

Member United States Textile Delegation - 1984

Nominated by the Art Institute of Chicago in 1984 Judith Austin joined twenty four other American artists as a member of the United States Textile Delegation and traveled to the People's Republic of China. Initiated by China's desire to modernize after Mao, the delegation, lead by Kansas University's Cynthia Sheera traveled throughout the country and Hong Kong.

Treated to the wonders of the Imperial City in Beijing, the teaming harbor of Shanghai, the Great Wall and the serenity of the Chinese countryside the artists toured weaving factories, consulted with fiber artists, and viewed ancient treasures in a variety of museums.

In addition, the delegation attended banquets, theatrical performances and viewed the newly excavated site of the terra cotta horses and warriors.

Judith's sense of culture, history and color were profoundly influenced by this trip. Her relationships with the Chinese people were miraculous.