

# Dallas Area Fiber Artists Newsletter

## What fabric was first used for clothing?

Man, it may be assumed, first dressed himself either with skins or crude garments made of twigs, grasses or bark, in the fashion of certain primitive peoples of the present time. That is also the Hebrew tradition. According to Genesis 3:7, Adam and Eve “sewed fig leaves together, and made themselves aprons.” Later Genesis 3:21 tells us, “Unto Adam also and to his wife did the Lord God make coats of skins, and clothed them.” It is impossible to say definitely which of the common clothing fabrics — cotton, wool, linen and silk — was first developed, although most authorities are inclined to believe that wool antedates the others as a clothing material. The use of wool in fabrics, as distinguished from its use on the original pelt, undoubtedly suggested itself to primitive man before the dawn of history. Perhaps wool separated from the skin was first used as a clothing material in the form of a crude felt. Cotton, which was widely used by the ancient Egyptians as well as the Hindus, probably came second in chronological order. Silk, which the Chinese say dates from 2650 B.C., was the third textile to be developed. Linen, a fabric woven from the fibers of flax, came much later.

## How did bloomers get their name?

Bloomers received their name from Mrs. Amelia Jenks Bloomer, who was born at Homer, New York, in 1818. In 1840, after a short career as schoolteacher and governess, she was married to Dexter C. Bloomer, of Seneca Falls, New York, where for several years she and her husband were engaged in publishing the *Seneca County Courier*, a semi-monthly magazine. In 1849 she founded the *Lily*, a periodical devoted to temperance and women’s rights. The February issue of 1851 contained a description of a “sanitary attire” for women designed and worn by Mrs. Elizabeth Smith Miller, a daughter of Gerrit Smith, who was later a Representative in Congress from New York. The costume consisted of skirts reaching to the knees and loose trousers gathered around the ankles like Turkish trousers. Dressed in such attire Mrs. Miller visited her cousin, Elizabeth Cady Stanton, at Seneca Falls. In her *Eighty Years and More* Mrs. Stanton wrote of this demonstration of the new costume for women: “To see my cousin, with a lamp in one hand and a baby in the other, walk up stairs with ease and grace, while with flowing robes, I pulled myself up with difficulty, lamp and baby out of the question, really convinced me that there was a sore need of reform in woman’s dress.” Mrs. Bloomer, who had for several years advocated reform in women’s dress, adopted the new costume and wrote many articles in favor of it. After eight years she abandoned the new costume because she thought her influence would be greater in more conventional women’s dress. Although in her magazine, as well as in lectures, she continually said that Mrs. Miller was the real originator of the style, the public insisted on giving her credit, and *Bloomer costume* or *Bloomers* soon became the accepted name of the attire. Mrs. Bloomer died at Council Bluffs, Iowa, in 1894.

### Board Meeting

Outgoing & Incoming Board Members Brunch

Saturday, May 13, 10:00 am

Home of Sherry Searcy  
1311 Lamp Post Lane  
Richardson, Texas  
972-231-7841

### PLAY DAY

Wednesday, May 10 (Jo-Ann Fabrics, Preston & Forest Ln.)

GIVEN BY SANDI WHEELER

**Art Dolls**—a hands-on session. Supply fee is \$3.00. Bring sewing needle, scissors to cut thread, assortment of buttons (if you have some) white tacky glue. This will be provided, but if you bring your own you won't have to wait to use these items.

### 2006 Out-going Officers

- President:** Sherry Searcy, 972-231-7841 (hm), sherrysearcy@netzero.com
- Exec. V-P:** Elizabeth Harkins, 214-221-7546 (hm); 214-500-0376 (cell), mysticmoon2@sbcglobal.net
- 1st V-P:** Delores Lyon 972-496-0707, lyonrd1@msn.com (Membership Development and Community Liaison)
- 2nd V-P:** Michelle Knoerzer, 214-674-3192 (hm); michknoerzer@aol.com (Ways & Means)
- 3rd V-P:** Sara Moe, 817-379-9998 (hm) sara.sewinspired@verizon.net AND Suzanne Morgan, 972-393-4857 (hm), spmorgan1@msn.com (Monthly meetings and 2nd Wednesday Play Days)
- 4th V-P:** Jack Brockette, 214-324-3107 (hm), jbrockette@hotmail.com AND Ed Noyce, 972-572-8428 (hm), enoyce@lonetree.com (Annual Show)
- 5th V-P:** Diana Pease, 972-231-0659 (hm), 972-231-0622 (fax), peapod60@sbcglobal.net (Communications: Newsletter and Website)
- Secretary :** Rhonda Douglass, 214-341-5616 (hm), petuniasfiber@aol.com
- Treasurer:** Jody Ferguson, 972-788-5028 (hm), 972-385-7065 (fax), jody001@earthlink.net
- State Board Reps:** Delores Lyon (2004-2008) and Diana Pease (2005-2006)

#### \*\*\*\*\*June 26 Meeting\*\*\*\*\*

*This meeting will be a social with food and refreshments. We plan on recognizing our members of 25 years or more. If you have memorabilia from the past please make it available for the meeting. We will also display members' work. Bring several items representative of your work to share with other members.*

*We need members to organize and to contribute food items. Please contact **Delores Lyon** (972-496-0707 or [lyonrd1@msn.com](mailto:lyonrd1@msn.com)) if you are willing to help out.*

*We are open to suggestion from the membership for ideas.*

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#### **New email addresses:**

- Delores Lyon     lynrd1@msn.com  
 Patricia Marx     daytonaven-fa@yahoo.com

### May & June Birthdays



- Sonali Khatti ..... 5/05
- JoAnn DuVall..... 5/25
- Wouida Thurman..... 5/25
- Sandi Wheeler..... 6/02
- Sara Moe ..... 6/05
- Pat Cale ..... 6/10
- Christine Miller ..... 6/10
- Debbie Maddy..... 6/12
- Barbara Murrell..... 6/19

## Meeting Minutes

**Date:** April 24, 2006

**Location:** CC Young Retirement Center

President Sherry Searcy called the meeting to order. Delores Lyon read names and introduced those members nominated for the upcoming board. Sherry asked members if there were additional names to be added prior to voting. With no names added from the floor, a vote was taken and passed to accept those nominated to their respective positions. Delores mentioned that the Installation of Officers would take place at the May meeting. Twenty-four members had previously signed up to attend the dinner/installation at the Chef's Gallery. The restaurant requires a party of 30 to reserve the price of \$20 (not including tax and tip). Delores passed around a sign up sheet and announced that those who sign are agreeing to pay for the meal. Jody Ferguson gave the treasurer's report. At this time the balance in the account is \$3,452.45.

The following members took part in show and tell: Valery Guignon, dyed and painted silk; Mary Vanderslice, weaving; Glenda Hurley, the doll she had as a child wearing the dress she made for it at the age of three.

Mary Vanderslice was the winner of the raffle item, a kimono donated by Sherry Searcy.

Sandi Wheeler introduced the evening speaker, Kimber Fenili, who presented a program on Art Dolls. Kimber displayed her creative and inspirational dolls and spoke of how each was created.

Meeting was adjourned.

Submitted by, Rhonda Douglass



## Installation of Officers

May 24, 2006 7:00 pm

### The Chef's Gallery

Two North Park East, 8080 Park Lane (Ste 100), Dallas

Below is a list of members who have signed up for the May meeting at The Chef's Gallery on Park Lane and Central. If additional people want to attend please contact Delores Lyon (972-496-0707) before May 22. Email at lyonrd1@msn.com

Connie Akers  
 Ruth Anderson  
 Sally Ashbacher  
 Ann Brockette  
 Jack Brockette  
 Pat Cale  
 Sharon Cheng  
 Jay Conrad  
 Cassandra Curry  
 Jean Dahlgren  
 Rhonda Douglas  
 Jody Ferguson  
 Robin Garner  
 Valery Guignon  
 Elizabeth Harkins  
 Louise Hunt  
 Glenda Hurley  
 Bobbie Jackson  
 Polly Johnson  
 Michelle Knoerzer  
 Delores Lyon  
 Sheila Mann  
 Sally Middleton  
 Suzanne Morgan  
 Cher Mueller  
 Ed Noyce  
 Diana Pease  
 Sherry Searcy  
 Deborah Skinner  
 Mary Vanderslice  
 Jo York

## Highlands Café Exhibit—FUN WITH FIBERS

April 6 – May 31, 2006

Come by and see the fiber art exhibit by several of our members and have a great lunch or dinner. The Highlands Café is located at 9661 Audelia Road, Dallas (just south of Walnut Hill Lane on the southwest corner). On Thursday nights they have live music and they also have a covered patio for enjoying your meal outside.

Pick-up for items by contributors is May 31, 8:30—10:00 am.

**Sharon Cheng** will be teaching several workshops in April and May. On May 2 at 6:30 pm, Sparging and Crayon Resist will be held in North Richland Hills (no fee). On May 14 at 1:30 pm, she will be teaching a workshop on Mini-Book in a Tin at Michaels' in Hurst (fee \$15). Sign up early as space is limited to 7 people. Call Michaels at 917-589-0888 if you are interested. To receive updates on Sharon's classes/workshops (mostly held in the mid-cities), please email her at [cheng1170@sbcglobal.net](mailto:cheng1170@sbcglobal.net)

## Calendar of Events

- Thru May 6: The Bath House Cultural Center: **Naturalis**, an artistic exploration of nature featuring works by 32 visual artists. The exhibition deals with themes of nature, the environment, Earth, human-nature, interactions, preservation of natural resources and the elements of nature. Also being presented are the **Paintings of White Rock Lake**, a collection of artwork by Ann Huey.
- May 6-7: **Cottonwood Art Festival**, Richardson, Texas, just east of Coit Rd. on Beltline Road. 9 am—6 pm. Free admission. Free parking. Shuttle from Richardson High School parking lot. (**Valery Guignon** will have a booth; visit her website at [www.guignon.com](http://www.guignon.com) to see her many interesting wearables. You can access her presentation on Crafters Coast to Coast on HGTV at her website.)
- May 7: "Go With the Flow" art show and performance. The exhibition will be highlighted with an interpretive dance performance incorporating **Paula Joyce's** unique silk creations! Central Performing Arts Conservatory, The Shops @ Legacy, 5800 Legacy Dr (Ste C11) Plano 75024 (behind Robb and Stuckey at the Tollway and Legacy Dr) Exhibit opens at 6:30; performance begins at 7:00.
- May 10: **Wednesday Play Day: Art Dolls** given by Sandi Wheeler (JoAnn Fabrics)
- May 13: **Board Meeting and brunch** at Sherry Searcy's home for both outgoing and incoming board members. 10 am. (see page 1 for details)
- May 13: **Fabrications—Up Close and Personal**, HAFA Annual Style show. ([www.fiberhouston.org](http://www.fiberhouston.org) for details)
- May 13-14 **Randy Brodnax Artisans Sale & Musicians Retreat**; Lancaster Club Lake; 4000 Post Oak Rd.
- May 19-21: **Wildflower! Arts & Music Festival**; Galatyn Park Urban Center; Richardson, Texas
- May 24: **Installation of Officers**: Wednesday, May 24, 7:00 pm. The Chef's Gallery at The Art Institute of Dallas, Two North Park East, 8080 Park Lane (Ste 100), Dallas Texas
- May 31: 8:30—10:00 am **Take down** of the Exhibit at The Highlands Café. Each contributor needs to be there or notify Robin Garner to make other arrangements.
- June 26: **Regular Meeting**: Social and getting to know each other. Refreshments provided.
- July 31: **Silk in Santa Fe—Rise to the Challenge**. Contact Ed Noyce, coordinator: [enoyce@lonetree.com](mailto:enoyce@lonetree.com).

Annual Dues are due on June 1. Please complete the form below and turn it in with your cash or check to Delores Lyon by June 1. Please make checks payable to Dallas Area Fiber Artists.

## DALLAS AREA FIBER ARTISTS Membership Form

The following information is important for tracking member data and interests for planning of future programs and events. If this is a renewal membership, please update any information previously given. Include this form with your check (made payable to Dallas Area Fiber Artists) and mail to Dallas Area Fiber Artists, c/o Delores Lyon, 710 Wakefield Dr., Garland, Texas 75040. Dues are as follows:

| New   | Renewal |
|---|---------|
| ___ \$35.00 / yr. June 1 -May 31  |         |
| ___ \$17.50 / ½ yr. January 1 -May 31                                     |         |
| ___ \$10.00 / yr. for student in a full time fiber art related curriculum |         |

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone (H) \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_ (Bus) \_\_\_\_\_

City, State, Zipcode \_\_\_\_\_ Fax \_\_\_\_\_

Email address: \_\_\_\_\_ Cell \_\_\_\_\_

Website \_\_\_\_\_ Birthday: (month, day) \_\_\_\_\_

What are your fiber art skills and interests? \_\_\_\_\_

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I wish to receive my monthly newsletter (please choose one)

VIA EMAIL (PDF FORMAT)

VIA U. S. MAIL

### **Sandi Wheeler gives us more uses for “used dryer sheets.”**

I have-I pulled them apart just slightly for better texture, and painted them with Lumiere paints, and with fluid acrylics over wax paper. The best way to get the paint on them is with a stiff brush or a pair of gloved hands to squish the paint into the fibers. I also use a heat gun after that to cause more texture, more holes, etc, and stiffen up the edges...

This application was for a postcard I created, and I was able to use gel medium to attach it. I loved the way the dryer sheets absorbed the paint....very textural.

### **Silk in Santa Fe “Rise to the Challenge”**

July 31—August 6, 2006

Silk Painters International (SPIN) will hold it's Festival in Santa Fe this summer at the Santa Fe Community College in Santa Fe, New Mexico.

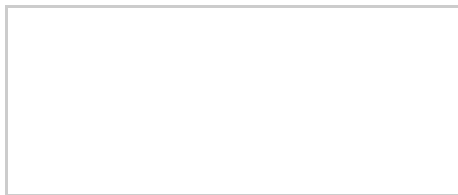
The coordinator for this festival is Ed Noyce, who also co-chairs the Dallas Area Fiber Artists' annual show. The festival website [[www.silkinsantafe.com/subindex.htm](http://www.silkinsantafe.com/subindex.htm)] will provide the most recent information regarding the festival along with registration information.

You can reach Ed by email at: [ednoyce@lonetree.com](mailto:ednoyce@lonetree.com)

Dallas Area Fiber Artists  
Diana Pease  
1955 Eastpark Dr.  
Richardson, TX 75081-5427

New officers for 2006-2007  
Approved by the membership April 24th.

- President ..... Rhonda Douglass
- Exec. VP ..... Glenda Hurley
- 1st VP ..... Delores Lyon
- 2nd VP ..... Michelle Knoerzer
- 3rd VP ..... Jack Brockette  
Sara Moe and  
Connie Akers
- 4th VP ..... Ed Noyce
- 5th VP ..... Diana Pease
- Secretary ..... Amy Fox
- Treasurer ..... Brenda Arrington
- State Reps: ..... Jack Brockette (2006-2010)  
Delores Lyon (2006-2008)



*Deadline for submission to  
the June Newsletter is May 29.*

## *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, so check the web site.

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 !**