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B&B 215 King Street Art Gallery
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MINDFUL HANDS

HANDCRAFTED BOPA DOLLS: FAIR TRADE PROJECT FRIDAY, JULY 06, 2012 ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Bopa Dolls Workshop is an innovative women's organization run by Tibetan women in exile from their homeland. Its mission is to support H.H. the Dalai Lama, the spiritual leader of Tibet.

The Workshop enables these women to develop their own business, find employment, and increase their confidence. The workshop provides work reasonable hours in a healthy and safe work environment, thus allowing their children to attend school.

Bopa dolls are individually handcrafted, with natural materials (cotton, silk and brocade clothing), and filled and shaped with pure Himalayan sheep wool. They are clothed in authentic Tibetan dress and decorated with traditional hairstyles as a way of raising awareness of the plight of the Tibetan people and culture. Each doll is individually dressed and named by the woman who made it. It takes three days to complete each unique creation.

The Workshop started with three doll-making women and two tailors stitching the clothes from home. In the last year, they have grown to seven full-time and two part-time doll-making women, one full time tailor in the workshop, and four tailors working from their homes!

Bopa dolls are available locally for purchase at **Mindful Hands**, 211 King St, Alexandria, VA. A portion of all proceeds are contributed to the International Campaign for Tibet and other Tibetan aid charitable organizations.

hotdog grills said on July 07, 2012

What a wonderful handy crafts indeed! I like handcrafted Bopa Dolls are beautiful. Here is a short review here!

Webdesign said on July 10, 2012

Bopa dolls are looks very wonderful gifts as well. smile I like this type of handicrafts that fair trade show start in India someday. Thanks for letting me know interesting things.
