



# Rutherford County Visual Artists Guild

## Dagmara Cowan Photography and the Needle Arts

Photography and the needle arts have been a part of my life since a young age. My father made sure I always had a camera. Knitting was learned at age 8 - followed by counted cross stitch at about age 13. Soon after came crewel embroidery and then needlepoint.

In my late thirties I opened a needle arts shop in Rutherfordton - retailing and teaching needlework. Soon I began designing counted cross stitch and needlepoint, becoming a member of the Southeastern Yarncrafters Guild, The Charted Designers of America, and taking classes from nationally known teachers.

My wildflower designs are all from original photographs involving extensive research and detailed photography in the wild (while my husband, Gaylord, fly fishes...). I am also dyeing, carding and creating my own yarns by spinning for pure enjoyment and for the knitwear I design.



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