

## *A Touch of Art*



*"Fashion"*

**K**ristin Gustafson's lifelong passion to express herself as an artist has led her down many paths. For more than twenty years, she has enjoyed exploring and mastering batik, a century old Japanese craft that entails painting on natural fabrics with melted beeswax and cold water dyes. In recent years, she has included watercolor, acrylic and silk painting, using gutta resist in her repertoire. Kristin's palette preference for brilliant hues is inspired by

### *About The Artist*

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her years in the Caribbean. Since her aesthetic nature is "decorative idealism," Kristin feels the artists of the Symbolist period, especially Gauguin, have most inspired her ornamental expressionistic style.

In addition to multiple gallery exhibitions, Kristen was the featured artist for Mr. Top, Inc., St. Thomas, U.S. Virgin Islands, which includes marketing promotions on Carnival Cruise Lines and Travel Vision videos. She wholesales her wearable art line to upscale boutiques and has modeled the line at the Registry and Ritz Carlton high tea fashion shows in Naples, Florida. She also participated as an artist/consultant in the 1996 West Coast Symphony's Designer Showcase. Kristen finds fulfillment using art as therapy for mentally challenged individuals and serves as a consultant for residential and commercial clients' decorative art needs.

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