

About Dianne Delli Paoli

- 1970-1974 Fine Arts Studies at the University of Bridgeport, Connecticut and the State University College of Brockport, New York.
- 1971-1976 Employed as a layout and graphic artist at various workplaces. Tri-county Advertiser, Brockport, NY, Upstate Business Journal, Rochester, NY, Colorado Rural Electric Company, Denver, Co., The Graphic Experience, NYC, NY.
- 1977-1979 Studied French at the Institute for Foreign Students, Aix-en-Provence, France. Studied lead lighting and ceramics at Beaux-Arts, Aix-en-Provence.
- 1979-1980 Taught ceramics at the Club Artisanat, Eguilles, France
1980-1981 Studied Fine Arts at the State University College of New Paltz, NY.
- 1981-1985 Worked with dyslexic population in craft program at the Kildonan School, Armenia, NY and an autistic population in the residence program Anderson School, Staatsburg, NY.
- 1986-1987 Directed youth centre, Staatsburg, NY
- 1987-2009 Owner and operator of "Aloft in Oz", later renamed to **Air Wares**, a retail outlet for kites and custom banners in Merimbula, Australia.
- 1987 to present:

Through "Aloft in Oz" and **Air Wares** I have been running an annual kite festival for thirteen years. I have taught numerous workshops in kitemaking through schools locally and in conjunction with festivals such as the inaugural Jindabyne Easter Fun Festival. I travel a few times a year to compete at kite festivals around Australia and New Zealand. In addition to kite workshops, I have added banner and flag making to the offerings at Air Wares, thus decorating streets for events or advertising for businesses. I have more recently been giving workshops in banner making with the Lavender Co-op in Bombala, the CWA in Nimmitabel and the Bega Valley Shire Council. Workshops in banner making with social groups in the Bega Valley Shire resulted in a "Shared Journey", whereby nearly 200 flags were made to display as a community project. I won first place in Ground Display at the Festival of the Winds 2003, 2004 and 2005. Lantern making is another workshop I have taught in conjunction with the Adelaide Kite Association Festival, through Kaleidoscope workshops and during the lead up to the Jindabyne Easter Fun Festival. I fly kites as often as I can and attend kite festivals throughout Australia and internationally.