

Gathering Threads 2020 Cover Artist

Susan Basch, New York, USA



Anyone who knows Susan Basch is aware that her hands are always busy. Growing up on the top of a mountain with no neighbors, the outdoors became her playground and books became her friends. Her family eventually moved from that serene mountaintop and Susan became a teacher of young children. Twenty years of nurturing the love of learning in children has led to Susan becoming a full-time studio artisan where she spends her creative life and nurtures her own love of learning.

Many years of spinning, natural dyeing, felt making, knitting and crochet led her to meet and take a workshop with Roderick Owen in 1998. That is when kumihimo became the element that connected all her creative pursuits. She studied gemology, jewelry making and brought all those skills together in her mixed media collections. Susan Basch Studio was born.



She still uses books to learn new skills and still has a love of nature and both are evident in the work she continues to create. Susan currently is working on a collection of mixed media jewelry and sculptures using natural dyed threads, metals, gemstones and beads. Color and texture are the elements that energize and inspire her creative voice.

Susan finds working alone in her studio to be satisfying, but readily acknowledges it can be isolating as well. The American Kumihimo Society has given her a community of creatives who share the desire to learn and be part of a community that is supportive and inspiring.

As a founding member of AKS, she truly is appreciative of how much this organization has achieved. It brings people together from around the globe and provides endless opportunities for its members to learn and to connect. It has provided the opportunity to take classes from teachers who are experts at the highest level in person and now virtually. It is through learning from teachers like Adrienne Gaskell, Makiko Tada, Giovanna Imperia, Jacqui Carey and others that has enriched Susan's creativity. It is these relationships with teachers and fellow members that she considers to be the most meaningful reward.



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