



Kay Gaston  
plain & *FANCY* by *kay*

Kay grew up in a world of textiles and was taught to sew, knit and crochet at an early age. It is no wonder that she found her artistic muse in the textile medium. She earned her living, until recently, as a physical therapist. That calling allowed her to discover the wonders of the human body. She began adorning the body when she was making wearable art. She melded the two worlds when she began making cloth dolls in 1993 and started '*plain & FANCY by kay*' a small textile art business. She hastens to thank elinor peace bailey for her whimsical patterns of Monique and Amethyst. Making those dolls started her love for this art form.

One of the beauties of making cloth dolls is that she learned so many skills to embellish them. This led to beading and jewelry making that ultimately led to fusing glass into jewelry. "If I'm not creating a cloth body, I'm embellishing it."

In July of 2005 she began working with fused glass and immediately became enthralled with the possibilities. The dichroic coating has a luminescent glow and every time the kiln opens it is full of surprises. "It's like quilting a patchwork but with glass".

#### MEMBERSHIPS

Doll-Emma Cloth Doll Club 1993 to present  
Fresno FiberArts Guild 1997, 2004 to present  
American Craft Council 2006 to present  
The Tule Gem & Mineral Society, 2006 to present  
The Best of the Valley, a regional show of quilts and wearable art –Steering Committee  
2004 to present

#### ACTIVITIES

Curator of Cloth Doll Exhibit at "Springtime in the Valley" Quilt & Doll Show in 2000, 2002, 2004, 2006  
Curator of Cloth Doll Exhibit at "The Best of the Valley" Quilt Show in 2004, 2005, 2006

#### PUBLICATIONS

Soft Dolls & Animals Magazine March 2002  
Belle Armoire, July–August 2006 page 73  
Art Doll Quarterly, Summer 2005, page 33  
Fresno Bee "South Valley Bee" Section June 9, 2006

#### PERSONAL

Plain & FANCY by kay was started in 1993 and has since developed into a partnership of Kay Gaston and N. Pierre Gaston  
She has been a resident of Tulare County for over twenty-five years.

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