

# NEWS RELEASE (April 1, 2008)



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## Basic Details:

Who: 3 Juried Artists – Lorraine Cathey, Darlene Fay Samuel, Sandy Lang  
What: Features their works of art at the Dragonfly Gallery 4/1-4/19 & Free Demonstrations and Artists' Reception

- free form beading (painting with beads)
- sculpting with needle felting
- wet wool felting

Where: Dragonfly Gallery, 5188 Escambia St, Milton (Behind Mainstreet Café on Hwy 90)  
When: [Saturday, April 5<sup>th</sup>, 2008 1:00pm – 4:00pm \(reception & demonstrations\)](#)

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## Featured Artists to demonstrate their art techniques

**MILTON** – The Santa Rosa Arts and Culture Foundation, Inc. (SRACF) in one of its missions to promote art and culture presents free demonstrations on various fiber art on Saturday, April 5<sup>th</sup> from 1pm to 4pm at the Dragonfly Gallery located at 5188 Escambia Street, Milton. A reception for the featured artists will also run simultaneous with their artwork displayed in the Gallery's north "Features Room".

This display of **Contemporary and Traditional Fiber Art** will be on display at the **Dragonfly Gallery** beginning April 1<sup>st</sup> and continuing through April 19<sup>th</sup>. Art in various fiber mediums depicting the creativity and expertise of the individual featured artists will be showcased in the north Features Room with the Artists present. This is an opportunity for the public to meet the artist, purchase their finished art and learn how they create their artwork through their demonstrations. Baskets, tapestries, weaving, free form bead weaving, three-dimensional woven art, silk painting, felting, needle felting and quilts will be the focus of this display.

The featured artists are as follows:

- Darlene Fay Samuel, former president of the Emerald Coast Bead Society and many time award winner in free form bead work. Darlene paints with beads by creating substantial beaded "*collars*" using jewel and earth tones with influences of the Celtic and Egyptian. Free form beading will be her demonstration. Darlene's intricate **bead weaving** is nothing like the simple bead stringing of most hobbyist.
- Lorraine Cathey, former SRACF president and award winning artist is known throughout the south for her expressive felted bears and other realistic needle felting sculptures. Formally trained at John C. Campbell Folk School in Brasstown, NC and Southeastern Animal Fiber Fair (SAFF) in Fletcher, NC, Lorraine will be demonstrating **needle felting**. A must see to enjoy.
- Sandy Lang, an artist of multi-talent and media creates with polymer clay, gourds and fiber. For this feature, Sandy will be demonstrating **wet felting** which is one of the oldest forms of art working with wool.

For more information contact Darlene Samuel 994-4070 or the Gallery 981-1100.

The Dragonfly Gallery, located at 5188 Escambia Street in historic downtown Milton, is a mission of the Santa Rosa Art and Culture Foundation. It is a juried gallery of local artists. Gallery hours are Tuesday through Saturday from 10:00 a.m. until 4:00 p.m.

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