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If you're one of our long-time readers, you know I enjoy crafting with fibers. As this month's articles show, artists also create with fibers. You can find their art in museum exhibits and in commercial galleries. Although we crafters think our creations are works of art, only a few of us will become fiber artists like the ladies mentioned below!

Irene Lockett



My latest "art" creation -- a sassy purse for my daughter!

Radical lace & subversive knitting

The Museum of Arts & Design in New York City displays contemporary objects created in clay, glass, wood, metal and fiber from artists in the fields of craft, art and design. The Museum is showing the Radical Lace & Subversive Knitting Exhibit through June 17, 2007. The exhibit features twenty-seven artists from seven countries.

You'll see "**Gloves**" by **Althea Merback**. About one inch long, the gloves are knitted with three colors of silk threads and fine wires. Using artist **Sabrina Gschwandtner's work "Wartime Knitting Circle,"** you can participate in a knitting circle to discuss social issues. You may want to sign up for one of the museum's workshops.

If you've seen or plan to see this exhibit, please email about your experiences!

Before they're famous

Pam, my knitting teacher, is an art student. Directions for a recent drawing assignment said to place small objects on a scanner, crop the scanned picture so the subject extends off all four edges of the paper, then draw the picture with pastels. The drawing should have no central focus but instead use repetition to create unity and rhythm.



Pam used knitting supplies (stitch markers, stitch holders, and various knitting needles) for her project. The result was this beautiful 18"x24" piece her art history teacher wants to buy!

Develop your inner artist

On your journey of discovery, you may want to travel to **Wiawaka Holiday House Women's Retreat on Historic Lake George, NY.** It was established in 1903 by Mary Wiltsie Fuller, who was active in the Troy Young Women's Association (later became the YWCA). The Troy Y provided reading rooms, free instruction, religious training, safe affordable housing, and recreation for young women employed as textile workers. Wiawaka made it possible for these "girls" to escape the city and enjoy inexpensive vacations.

Today Wiawaka is on the National Register of Historic Places. You can enjoy the tranquility of its 60 beautiful acres while you create in interesting workshops - knitting, sewing, Tai Chi, writing, and painting - as well as attend lectures and performances. Most activities are free, and room prices are based on a sliding scale depending on the guest's ability to pay. Women of means not only stay at Wiawaka but also sponsor women in need.

Whether you visit Wiawaka on a day pass or stay over, you'll join a mix of women "to recharge spirits and try out new skills!"

40% off gifts for Mother's Day!

When you're discussing fiber art with friends or designing your own art piece, enjoy your activity with a brewed pot of tea!



Tabards and Kaps - 40% off!

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