

Dallas Area Fiber Artists Newsletter

Finding Your Muse in Fudge?

This past October weekend I took a trip to the city of Gatlinburg located in the Great Smoky Mountains of eastern Tennessee. The city itself and the surrounding misty, primeval forests are a Mecca to leaf-peepers in search of the perfect shade of fall foliage. These self-proclaimed “*foliologists*” troll the mountain roads all day and jam-pack the town buffets to load up on local specialties at night. (I’m unabashedly proud to declare a three pound weight gain and still humming sugar buzz from apple fritters, caramel apple ice cream and yes, apple-flavored fudge.) Gatlinburg is also the home of the acclaimed **Arrowmont School of Arts and Crafts** and a real “Craft Loop” drive lined with studios and galleries of weavers, candle-makers, painters, jewelers and pottery-makers.

Surrounded by so much artistic talent and slowed to a crawl by the food, I found myself thinking about creativity and why it’s sometimes so difficult to access. As artists, and especially fiber artists, we often struggle with our creative spirit and how we can exercise it into a representative physical form. Human thoughts such as “what can I call this weird thing” and more importantly, “can I get away with wearing it in public?” are more common than say “this is a perfect representation of my inner vision.” While thinking about this “problem” of creative expression one simple word came to me, TRUST. Trust in yourself, trust in your vision and trust that you are a perfect channel of divine love. All the rest is easy - and I’ll bet you a pound of fudge on that!

- Joely Rogers

Calendar of Events

- Nov. 11: Board Meeting, 10 am, Connie Akers’ home
- Nov. 11: **Art Lab**— “Color on Fabric” - explore dyeing, stamping, painting and printing.
1-5 pm, Connie Akers’ home (see page 2 for details)
- Nov. 10-11: Senior Holiday Bazaar, Richardson Senior Center, West Shore & Arapaho Rds.
- Nov. 23: Thanksgiving
- Nov. 27: “**Sun Challenge**” introduction by Jack Brockette

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BOARD MEETING

November 11, 2006
 10:00 am
 at the home of
 Connie Akers
 1454 Rolling Acres
 Argyle, Texas 76226-6330
 Phone: ckakers47@msn.com
 (contact Connie for directions)
All members welcome and invited to come.

**November
 and
 December
 Birthdays**



- Sharon Cheng 11/05
- Patty Evans 11/09
- Flo Barry..... 11/11
- Diana Pease 11/13
- Mary Vanderslice..... 12/03
- Alice Brantley..... 12/04
- Rhonda Douglass 12/10
- Ann Perry 12/14

Welcome to our newest members

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*Please take time to add our
 newest members to your
 DAFN membership listing.*

Craft Sale



Join us on December 1st or 2nd for a craft sale featuring beautiful handmade items. All are unique, one of a kind pieces created by a local award winning fiber artist and crafter located here in Russell Creek. They include handmade purses, pillows, throws, table runners, Christmas stockings (toile, vintage, and modern), handknit novelty scarves, handmade journals, cards, gift tags, and more!

This opportunity only comes once a year, don't miss it!

Location: 3620 Adavale Drive, Plano, Texas PH: 972-335-9368

Dates/Times: Friday, December 1st from 10am – 5pm Saturday, December 2nd from 10am – 5pm

MEETING MINUTES

Dallas Area Fiber Artists
CC Young Retirement Community

September 25, 2006
7:30 pm

Dafa-meeting began at 7:19. Motion was made to begin business portion of meeting at 7:15 and have visiting after wards. Motion was approved. Brenda Arrington reported that there is approx. 5000 in the treasury. Guests were greeted and encouraged to sign the guest book. Please e-mail all your favorite places to shop and also put out information asking where to shop for specialty items. Sara reported that Jane Dunnewold workshop will not happen. Sara asked for suggestions for workshops. Jack suggested dying and degumming silk workshop. Papermaking was another different area of interest.

Food Challenge Jacket

Jack will do a workshop on how to design a jacket for this challenge. Glenda displayed her salad jacket. Diana shared a sheer dyed and stamped reversible jacket she calls Watermelon Sorbet. The challenge will last one year. Garments should be finished by summer of 2007. Anything wearable qualifies. The wearable can be from scratch or altered.

Michelle called for raffle winners! Rhonda called for show and tell. ART LAB-Oct. 7th from 10-3 at Flo Barry's-Flo will e-mail the supply list

Connie Akers-Taught our program on Texture and Pattern-the third in a design series being taught at the monthly meetings. The lecture included examples of applied texture Ex: Shibori silk. Connie brought several good books for browsing. There were some great book titles with lots of techniques and explained the technique for shibori-a special kind of pleated, resist. Jack Brockette shared his samples of texture with lots of techniques-silk screening, pojagi, shibori, free motion and satin stitch work on silk.

The meeting adjourned at 8:35. Everyone was encouraged to look and play with the materials on display.

Amy Fox
Secretary

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Rhonda opened the meeting at 7:30.

Brenda Arrington reported %5,200 in the treasury. Connie Akers explained the dye day at her house, Nov. 11. Bring big ziplock bags to the workshop to take fabric home. Members were invited to attend the board meeting before the workshop. This will be a day to experiment and have fun with different paints and dyes and dying techniques.

Show and tell followed.

The grab bag challenge pieces were presented: a soft sculpture of three sisters, a handmade book, a tucked and embellished wall hanging, a felt hat, a vest, and a painted scarf were appreciated and passed around for a closer look. This was followed by member's show and tell of their texture study pieces.

Tonight's meeting on **Color and Fiber Art** was presented by Sara Moe. She explained the definitions hue, chroma, tint, shade, and tone. Sara highlighted value as being one of the most important design considerations in color. Selecting fabric for a quilt was discussed. Sara pointed out the colored dots on the selvedge of fabric. These can be used to plan colors for your quilt. Sara shared many of her quilts as examples for the different color schemes. Her quilts are beautiful and inspiring! A book was recommended: **Colorworks** by Deb Menz

Elizabeth Harkins shared color and beading basics. For instance,-beads in the tubes are concentrated color. When taken individually, their color effect can be less intense. Beads are either transparent, or varying degrees of opaque. Beads are either shiny or matte. Color-lined beads are beads that are one color in the glass, and painted another color inside. Elizabeth also showed many different examples of color schemes in her beaded jewelry.

Rhonda thanked all for coming and Sara for presenting the program.

The meeting adjourned at 9:00.

Amy Fox
Secretary



Drawing to Increase Creativity

Taught by Hollis Chatelain

Although Hollis Chatelain is known throughout the fiber world for her award winning quilts of African images and undersea vistas, she originally began her career as a photographer and drawing artist.

Hollis will be in San Antonio on Feb. 7, 8, and 9, 2007, to teach a non traditional drawing class which has been designed to give confidence to artists of all experience levels. Topics covered include composition, line, depth, texture, positive and negative space, texture, shading, and proportion. Hollis has said she can teach ANYONE to draw.

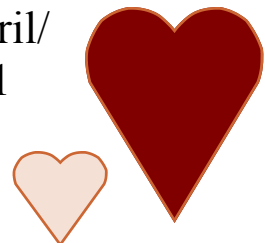
Class size is limited to 15 and fills quickly. The cost is \$220. To ensure your place in class, send your check to:

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Fiber-Postcard Valentines

Fiberarts magazine is published in Loveland, Colorado and they want to share the LOVE. They will help you turn your fiber postcards into fiber valentines. Since 1947, the Loveland post office has been re-mailing valentines from around the world, adding its own special poem and cancellation mark. Fabric postcards, which are highly popular among quilters and fiber artists, are perfect for this special touch.

To share your art with those you love, all you have to do is send your fabric postcards (addressed to your sweeties, already stamped) to us in an envelope **by January 15, 2007**, and they will have them sent out with the special poem and cancellation. They will photograph some of them for a future article in the magazine or on their website. For more information and a template, visit www.fiberarts.com/go/valentines, where you can also read an article on fiber postcards from their April/May 2006 issue. The address: *Fiberarts* Valentines, 201 East Fourth Street, Loveland, CO 80537-5655. Questions? lizg@fiberarts.com or (970) 669-7672.



ART CARD DONATION

On October 18th, on behalf of Dallas Area Fiber Artists entire membership the **Paper Enthusiasts Group**, donated an assortment of more than 6 dozen handmade greeting cards to the residents of C.C. Young Retirement Community as a small token of our appreciation for the use of their meeting facilities for our various functions. The Rev. Kathy Betz accepted the gift and said they most likely would be used to brighten the days of some of the residents who have no family, sometimes referred to as *Elder Orphans*.

This is planned to be an ongoing effort, perhaps a semi-annual donation, and if other DAFA members wish to contribute art greeting cards with an envelope, please contact **Jody Ferguson**.

All DAFA members are invited to join in the 'paper fun' on third Wednesdays in the C. C. Young Snack Bar from 9:30 - noon. The Snack Bar is across from the Chapel where we have our regular meeting. Bring your work-in-progress, your supplies, and your enthusiasm.



SILENT AUCTION

Each year at our annual **Holiday Party** (this year on December 11 at Jack Brockette's), we hold a Silent Auction to raise funds for DAFA. Anyone can participate in the bidding, but most of all anyone can donate item(s) for the auction.

Michelle Knoerzer is in charge of the auction this year and is taking donations. Please contact her if you have item(s) to donate.

The bidding will begin at the start of the party and continue throughout the evening until Michelle tells us it will end. When time is called, the person who has bid the highest price on each item will pick up the item and pay Michelle.

Art Lab—November 11

"Color on Fabric"- explore dyeing, stamping, painting, & printing.

Please come at 10 am for the board meeting and bring a sack lunch so we can start right after noon.

Bring fabric - PFD and/or previously dyed, dyes & paint, and plastic bags (1-2 gallon size). I have lots of buckets and will mix up the soda ash.

Location: Connie Akers' home (*see board meeting details on page 2*)

Fall Art Shows

November 4 & 5: LAKEWOOD ELEMENTARY HOME TOURS/ART SHOW, DALLAS

November 17, 28, 19: LOVERS LANE MARKETPLACE, NW HWY & INWOOD, DALLAS

December 8, 9, 10: BRODNAX XMAS ART SHOW, SONS OF HERMANN HALL, DALLAS

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 * www.fiberartistsofsanantonio.org *
 * www.fiberhouston.org *
 * View the news from these associated *
 * clubs, their newsletters, programs *
 * and events. *



Please note: This is a combined issue. The next issue will be in early January 2007. Happy New Year

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). **The business meeting begins at 7:15 pm with program following.** Monthly Art Labs are held as scheduled at various locations, so check the newsletter.

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

