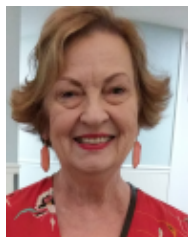




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Bonnie Burson Chapman

This month features Bonnie Burson Chapman. After WHS graduation, Bonnie attended Baylor University and graduated in the summer of 1963 *Magna cum Laude* as the first graduate from Baylor with a Bachelor of Fine Arts degree. Upon completion of her college studies, she spent a little over a year traveling in Germany and all over Europe to as many museums as possible. Bonnie said it was a great experience to see the works of many of the old masters that had been the object of her studies.

Bonnie is not only an artist but an Interior Designer. As an artist, she was honored to have a painting at the Dallas Museum of Fine Arts as part of a show on Texas artists. As an Interior Designer she has done work in Texas, Colorado, and Chicago. One of the highlights of her career in commercial design was designing for the first retail showroom for Canon Copiers. It was in the John Hancock Building in Chicago when the first 'color copier' came out. Bonnie said it had to be in a room that was super clean and glassed-in. Said Bonnie, **"Pretty exciting for a Texas designer!!"**

Bonnie's adventure in Hillsboro began in 1995 when she purchased a building and opened The Goodie Mill. She and her husband of 19 years, Richard, live upstairs in the loft. Bonnie says Richard is very patient and proudly watches her unusual "carrying- ons", some of which he enjoys and some of which he 'tolerates'. Bonnie's building is 100 years old this

year. It was originally built to house a furniture store. The site has fulfilled her dream to live in a building. When Bonnie built the loft, there was neither water nor electricity on the third level--no walls—just a bare shell. Now, the completed loft is about 3400 sq.ft. The total third level is 6000 sq.ft, ground floor- the same, and the mezzanine is 3000 sq.ft. Below is a picture of her store and her store windows at Christmastime.



front of Bonnie's store



Front windows at Christmastime



Window honoring Hillsboro policemen

Bonnie has worked on different projects in Hillsboro for years and is currently the curator of the Art Gallery at the Hillsboro Library. She has different artists about every two months. Bonnie says the Art Gallery is lovely and there have been some excellent shows there. Those of us who live nearby will have to go for a visit. Thank you so much, Bonnie, for sharing your story with us and for letting us see your terrific talents.