



"Since my youthful formative years, creativity has always brought me joy and personal satisfaction. Designing clothes, creating needle work projects and crocheting were many of the crafts styles that were introduced to me at an early age. Being the fifth child of six, many of the kinks and nuances of the craft styles had been resolved, so I was able to just step in and utilize the

creative magic with which I had been blessed.

While in college, I can remember wanting to join various organizations and having a talent was an attribute sought out by the groups and that interested me. I looked forward to sharing the crafting skills I had acquired as well as the creativity.

The love of creating and designing has followed me throughout my adult life as well. I have designed curtains for my home, my kid's clothes and special occasion outfits for myself. Having the ability to create and produce the things I like has taken a lot of stress out of finding a properly designed outfit. Even today, going to the fabric store for me is like sending a kid into a candy store with money to spend.

The above history has brought us to today, where now creating quality jewelry started as only a hobby has blossomed into a thriving collaboration. It was very exciting creating pieces of jewelry to complement the perfect outfit. Then one day as I shared my experiences in jewelry making with my brother Perry, the clothing designer, the vision began to unfold and Crystal Dreams of New Orleans was born. He created the garments and I created the complementing jewelry.

What a wonderful way to share talents that you have been given, than to use them in tandem with family. Although my brother Perry lives in Michigan and I live in New Orleans, we make our complimentary fashion designs and jewelry shine in the eyes of our clients through creativity and inspiration. The desire to create beautiful and imaginative designs that reflect the inner and outer appearance of each client and their taste is our goal. We use cooperative design techniques that take each client's thoughts into consideration as we develop the final product."

*~ Tanna Turner-Barthelemy, Designer*