

Claire Detels is a retired music professor who has developed a second career as an award-winning fiber artist and has recently relocated to Taos to pursue it. Detels specializes in free-form crochet and felting, designing and making unique one-of-a-kind accessories for home and personal wear with little reference to patterns, stitch counting, and other measures; and much emphasis on expressive mixtures of different fiber textures, colors and crochet stitch-types.

Although mainly self-taught, Detels has taken advanced fiber arts workshops throughout the South Central and Southwest Regions, Detels' artistic influences include the American Ashcan school, Klimt, Van Gogh, Georgia O'Keefe and other post-impressionist and expressionist artists, and she attempts to capture the bold expressions in those works in the various media of fiber arts. Favorite subjects include the mountains, valleys, canyons, trees, and flowers of Taos, and other imagery suggestive of spiritual inspiration and transformation. Detels also remains active musically, as a classical and jazz pianist, singer, violinist/violist, and Collaborative Pianist for the Taos Community Chorus.

Awards

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| 2013 | 1 st place Ozark Folkways Heritage Center (OFHC)
annual Fiber Festival in Winslow, AR |
| 2012 | 2 nd place at annual OFHC fiber festival |
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| 2010 | People's Choice award at annual OFHC fiber festival |
| 2009 | Best in Show at annual OFHC fiber festival |

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Recent Shows, Exhibits, Galleries

- 2015 Ammond Gallery, Taos
Espanola Valley Fine Arts Center (EVFAC)
Ghost Ranch Museum Shows
High Road Market Place
- 2014 Santa Fe Fiber Arts Show at Las Golandrinas
Espanola Valley Fiber Arts Center (EVFAC) - Ghost
Ranch Winter Holiday Show; Santa Fe Holiday Show
Las Tejedoras de Santa Fe shows at Ghost Ranch and
Martinez Hacienda, Taos
Taos Artist Organization Studio Tour
Taos Moderne Town Hall show
Works for sale at Taos Community Coop on the Plaza,
Art for the Heart (Penasco), High Road
Marketplace (Truchas), EVFAC
- 2013 Eureka Springs School of the Arts Fall Show
Bella Vista Arts and Crafts Fair
2012 Solo show, Ozark Folkways Heritage Center
Bella Vista Arts and Crafts Fair

Instruction

- 2015 EVFAC Felting Teacher-Trainer
- 2013-14 Terra Studios, AR: Wet-felting Collars and Scarves
Arkansas Learning Through the Arts Summer
Program in Hot Springs, visual arts and felting
- 2011-13 Wishing Spring Gallery: Artist of the Month
Demos on Needle-Felting and Free-Form Crochet;

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Bella Vista Village Art Club presentations on new felting techniques and specialty fibers

Pre- 2011 University of Arkansas classes in Introduction to Interdisciplinary Arts and Aesthetics, Gender Studies and Music; American Society for Aesthetics Chair Education Committees; author, Soft Boundaries: Re-Visioning the Arts and Aesthetics in American Education (1999)

Current Memberships

Amman Gallery

Espanola Valley Fiber Arts Center (EVFAC)

Las Tejedoras Fiber Arts Guild of Santa Fe