

Bra Art Cup of the Month Challenge 2009

Inspirational Stories (listed in order of photograph by title):

“Precious Petals”

Delicate as the rose;
Exquisite color and design.
Responsive to the touch,
A flower of its own.
Nutrient of life,
Beauty, elegance and grace;
The beginning and the end.
A rose as the breast;
Precious.
Petals cover the beating heart
Easily crumbled, easily broken.
Forgives.
Those Precious Petals;
Preserve and Protect
Prevention through Awareness.

“Be a Life-Saver!”

In honor of Deb Wills

An author who’s written and spoken extensively about all things Disney, Deb has also done much to raise awareness of breast cancer. As a 23-year survivor of this disease, Deb had participated for many years in the Avon Walk for Breast Cancer. She has also publicized funding for breast cancer issues with her Internet newsletter, “AllEarsNet Weekly” and her Web site www.allearsnet.com. In 2009, she raised over \$40,000 through her participation in the Avon Walk. I think she’s given people who have Breast Cancer and their loved ones a lot of hope...they look at her and know that not only is it survivable, it can actually be triumphed-over.

“Celestial”

My “Celestial” bra is dedication to my Aunt Celeste who is fighting and winning her breast cancer fight. She is truly an out of this world woman who does so much for others and her family. This amazing woman is using all natural and herbal medicines to win her fight. Her name and her love for natural healing inspired this “Celestial” nature design.

“The Spirit of Life”

The “Spirit of Life” is the theme of my bra this year. I am Native American from the Lumbee tribe and I hope that the Spirit of my bra will encourage all Native American women to get a mammogram.

“See Your Way to Get in the Pink”

In honor of my mom Dr. Dorcas Clark, MD

She graduated from the University of Maryland Medical School during World War II, practiced medicine for over 50 years and was probably one of the leading mammogram experts where she lived before she retired. As a matter of fact, the Women’s Imaging Center at the Indiana, Pennsylvania Regional Health Center is named in her honor (<http://www.indianahospital.org/svc-womens-imaging.html>). She remains active in women’s health issues even in retirement.

“Life”

Broken hearts, disappointments, rejection, stormy days, death and tears. Lots and lots of tears. This is just one page of Life. Rebirth strengthens and empowers those to see surrounding beauty, and appreciate the warmth of sunshine and colors of nature. Life is an adventure! A journey filled with twists, turns, awakening spiritual moments, opportunities for new discoveries and the capacity to endure the unknown. For me life has been that journey. Eight years ago I was diagnosed with breast cancer. It has been an adrenalin pumping stomach dropping roller coaster ride. The ride has been filled with heartaches and blessings. I am a survivor! It calls for a celebration. I can’t wait to see what’s in store for me around the next corner of Life!

“The Ultimate Lift”

Having breast cancer is no joy ride – but having a friend beside you is “The Ultimate Lift.”

Whether you are laughing, crying, or sharing a special moment, friendship helps you through the difficult times.

We are a breast cancer survivor and a former caregiver who have found joy in every moment we have together.

The art bra is covered in various types of balloons, which have been Sandy’s passion for the past 20 years.

“Double Duckies”

Everyone remembers the old saying “You need to get your Ducks in a row.” This saying applies to every woman. We need to take care of ourselves and have a yearly mammogram and give self-examinations. It takes a little bit of time out of our day but can also ensure us of many more days to come. My Duckies are in a Row!

“The Boys of Bawlmer, Hon!”

The inspiration for my bra came when my 22-year-old son was painting his corn hole boards, one the Ravens and the other the Orioles.

With the love of Baltimore and two of our hometown teams came “The Boys of Bawlmer, Hon!” What a better way to get a man’s attention!

The more I thought about what I had done, it occurred to me that this could be used to bring attention to the fact that breast cancer is not only a woman’s disease, men can get breast cancer also. Enjoy!

“Guarded by Angels”

Stained Glass Angels, created and sold by the volunteers of the Caring Collection, Inc., help guard women all over the world from breast cancer. All our profits are given for cancer research and cancer patient care.

“Be your own ‘Lifesaver’!”

According to statistics, 70% of breast cancer lumps are discovered by women during a breast self-examination, or BSE. Early detection of breast cancer is essential for a favorable prognosis. Be you own “lifesaver”!

“Mar Dee Bra”

Throw a party, dance a jig.
Celebrate! I did. Through prayer,
Support of family, friends and coworkers,
I am celebrating ten 10 years as a Breast
Cancer survivor. Prevention is the key.
Get your breast exams, and then...
P-A-R-R-R-T-Y!!!

“Tea for Two”

Relaxation
Conversation
“Tea for Two”
(2) Cups Close to Heart

Words Spoken
To a Friend or Sister
Not in a Whisper
Breast Cancer

Monthly Self Exam (At Home)
Yearly Mammogram (Don’t Moan)
Two Women Over Tea
Encourage Each Other to Be
Healthy and Cancer Free.

“Family Jewels”

My loving memories of
Aunt Emma Hall

who has continued to be my inspiration, her character and position in our
family represents clarity, one of a kind, treasured, precious, valued, admired.

SHE IS OUR FAMILY JEWEL.

This bra art is our Family Breast Crest. The trinkets inside are reminders of our
Past, Present and Future.

FAITH cross

KNOWLEDGE book

TRUTH mirror

LOVE heart

PEACE dove

STRENGTH scepter

SOPHISTICATION teapot