

Dolls and textiles have been Kathy Elston's lifelong passion. Since the age of four, she has been designing and sewing doll clothes. Her educational background is in clothing, textiles and art, which she has studied in the United States and abroad. As a serious dollmaker and textile artist for the past 30 years, her interests include quilting, interior design, clothing construction and historic costume. Her dolls are inspired by art, poetry, literature, nature, myth, history and, of course, fabric.

As a Northwest native, Kathy has lived her life as a citizen of the world, voyaging and creating her work in places ranging from Sante Fe, New Mexico to Chartres, France to Galway, Ireland. She has had her dolls shown professionally in the United States, as well as France and Japan. Her work has been greatly inspired by her numerous travels.

Last year Kathy relocated to Lummi Island to embrace her creativity through a more tranquil experience. Largely inspired by the serenity and beauty of nature found here on the island, and with a newfound inspirational focus, this current exhibition of Kathy's work includes a series of dolls that were all created here on Lummi Island.