

## **Bodil Petterssen Meleney**

### Biography



Bodil Petterssen Meleney born in Oslo, Norway in 1941 was the daughter of the celebrated doll artist Rønnaug Petterssen who created dolls that are so sought after by collectors today. As a child Bodil, spent a great deal of time in her mother's workshop, observing the dolls as they were being made. Later she helped with small projects, ran errands and after she became an adult even headed up the workshop for a short while so her mother could take a much needed vacation.

Bodil is an artist and writer as well as a practitioner of Chinese Herbal Medicine. She lives and works in Takoma Park, MD. Bodil received her art education through the Art Institute in Chicago and at The Corcoran College of Art in Washington DC. In addition she trained to become a practitioner of Chinese Herbal Medicine and began writing well received articles about health and wellness more than a decade ago. More recently she began blogging about food and wellness. She had also written several articles about her mother and the dolls and have given interviews for articles written by others. These articles have appeared in the Antiques Doll Collector Magazine, Shaker Doll Club newsletter and Sortland Historic Society's yearbook. She lectured about her mother for the Shaker Doll club, NY in 2010 and in Norway at the Eidsfjord Herring Festival, her mother's birth place in 2011.