

# Mary Kenneson - Fiber Art, Jewelry

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## ABOUT THE ARTIST

Mary Kenneson creates jewelry and wearable fiberarts with an Asian flair in the rural colonial village of Waterford, Virginia. Her work, known by her “ma su ke” label with a dragonfly logo, often combines beads and fibers as well as vintage buttons from her huge collection.

She is a member of the American Craft Council, the Frederick Hot Glass Society and the D.C. area Veazey Street Artisans Group. In Virginia, her work is sold through the Live an Artful Life gallery in The Plains, the Gateway Gallery in Round Hill and at Waterford’s Annual Homes Tour & Crafts Exhibit and Christmas at the Mill events.

## PERSONAL STATEMENT

Asian art, textile patterns and paper prints often inspire my beadwork and fiberarts, whether I am making jewelry, purses, or clothing. My artisan name, “ma su ke” sounds Asian though it is simply the first syllables of my names, and I chose a dragonfly as my logo.

While traveling in Europe, Asia and throughout the U.S., the souvenirs I bring home are always beautiful fabrics, yarn, fibers and vintage buttons that later come together in my studio as unique jewelry and wearable clothing and accessories.



The finished products may represent “finds” from different countries and cultures, and each has a history of its own and a memory of mine.