

Dallas Area Fiber Artists

Newsletter

HAPPY NEW YEAR

President's Message

Dear DAFA Friends,

Happy New Year! Have you made your list yet? Yes, that one. Whether you call it resolutions or goals, mental or written, the list we all make this time of year. Along with weight, finances and family, which always seem to top the national polls, I hope this will be the year I finally get my workspace in order and produce more art. Is there anyone else with these identical goals? I can almost recycle the same resolutions from last year. I do consider January the beginning of a do-over for some of the items on my list.

An event not to be missed this year is the 2008 State Conference. I would definitely encourage you to add attending to your to-do list. The time and effort of the conference committee is sure to provide a successful conference, show and workshops. Please don't miss out on this event. There can be no do-overs

I would like to wish everyone a happy, healthy and prosperous 2008.

~Rhonda

Seventy-Six Ways to Get Going in 2008

(From chief motivator and creativity officer Deborah Boschert)

But first, another great pre-meeting, mini-workshop to get the creative juices going! And the realization, as Janet Jelen pointed out, that now "we'll not be able to throw anything away" as any and all scraps are

fair game for our future interactive journals!

As I've said before, everything we needed to know for this workshop, we learned in kindergarten. What we had forgotten from those pre-first grade days is the spontaneity, out-of-the-box creativity we once had, before all the rules of life set in on us. Well, Deborah's workshop unleashed straight line thinking and allowed us to do just that. Most followed the directions to the T. I would bet that the next journals coming from any of the 25+ attendees will be much broader in scope, more daring in creativity, and much more fun to make.

When we brought out our food for the spontaneous picnic and chat session that followed the workshop, there was the realization that we had been tense about making our journals, after an already tense Monday of surviving the madness that is our worlds. What we realized is that these journals are fun, with unlimited potential to amuse us, and any beneficiary of our largesse in the future. Why not make them in different sizes, colors, textures? Why not a book of quotes for someone recovering from an illness that includes ongoing treatments? Or favorite household tips and information for someone celebrating the first year in their new house? Or favorite recipes for the hostess at the Christmas parties we'll attend? Or car tips and laundry tips for that first time college kid who has gone off to campus? Or first aid tips, glued onto each page; or home remedies?

When my siblings and I cleaned out my father's house a year ago, we realized that our love of office supplies came from him.

And what a gift that was, especially now that these journals offer a whole new dimension to the "I love paper and supplies" mantra we all inherited. Most of you who attended Deborah's session seemed to feel the same.

Just when we had finished our snacks, it was time for the evening general meeting. Show and Tell is always a highlight, as members talk about what they are up to. Then Deborah launched into "Getting from Start to Art: 76 Tips to Jump Start Your Creativity" and we realized that the best was yet to come. Deborah is a gifted, talented artist, who shared not only her ideas, but her works as well, deftly linking the tips to her beautiful work. While it was effortlessly presented, it was clear that she spent much time organizing her presentation and choosing just the right artistic piece to demonstrate. We are grateful and lucky to have been present to share in her evening with us. ~Mary Masal

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January & February Birthdays



Reid Barnhart 1/6
 Brenda Arrington 1/15
 Ed Noyce 1/15
 Deborah Boschert 1/20
 Carrie Ott 1/26
 Pam Patton 2/1
 Jo York 2/15
 Tricia Kemp 2/17
 Linda Thiemann 2/26
 Brenda Wyatt 2/27

Who We Are



Where We Meet

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, beading, altered books, free-form crochet 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 Cultural Arts Center, Porter Auditorium. (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 or the website.

Call 214-641-9447 (Cher Mueller) or Delores Lyon (972-496-0707) for details or additional information.

We meet at CC Young Retirement Community
 4847 W. Lawther Dr., Dallas. Meetings begin
 at 7:15 pm in the Cultural Arts Center

Meeting Minutes

November 26, 2007

CC Young Retirement Community, 7:15 pm

Rhonda Douglass called the meeting to order at 7:15. Show & Tell participants included Valery Guignon, Sara Moe, Janet Jelen and Pam Patton.

Glenda Hurley was absent due to illness therefore there was no raffle.

Rhonda reminded us of the Holiday Party on December 9th at Michelle Knoerzer's home in Allen. It begins at 3:00 pm. The silent auction forms should be filled out with the beginning bid amount prior to the party. It would be a good idea to just email Glenda Hurley to let her know what items you're bringing. Carrie Ott's apron of vintage fabric was shown as an example. This will be an item in the silent auction.

Delores Lyon reported that we now have 60 members. She passed a sign-up sheet around for food items to be brought to the gallery reception on February 1st. The Gallery will furnish a cheese and cracker tray and six bottles of wine. We will be furnishing the remainder of the food. Any food remaining after the reception should be carried to the Hospitality Room at the Southfork Hotel for the conference beginning the next day. Helpers are needed in all areas of the conference, from "angels" to help the workshop presenters to helpers in the Hospitality Suite. We now have 48 persons registered; 21 rooms at the hotel confirmed.

Michelle Knoerzer said people had a little grace period where the December 1st deadline was concerned. Many contributors are getting the final touches on their entries. All entries should be in .jpg format and 300 dpi.

Deborah Boschert presented an excellent program "Getting from Start to Art: 76 tips to jumpstart your creativity. She began with her background showing her first quilt and numerous subsequent quilts, traditional and art designs. She pointed out all 76 points from beginning to end in all her pieces. She began "big" but now works "small."

The meeting was adjourned at 8:15. The remaining time was spent at Deborah's trunk show.

Submitted by

Diana Pease

Welcome to our New Member

(please add to your directory listing)

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Heads Up

Synthrapol, a detergent commonly used by dyers to remove the excess dye remaining in fabric, will no longer be produced due to its medical and ecological impact. Dharma Trading Company has produced a non-toxic professional detergent which will replace Synthrapol. Here is the link to the product and information:

<http://www.dharmatrading.com/products/ptd/free.html>

Websites of Special Interest

Have a look at these quilts, move your mouse over any of them for close ups..

These are awesome...<http://www.quiltart.org.uk/index.html>

This will take some time to view but worth it. Save the address to go for inspiration.

<http://www.layersuponlayers.com/call-for-entries-ongoing-call-at-recycled-crafts-blog/> This gives you a list of where to enter your fiber art and what magazines are looking for. Worth a look.

- Sandi Wheeler

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WORKSHOPS AND DESCRIPTIONS

1. Carol Lane-Saber – www.saberdesigns.cc

(workshop kit fee: \$20.00) Shibori 3-D Technique.

Description: Shibori is the Japanese art of folding, twisting, gathering, knotting and crimping fabric prior to dyeing. Carol will supply the silk for dyeing, the dyes and all equipment needed to do the shibori techniques.

2. Elizabeth Harkins – The Art of Bead Embroidery: two different bead technique workshops: (Kit fee: \$25.00) Email: mys-ticmoon2@sbcglobal.net

Description: **(2a)** Surface design on quilts. Learn bead embroidery while making a beautiful scissor case. You will learn many different stitches and techniques. The kit includes a variety of beads, sequins, beading needle and beading thread. Everything you need to make and finish the scissor case. **(2b)** General 3-D bead techniques. Learn how to transfer designs for embellishing a garment. Different stitches will be taught along with designs ideas. Kit includes: beads, sample design, backing, needle and thread. You will leave with a sampler of stitches.

3. Sara Moe – Needle Felting – a creative new trend in fiber art. Sewing machines will be available for use in the workshop. www.sewinspired.com

Description: Learn the latest methods in both machine and hand needle felting while creating a beautiful pillow top. Each student will have access to a needle felting machine to try out all of Sara’s creative techniques. (Kit fee: \$25, which includes fabric, roving fibers, yarns, ribbons and other embellishments for creating a beautiful pillow top or small wall-hanging) *If students want their kit to include the Clover hand needle felting tool kit, which includes a small pad, they can order that in advance for an additional \$25.00*

4. Dawn Zero Erickson – Silkscreen printing for quilters and sewers. (workshop kit fee \$15.00, which includes ink and use of silk screens).

Description: We will silkscreen print on fabric using simple methods with extraordinary results. You will be able to print fabric for a quilt, pillows, or a garment. No previous experience required. Bring several yards of cotton fabric that has been washed and dried (without softeners) in a dryer. The fabric can be all the same or a variety of solids, any color or printed (simple pattern – stripe, dot, check).

5. Judith Baker Montano – Velvet Pansies and Cottage Garden www.judithbakermontano.com Description: **(5a) Velvet Pansies : Learn to make Victorian velvet pansies. They are beautiful as embellishments for crazy quilting and quilting projects. They can also be made into charming brooches. See DAFA website for workshop list of supplies. www.dallasfiberartists.org**

(5b) Cottage Garden: Create a beautiful beginner’s mixed medium using paints, Aida cloth, yarn, and ribbon. This small English cottage is a charming piece that can be framed as a painting or incorporated into a crazy quilt project.

NOTE: See Judith’s website for list of supplies for workshop plus bring grey thread and a writing tablet for notes for both workshops.

PLEASE PRINT CLEARLY AND MAIL WITH REGISTRATION FEES AND LEGAL SIZE SASE TO:

Michelle Knoerzer
6002 Bracknell Dr.
Allen, Texas 75002
Phone: 214-674-3192

Amount enclosed: \$ _____	
<input type="checkbox"/> Member	<input type="checkbox"/> Non-member
\$150.00	\$200.00

(You will receive your workshop information and maps for the conference upon receipt of your completed form and registration fee) **Make all checks payable to “Federation of Fiber Artists.”**

Name _____

Address _____

City/State/Zip _____

Phone: (_____) _____

Email: _____

Choose 2 workshops only (indicate your 1st and 2nd choices):

(1) _____ (2a) _____ (2b) _____ (3) _____ (4) _____ (5a) _____ (5b) _____

CALL FOR IMAGES

During the **New Horizons in Fiber 2008 Conference**, we will be showing images of our member’s work. If you want to be included in this “Virtual Slide Jam,” please follow the format below and e-mail no more than three (3) images of your work to:

Edwin Noyce ednoyce@gmail.com

Instructions:

All images must be in digital format. JPEG is preferred but any standard format should work.

If possible, add identification information as a part of the image. Include your name, group (San Antonio, Aus-

tin, Houston, Dallas), title and size of each piece, and technique(s) used.

If you prefer to keep the image pure, send the information in the body of the e-mail with enough clues that I can tell which image to attach it to.

Please keep the total size of your attachments to 10 MB or less.

CONFERENCE SCHEDULE

Friday, Feb. 1,

7:00 pm Reception at the ArtCentre of Plano

Saturday, Feb. 2

7:30 am Breakfast Buffet

9 am – 12 noon Workshops

12 pm – 1 pm Box lunch at hotel

1 pm – 4 pm Workshops

4 pm – 7 pm Free time / Vendor shopping

7 pm Dinner and Keynote Address by Joan Schulze

Sunday, Feb., 3

8 am – 9 am Breakfast Buffet followed by Slide Show of all work entered into the show

Sandi Wheeler let us know about a recent KUDO in her life:

"In October I was contacted to make a proto-type doll like an illustration for a child's book. After making three dolls to follow changes the illustrator made, the doll is done. This doll is on it's way to Hong Kong to a doll manufacturer that creates dolls for Disney. I signed a confidentiality agreement so I can't show the doll, book or tell you who wrote it. I can only say she is well known in this area. This is not the first time I made a doll from a book illustration. That doll was a Christmas present. The mother wrote to me how her daughter thought the doll had leaped off the page in her book."

Combined Board Meeting

January 12, 10 am—1 pm

JoAnn Fabrics - Preston Road and Forest Lane

It is very, very important that **ALL** regular and conference planning board members and committee members attend this board meeting. We are finalizing the details for the New Horizons in Fiber 2008 Federation Conference.

- Delores Lyon

Solo Exhibition

Artist **Linda Lewis** will have a solo exhibition at the Bath House Cultural Center, 521 E. Lawther Dr., Dallas, January 5—February 2, 2008. Her unusual and thought-provoking series of "altered books" deconstruct the text and challenge the intellect. Two-dimensional stitched fiber pieces will also be exhibited.

www.bathhouseculturalcenter.com, www.lindalewis.net

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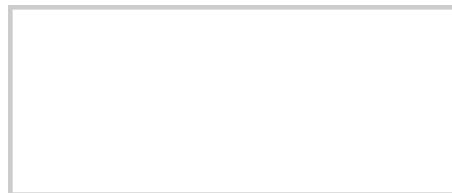
New Address _____

City, State, Zip _____

New phone(s) _____

New email _____

Complete and mail to Delores Lyon, 710
 Wakefield, Garland, Texas 75040 or phone
 information to Delores at 972-496-0707.



MORE Websites of Special Interest

<http://www.artgroupsdfw.com> A new listing for DAFA and great place to see what others are doing. Great site to bookmark on your computer.

~Sandi Wheeler

<http://www.hatshatshats.com> "That Hat" featuring Millinery, Hats, Veils, Headpieces

~ Valery Guignon

Forever Learning

Lu Peters and Pam Patton are both going to be teaching classes at **Bernina** this term. Pam is teaching a monthly **Art Quilt Workshop**, February through June, **Book Cover Art** in March and May, **Magic Nine Patch** in June, and another new class, **Just a Jotter**, in April and June. Lu Peters will teach **Needles and Threads** in April and **New Directions in Wearable Art** also in April. All the information for these and other classes is at: www.bestofbernina.com/classes.htm

Calendar of Events

- Jan. 5: Thru Feb. 2: Bath House Cultural Center, 521 E. Lawther Dr., Dallas. Exhibit by Linda Lewis.
- Jan. 12: Board Meeting, 10:00 a—12:00 p, JoAnn's Fabrics, Preston Rd. & Forest Lane
- Jan. 16: Paper Enthusiasts, 9:30—11:30 am, CC Young
- Jan. 26: Hard & Soft Exhibit, Denton, Texas. www.dentonarts.com Hangs through March 20, 2008
- Jan. 28: **Regular Meeting**, 7:15 pm, Preparations for Federation Conference
- Feb. 1-3: Federation of Fiber Artists 2008 Conference. The Southfork Hotel, Plano, Texas
- Feb. 1: **Fiber 2008 reception, ArtCentre of Plano, 6:30 pm**
- Feb. 16: Board Meeting, 10:00 a—1 p, JoAnn's Fabrics, Preston Rd. & Forest Lane