition.

Kudos go to the students who entered and competed against more established artists. You will see three student works displayed. The committee decided not to announce the prize winners until the opening of the exhibition on January 19, 2006.

Please mark these dates on your calendar:

Thursday, January 19, 2006, 5:30 – 7:30 PM Exhibition opening and reception for “Scratching the Surface.” Jane Sauer will attend this reception, which will be in the Navarro Campus building of the Southwest School of Art & Craft. *Announcement of the winners will be at this time, but the awards presentation will be at our reception in conjunction with the Federation Conference in March.*

Friday, March 4, 2006, 5:30 – 7:30 PM Reception in conjunction with “Conversations in Fiber.” Awards presented this evening.

Please note: The ending date for the exhibition was extended from March 5, 2006 to March 12, 2006. Artwork may be picked up after the closing, which will be announced later. Pieces not picked up will be shipped the week after the closing, using whatever method the artist has directed. If we received no instructions, we will send by the best method available.

Artists represented in the exhibition are (IN ALPHABETICAL ORDER)

Ann Adams, Amie Adelman, Sally Ashbacher, Liz Axford, Laura Beehler, Jane Bishop, Jack Brochette, Therese Coucher, Laura Dehart, Jenny Power Dev and Rhonda Douglass, Anne Eckley, Ginny Eckley, Carolina G. Flores, Naomi Wanjiko-Gakunga, Caryl Gaubatz, Lindsey Godberry, Martha K. Grant, Valery Guignon, Janet Hartnell-Williams, Betsy Henderson, Barbara A. Hibbard, Cindy Hickok, Rebecca Howdeshell, Louise Hunt, Leslie Turner Jenison, Iva Jensen and Gloria Walls (in collaboration), and Iva Jensen, Amy Jones, Sonali Khatti, Leslie J. Klein, Renita Kuhn, Zara Laguera, Cristy Mitchell, Lisa Mittler, Susie Monday, Jo Ann Musso, Sara Nordling, Susan M. Oaks, Laura Jeanne Pitts, Cynthia Poe, Joan Radven, Diana Rinkoff, Pat Schulz, Peggy Sexton, Judith R. Moyer Shamp, Oscar Silva, Mary Ruth Smith, Linda Sura, Laura Viada, Alison Whittemore, Lynn S. Williams, Rebecca Zuniga.

Submitted by
Laura Pitts * Pat Schulz * Mary Ann Johnson
Houston Area Fiber Artists

?Scratching the Surface? opens January 19 at the Southwest School of Art and Craft in San Antonio, Texas. The opening is 5:30-7:30. Would you like to stay with a San Antonio Fiber Artist Thursday night? If so, please call Jean Peffers at 341-6876, or email Carol Ann Britt at cbritt@mail.accd.edu. We will try to match you up with a fellow artist.

(Editor’s Note: Kudos to the 10 DAFA members listed above.)

Meet Michelle Knoerzer 2nd Vice President (Ways & Means)

Michelle Knoerzer is a newcomer to the world of fiber arts. She began quilting at the urging of a close friend and fabriholic. A basic sampler quilt was all it took. Four years later, Michelle has a closet full of fabric and projects.

Even though quilting will always be her foundation, wearables and embroidery have caught her eye. New interests in thread and different textures are finding ways into her work. Michelle is currently designing a dress that will be made from packaging material used for potato chip bags.

Through friendships with Houston Area Fiber Artists and several chance meetings with Dallas member Lu Peters, Michelle joined DAFA this year. Before she knew it, Michelle was the new web mistress and the vice president of Ways and Means. She has enjoyed her new artistic endeavors and hopes to flourish in this creative environment.

Michelle has to work to support her habit. She spends her business hours working for Mary Kay as an Operations Trainer for their Manufacturing facility. She shares her life with her husband Tony and their four-legged kids, Snow, Flake, and Matisse. Tony and Michelle made a deal several years ago not to ask the other about their "craft-related" purchases. (Tony is a wood worker.) Keeping some mystery in the relationship has promoted a harmonious six years together.



Welcome our newest members

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Cindy Sandford
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Birthday: 8/18

Deborah Skinner
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Birthday: 6/10

Valery Guignon
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val@guignon.com
Birthday: 8/4

Please add these to the membership listing in your directory.

IN MEMORIUM



BARBARA BENHAM RYAN, a longtime member of Dallas Area Fiber Artists, was born June 1, 1918 to Frank N. Benham and Helen L. Benham in Des Moines, IA and died October 17, 2005.

Raised in Beverly Hills, CA, Barbara graduated from Beverly Hills High School and attended the University of Oregon. In 1939 she moved to Dallas and modeled at Neiman Marcus until she married Paul E. Ryan, who predeceased her. She is survived by her son Peter M. Ryan and wife Susie. Grandchildren Jennifer R. Ball and husband James C. Ball, Richmond, VA. Peter M. Ryan II and his wife Jessica B. Ryan, Portland, ME, Amy Ahnhut, Dallas, TX, Robin Smith and wife Malley, Dallas, TX, and eight great grandchildren.

Barbara was a uniquely talented artist who taught fiber design and weaving at her studio, Las Manos, for ten years. She then turned her talents to jewelry and clothing design with Maharani Imports. Over the years, Barbara traveled to Guatemala, Peru, India, Thailand, and the Western United States in search of unique textiles and hidden treasures to adapt to her designs. A memorial service was held on Thursday, October 20, at St. Michael and All Angels Episcopal Chapel in Dallas. Memorials may be made to the Dallas SPCA.

(excerpted from The Dallas Morning News)

2005 Calendar

- Nov. 3: Larkin Van Horn will give a lecture at the Dallas Quilt Guild. www.quiltersguildofdallas.org for location and time.
- Nov. 3-6: Proton Road Arts Festival '05, 14325 Proton Rd., Dallas. Sponsored by The Craft Guild of Dallas. Both **Suzanne Morgan** and **Hinke Schroen** will be participating vendors.
- Nov. 9: Wednesday Play Day: Bring a UFO (*an unfinished project*). Group will give ideas to finish. Given by Sara Moe and Suzanne Morgan. (*Please check before going. This may not be held.*)
- Nov. 11-12: Senior Holiday Bazaar at the Richardson Senior Center, W. Arapaho & Floyd Rd, Richardson. 9-5:00 Friday and Saturday. Come early—there's always a crowd. Members Cynthia Bennett and Diana Pease are vendor/members with handcrafted items.
- Nov. 12: Craft Guild of Dallas. **Suzanne Morgan will be teaching a class on "pin weaving."** The cost is \$70 with a \$20 supply fee. Please contact the Craft Guild of Dallas for information and registration.
- Nov. 12-13: Sat/Sun. **Workshop with Mary Ruth Smith**, "Stitches, Stitches & more Stitches." Fee: \$95. Location: Jo-Ann Fabrics, Grapevine, TX (*see page 3 for supply list and page 6 for location details*)
- Nov. 24 Thanksgiving—Eat lots of turkey, dressing, apple, pumpkin & pecan pie!!!!
- Nov. 26-27: Beadworks weekend trunk show. See page 5 for details.
- Nov. 28: **Regular Meeting**, "Rags to Riches—Transforming Fabric" given by Sara Moe.
- Dec. No Newsletter in December.
- Dec. 10: **Holiday Party**. Location is the home of Jack & Ann Brockette.



HAPPY HOLIDAYS



Meeting Minutes

Date: October 24, 2005

Location: CC Young Retirement Center

President Sherry Searcy called the meeting to order. Sherry made the announcement of the passing of our friend and long time member, Barbara Ryan. Delores Lyon introduced our guests and reported that we now have seventy members. Delores reminded the members to leave their nametags after the meeting, and she would appreciate the cords being placed inside the plastic sleeve.

Many members participated in show and tell. They included Suzanne Morgan: silk top and skirt; Delores Lyon: quilt made for her granddaughter; Evita Tezeno: hand painted/collage pictures; Brenda Arrington: Oriental wall hanging; Elizabeth Harkins: child's petticoat completed by her grandmother; Valery Guignon: dyed silk pieced vest.

Geneva Horning won the raffle items, consisting of three patterns donated by Sara Moe.

Elizabeth Harkins presented the program for the evening. She brought many examples of her work and others and gave an interesting history on bead embroidery.

Meeting was adjourned.

Submitted by,

NOVEMBER PLAY DAY

Wednesday, November 9, 10 am "U F O" Bring an unfinished object or project that you just don't know what to do with. The group will discuss ideas with you. Presented by Sara Moe and Suzanne Morgan. Location: Jo-Ann Fabrics, Preston Road & Forest Lane. *(Please check before going; this may not be held)*

PARTICIPANTS NEEDED in 2006

"Art is Ageless"

An exhibit sponsored by CC Young. If you are age 65 or over, you are invited and encouraged to enter your artwork (whether wearable art, painting, cards, mixed media, collage, crochet, knitting, etc.) in the annual "Art is Ageless" exhibit, which will be held next Spring.

Submission guidelines and details will follow as they are available, so please be thinking and planning on participating in this exhibit.

Beadworks: The second annual **Thanksgiving Weekend Trunk Show** of Semi Precious Stones and Pearls is on Saturday and Sunday, **November 26th and 27th**. Fantastic bargains and unusual bead strands will be available for sale. The merchandise comes in for two days only and it is wholesale priced for you regardless of how much you buy. This is your chance to stock up on beautiful and quality beads at very low prices. If you attended our previous weekend trunk show, you know that it is very special. www.beadworks-dallas.com for additional information. Beadworks is located at 7632 Campbell Road #309, Dallas, TX 75248, which is on the west side of Coit Road just south of Campbell Road in far north Dallas. Phone: 972.931.1899.

The 2005 Winter ART MART

November 19 & 20, 2005 Nearly 50 artists and artisans with a wide variety of wonderful paintings, sculptures, photography, cards, pottery/ceramics, jewelry, textiles AND MORE. There's even going to be a charcoal quick-sketch artist in the lobby! Plus food from Crosby Cafe and Catering, and music courtesy of Kim Corbet and White Rock Rhythms. A wonderful weekend to see and buy some wonderful things. For more information, call 214-670-8749 or visit <http://www.bathhousecultural.com/05wintersale.html>

OPEN HOUSE & CRAFT SALE

Fri., Dec. 2 (1-5 pm) and Sat. Dec. 3 (10 am—5 pm)
3620 Adavale Dr., Plano, Texas 75025

Designs by Delores (Delores Lyon)

One-of-a-kind items made of vintage fabrics and embellishments including handmade fabric purses, knitting bags, Christmas stockings, door hangers, pillows, baby quilts, throws, table runners.
 email: lyonrd@aol.com

The Paper Lily (Susan Bowles)

Handmade knit scarves, handmade journals, cards, gift tags. All items are one-of-a-kind.

For information and directions, please call 972-335-9368 or 972-496-0707.



& HAPPY HOLIDAYS &



Dallas Area Fiber Artists
 Diana Pease
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November 28
Hospitality Hostess
Brenda Arrington



ATTENTION
WORKSHOP LOCATION

The location of the workshop given by
 Mary Ruth Smith on
 November 12 & 13 will be at
Jo-Ann Fabrics
1250 William D. Tate Ave.
Grapevine, TX 76051
 Phone: 817-421-7472

(Time: 10—5 with 1 hr. lunch break)

Come Join Us

Dallas Area Fiber Artists is a non-profit organization, which promotes fiber arts and artists through education, workshops, style shows and annual exhibitions. Our members are enthusiastic, creative people who explore and expand all facets of fiber arts. Monthly programs include lectures and demonstrations by professionals on varied subjects such as: stitchery, fabric painting, fabric manipulation, papermaking, paper as well as fabric collage, garment design, fiber jewelry, altered books and other aspects of fiber techniques and art. We are associated with the Texas Federation of Fiber Artists. Membership is open to anyone who is actively involved in the creation of original fiber art or interested in its promotion as art. Visitors are welcome at our monthly meetings.

We meet every 4th Monday of the month at the C. C. Young Retirement Community in the Chapel. *(see adjacent map)*. We have social time at 7:00 pm and our meeting begins at 7:30 pm. Monthly workshops are held on the 2nd Wednesday of each month at 10:00 am. Locations may vary.

Call 972-496-0707 (Delores Lyon) for details or additional information.

We meet at C. C. Young Memorial Home
4829 Lawther West "Bldg. B" 7:00 ish,
 meeting starts @ 7:30 !