

# Dallas Area Fiber ARTists

JUNE 2010

## June program focuses on DAFA grants

This year DAFA celebrated the creative lives of the late Sandi Wheeler and Peggy Tajchman, two members of the guild, with the awarding of grants to area educators and schools. The stories of these grants and the fiber arts learning experiences they provided will be the subject of the program at DAFA's June 28 meeting.

A \$500 educational grant in memory of Sandi was awarded to DAFA member Linda Disosway and the Tom Landry Elementary School in Carrollton. A second \$500 grant, in memory of Peggy, was awarded to educator Leslie Krieger and Denton High School in Denton. The two teachers and their students will present the work they accomplished during their respective semesters of DAFA-funded fiber

art education. The program will also include a presentation about DAFA's history.

Retiring officers Deborah Boschert and Connie Akers, who arranged the program, said that surviving spouses, Ben Wheeler and Ed Tajchman, along with Peggy's son and daughter-in-law, Ron and Nancy Tajchman, have been invited to be DAFA's guests for the evening. ❖

### JUNE MEETING

- Monday, June 28, The Point at C.C. Young Retirement Community.
- 5:30 p.m. Mini-workshop: *Paper Mache Beads*, led by Cathie Mercer. (See details on page 2.)
- 7:00 p.m. Business meeting, Show 'n' Tell, and program.
- Program: *DAFA Grant Report to Members* presented by Leslie Krieger and Linda Disosway.

## Two North Texas Fiber Artists Memorialized Through DAFA Grants to Local Teachers and Schools



Peggy Tajchman



Sandi Wheeler

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## President's Message

Did you enjoy the Art Swap as much as I did? I love hearing people talk about their art pieces and how they were inspired. It makes me want to get busy and finish projects. I love Deborah's advice about "working small" so you can get more done. If you did not participate this year, plan to participate next year — you have plenty of time to get started!

I am looking forward to this year in Fiber Artists — we have some interesting programs and mini-workshops planned. We still need to fill two positions on the board — Secretary and Community Service Coordinator. If you are willing to serve in either position, please let me know.

If you have any suggestions or comments, please contact me. I look forward to hearing from you.

Janet Jelen  
President



## JUNE MINI-WORKSHOP: PAPER BEADS

DAFA member Cathie Mercer will teach Paper Mache Beads at the mini-workshop preceding the June 28 meeting. Mini-workshop chair Denise Spillane suggests this supply list: old magazines with colorful pictures, to be torn up to make beads; glue (suitable for paper); jewelry pliers for putting earrings together; accent beads or fibers for embellishment, if you have them. Cathie will supply everyone with findings. There will be a \$1 supply fee.

Denise invites DAFA members to teach one of the mini-workshops during the coming year. Find a special fiber arts project that's well-suited to an hour-long work session, then share with others who love new techniques!

The mini-workshop for July features Chuck Baber teaching origami. Be the next to volunteer! Contact Denise by e-mailing [miniwkshp@dallasfiberartists.org](mailto:miniwkshp@dallasfiberartists.org). ❖



## DAFA BOARD 2010-2011

DAFA's new officers for 2010-2011 were installed in May. The guild thanks the following members for accepting leadership posts for the coming year:

Janet Jelen, president  
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Diana Pease and JoAnn Musso, state representatives  
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*As the the 2009-2010 board retired and the 2010-2011 board was installed at DAFA's May meeting, outgoing secretary Lu Peters (left) took the opportunity to "roast" outgoing president Michelle Knoerzer.*

## THANKS TO THE OUTGOING BOARD

Sincere thanks to the members named below, who have served DAFA during the past year. Some have completed two years of service in their positions, and others will continue to serve this year:

Michelle Knoerzer, president; Katina Hronas, vice president; Diana Pease, treasurer; Lu Peters, secretary; Deborah Boschert, programs; April Soncrant, mini workshops; Deborah Boschert, annual workshop; Michelle Knoerzer, website/newsletter; Jo Appleton, membership; Sara Miller, show chair; Bobbie Jackson, historian; Connie Akers, community service; Rhonda Douglass, state rep; and Jack Brockette, state rep. ❖

## SHOWS, SHOPPING, AND OTHER FUN

- Fabrique! Fabrics has scheduled a Fashion Show featuring garments made with Vogue patterns, Saturday, June 26, 1 p.m., at Fabrique! The show will also appear on Good Morning Texas, Wednesday, June 30, starting at 9 a.m. Details at <http://www.fabriquefabrics.com>.

- If you love vintage clothing, much of it couture, or have some to sell, visit Vintage Martini in downtown Carrollton, 1106 West Main Street, a few doors from the Old Craft Store. Ph. 972-466-4400. Website: <http://www.vintagemartini.com>.

- The Irving Quilt Guild's 2010 Quilt Show, "East Meets West," is June 11-12 at Holy Family of Nazareth, 2323 Cheyenne St., in Irving. Admission \$7. See [http://www.irvingquiltguild.com/Irving\\_Quilt\\_Guild/Quilt\\_Show.html](http://www.irvingquiltguild.com/Irving_Quilt_Guild/Quilt_Show.html).

## DUES REMINDER!

It's time to renew or join DAFA. Please download a membership form, and mail with your check to DAFA at P.O. Box 671036, Dallas, TX 75367. Dues are \$30, \$25 seniors (65 and over), \$25 students (with valid ID). All members must submit a new form this year.

A small portion of your dues goes to the Texas Federation of Fiber Arts, which sponsors a biennial conference and exhibition for fiber artists. Membership entitles you to a 20 percent discount at Asel Art.

You may also contribute to the guild simply by registering DAFA as your charity of choice at your Tom Thumb or Kroger store. Your reward card use results in a percentage for DAFA. Membership form and other details at [www.dallasfiberartists.org](http://www.dallasfiberartists.org).



# DAFA Swap, May 2010



*Valery Guignon, fabric detail*



*Diana Pease, pillow detail*



*Early Irwin, fabric bowl detail*



*Jo Appleton, spirit doll on canvas*



*Reid Barnhart, hat*



*Deborah Boschert, wall hanging*

**The May meeting** marked the end of the year with a guild potluck and a much-anticipated art swap among DAFA members. Thirty-four members participated, with items ranging from paper art to weaving. Several members' works are shown here.



*Connie Akers, collage*



*Lu Peters, quilt detail*



*Jules Rushing, quilt detail*

## DAFA MEMBERS TEACHING AND EXHIBITING

• Ruth Anderson curates *Geometric Interpretations: Works Using Paper*, opening June 11 and continuing through Sept. 26 at the Museum of Geometric and MADI Art, 3109 Carlisle St., in Dallas. DAFA members Flo Barry and Chuck Baber are among the 20 artists represented. Flo will be featured in an Arcadia Salon presentation on June 17 at 5:30 p.m. Details at [http://](http://www.geometricmadimuseum.org)

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• Jules Rushing has three art quilts in the Main Show at Oxide Gallery in Denton, now through September. Details at <http://www.oxidegallery.com/Shows.html>.

• DAFA member Connie Akers teaches needle-felted cloth (June 17) and Suzanne Morgan teaches nuno felting workshops (July 11 and 17) at the Craft Guild of Dallas. Details at <http://www.craftguildofdallas.com>.

• Valerie Guignon will teach at the Creative Arts Center of Dallas: "Bent Wire Figure Sculpting (June 26), "Inner Self Doll Making" (July 17), and "Fabric Dyeing for Quilting and Wearable Art," Wednesdays, June 30 - Aug. 11. See <http://www.creativeartscenter.org>.

• VET will teach Encaustic Painting at the Creative Arts Center, Mondays, June 28 – Aug. 9, 6:30-9:30 p.m. <http://www.creativeartscenter.org>.

• Oil paintings by DAFA member Dorothy Clarke are included in "Summer Series 10" at the Haley-Henman Gallery, 2335 Hardwick Street in Dallas, July 31 – Sept. 4. Dorothy photographs vintage signs on her

travels and paints them in her signature photo-realism style. See [www.haleyhenman.com](http://www.haleyhenman.com). Dorothy is also curating The Day of the Dead exhibit at the downtown TVAA Gallery in October. ❖

## LESSONS from the radio

by Cathie Mercer

Driving to work, I heard an interview with Jonathan Adler on NPR's *Morning Edition*. The subject was fathers. I was only half listening until I heard Adler say his father was a lawyer, but at heart he was a painter — an extremely passionate *painter*. A lawyer who paints?

Adler thought his father was an idiot and coward for not pursuing painting as a career. The young son thought his father's law practice was a cop-out. My heart broke when I heard that. Harsh words from a son about his dead father; harsh reminder of my own cowardice.

But what came out of the radio next healed more than my heart. Jonathan Adler continued,

*Now, as an adult, I see it the exact opposite way. His approach to being an artiste was so much purer and more brilliant than it would have been if he had made art a career.... Whenever I'm slogging away in the middle of some corporate meeting, I always try to remember my dad and think about his pure passion for art and creativity, and try to channel that into my own work.*

Adler gave me license to call myself an artist. And he gave it to you, too. If we don't spend the hours on our art that we want to because we've opted for the security of a "day job," well then maybe, just maybe, we need to look anew at our *approach to being an artiste as purer and more brilliant than if we had made art a career....* ❖

See the NPR story at

<http://www.npr.org/templates/story/story.php?storyId=105559146>

## CALLS FOR ENTRIES

• DAFA member April Soncrant invites other artists to a “1 x 1 x 1 Challenge.” Create an art piece that is 1 foot by 1 foot, in one color, by the end of July. See details on her Spice Drop Soup blog: [http://apryllx.typepad.com/spice\\_drop\\_soup/2010/05/art-challenge-1-x-1-x-1-.html](http://apryllx.typepad.com/spice_drop_soup/2010/05/art-challenge-1-x-1-x-1-.html) .

• The Encaustic Center in Richardson invites the creation and submission of monotypes for its December Holiday Bazaar. See details at <http://www.theencausticcenter.com/> .

• Artisan Style in Dallas invites entries for its exhibition and auction of embellished bras in “Dance of Life: Bras for Breast Cancer.” Deadline for entries is Sept. 24, 2010. Details at

**Chad Alice Hagen** will lead a Fiber Artists of San Antonio workshop, “Putting on the Sheep: Hand Felted Scarves and Jewelry for Embellishment,” July 9-10. Contact Georgia Zwartjes, [zwartjes@sbcglobal.net](mailto:zwartjes@sbcglobal.net).

[http://web.me.com/junannepeck/Bras\\_For\\_Breast\\_Cancer/Dance\\_of\\_Life.html](http://web.me.com/junannepeck/Bras_For_Breast_Cancer/Dance_of_Life.html) .

• The Sketchbook Project offers participants the opportunity to have their sketchbooks on exhibit in six major U.S. cities. See <http://www.arthousecoop.com/projects/sketchbookproject>

• Rockwall Main Street and the Old Town Shoppes of Rockwall

invite artisans to the San Jacinto Street Market in Downtown Rockwall on second Saturdays through October. There is no fee for participation in this pilot program. Details are available at <http://mainstreet.rockwall.com/> .

• The Sixth Street Gallery in Vancouver, Wash., invites national entries for its Sixth Annual Fiber Arts Festival, set for Aug. 4-29. The juried show celebrates the spectrum of fiber arts. Deadline for entries is June 18. Details at <http://www.sixthstreetgallery.com/> . ❖

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• The Houston Center for Contemporary Craft offers The Paper Runway, a celebration of fashion and contemporary craft featuring body adornments and garments by the artists-in-residence at the center, now through Sept. 4. See details at [www.crafthouston.org](http://www.crafthouston.org) .

• The Mesquite Quilt Guild Show is scheduled for June 25-26, 10 a.m. – 5 p.m., at the Rutherford Recreation Center, 900 Rutherford Drive in Mesquite. Admission \$5. Call 972-216-7790 for info.

• See news of upcoming exhibits at the Fashion Institute of New York at the institute’s website, <http://www.fitnyc.edu/3662.asp> ❖

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## WEBSITES OF INTEREST

• See fabulous hats from the Queensland Gallery in Australia at [http://qag.qld.gov.au/exhibitions/current/hats\\_an\\_anthology\\_by\\_stephen\\_jones/Hats\\_gallery](http://qag.qld.gov.au/exhibitions/current/hats_an_anthology_by_stephen_jones/Hats_gallery) .

• See Australian fiber art at the website of the Australian Textile Arts and Surface Design Association, <http://www.atasda.org.au/> .

• DAFA member Suzanne Morgan is mentioned by Jane LaFazio, a writer for Quilting Arts, in her blog, which can be seen at <http://janeville.blogspot.com/2010/06/burgundy-glow.html> .

• DAFA member Fannie Narte was published in Sew Somerset’s Summer 2010 issue. She blogs at <http://fanniecarte.blogspot.com/> .

• The Surface Design Association website features the 13th International Triennial of Tapestry in Poland, <http://dev surfacedesign.org/blog/members-hot-spot-8> .

• See finalists in the 2010 Independent Handbag Designers Awards at [http://hbd101.com/handbags?s=finalists\\_2010](http://hbd101.com/handbags?s=finalists_2010) .

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- Small quilts created by members of the Studio Art Quilt Associates, Inc. (SAQA) are featured on the website of the International Quilt Study Center and Museum. See the Quilt of the Month at [http://www.quiltstudy.org/collections/quilt\\_of\\_the\\_month.html](http://www.quiltstudy.org/collections/quilt_of_the_month.html).
- See Fiber Arts magazine's competition listings, <http://www.fiberarts.com/competitions/default.asp>.
- Quilter Rose Hughes, Quilter Magazine's 2009 Quilt Teacher of the Year, offers free Color Discovery Lessons on her website. Click the Color Discovery icon at <http://rosehughes.com/>.
- A Ribbon Braid tutorial is available on-line from Threads magazine. Visit <http://www.threadsmagazine.com/item/10858/ribbon-braid>.
- Quilting Daily offers free e-Books techniques. See the righthand column at: <http://www.quiltingarts.com/>.
- Art News DFW – News Blog offers “Art This Week in DFW,” including calls for entries. Go to <http://artgroupsdfw.com/>.
- Listings of art openings in Dallas are available at <http://groups.yahoo.com/group/DallasArtOpenings/>.
- The TAFAList – The Textile and Fiber Art List – offers links to a wide variety of fiber arts and artists' websites. See <http://www.tafalist.com/>. ❖

### **INVITATION from Deborah**

Deborah Boschert invites DAFA members to an “open studio and art quilt viewing” party on Saturday, June 12, between 4 and 7 p.m., at her home in Lewisville.

Deborah and her family are moving to Annapolis, MD, in August, and she is eager to share artwork and celebrate friendships before they pack up and make this exciting move. E-mail Deborah with any questions: [Deborah@DeborahsStudio.com](mailto:Deborah@DeborahsStudio.com).

## THANK YOU

Thanks to all who offered information and assistance for this issue of DAFA's newsletter, especially Lu Peters, Michelle Knoerzer, Diana Pease, Denise Spillane, Linda Disosway, Suzanne Morgan, and Janet Jelen.

Please submit information for future newsletter issues and for e-mail updates to [communications@dallasfiberartists.org](mailto:communications@dallasfiberartists.org).



The creative, enthusiastic members of our organization promote fiber art through education, workshops and exhibitions. Monthly programs include lectures and demonstrations on subjects such as thread and fabric painting, surface design, papermaking, mixed media collage, garment design, fiber jewelry, altered books and many other aspects of fiber techniques.

Visitors are welcome at our programs. We meet the fourth Monday of the month at The Point, Center for Arts and Education, on the campus of C.C. Young Retirement Community, 4829 Lawther West in Dallas.

Visit [www.dallasfiberartists.org](http://www.dallasfiberartists.org) for program information, the monthly newsletter and the latest information. ❖

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