



Bonnie Boudreaux
Doll Maker and Chair Caner

Bonnie Boudreaux was born in New Orleans on November 11, 1933. She now lives in Carencro, Louisiana. Bonnie is the proud mother of six, three of which are now deceased.

Bonnie enjoys making dolls from scratch as well as caning chairs. She created her first doll when she was merely four years of age and began caning chairs in the 1980s. Bonnie's mother taught and encouraged her to sew, but she is largely self-taught in this art form. Audrey Bernard, on the other hand, taught Bonnie how to craft chairs. Bonnie utilizes a sewing machine, fabric, paint, and wood to complete her dolls. She then employs pegs, an awl, cane, water, and scissors for the caning process.

She has demonstrated her talents at the Natchitoches-NSU Folk Festival on numerous occasions.

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