

Presentations and Workshops for General Audiences



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*Creating art and community
with knitting and crochet since 1980.*

I have been speaking, teaching, and writing about handcrafts and textile arts since the early 1980s. A list of my presentation experience is at <http://www.textilefusion.com/cv.pdf>.

- Presentations and workshops can be tailored to the specific needs of your group. Please let me know what will work best for your group, at knitandcrochetwithsuzann@outlook.com.
- Current terms for presentations are at <http://www.textilefusion.com/programs-terms-fees.pdf>.

PROGRAMS:

Celebrate Doilies! (meeting program with slide show). Doilies and other handmade things are part of family history and culture. When you hear Suzann's stories about doilies and the hardworking and creative people who made them, you'll know why we Celebrate Doilies! Native flute music and poetry by Sandi Horton available for an extra fee.

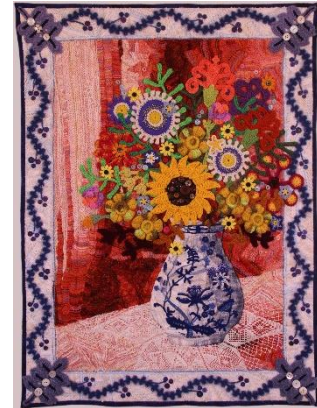
What to Do with Grandmother's Doilies (meeting program with slide show). Do you have a cupboard full of inherited or estate sale doilies? Not sure what to do with them? Learn reclaim, restyle, and repurpose those lovely pieces of lace! (This has been a good choice for historical societies and genealogy groups.)





Crochet Connections: Weaving Our Story (meeting program with slide show, music, and poetry reading). In a wide-reaching exploration of the crocheted mandalas we call doilies, Suzann presents doily-inspired art quilts; histories of Texas crocheters, whose doilies are part of cherished family memories; ideas for preserving the memory of family members and friends who created heirloom needlework; and works by Texas poet, Sandi Horton.

TextileFusion: A Knitting of Art (meeting program with slideshow). Suzann wanted to knit art. This colorful slide presentation shows how her knitted, quilted, and embellished wall hangings developed. See her artwork at www.textilefusion.com/works/.



Texas Fibers—Mohair, Cotton, Wool (slide show and activity for elementary school students). We use thread every single day. Here are the stories of the fibers grown in Texas, where they come from, how they go from growing in a field to being part of our clothing. Students tape samples of Texas fibers and others onto a colorful handout to take home. If there's time, we'll make a bracelet with finger crochet. (Kit fee: \$1.00 - \$2.18 each.)

Make Your Own Buttons (6 hrs, limit 17 participants per class). Make faux lapis lazuli, swirl (at right), millefiori, and crazy patchwork buttons from polymer clay. The buttons are machine washable and dryable. The clay, which is available in craft stores, is cured in your home oven. We will bake in class. Beginners welcome! More information and lots of photos at www.textilefusion.com/make-your-own-buttons-1/.



Make Your Own Buttons 2 (6 hrs, limit 17 participants per class). Make flower millefiori, mica shift, faux turquoise, and mosaic buttons from polymer clay. The buttons are machine washable and dryable. The clay, available in craft stores, cures in your home oven. We will bake in class. Beginners welcome! More information at www.textilefusion.com/make-your-own-buttons-2/.

Remember to check out my workshops for crocheters, knitters, quilters, and textile artists! Go to www.textilefusion.com/talks/ for links.