



*Nelson, Bundy, Barnaby, Chewbearca,
Wilbur and Buzz (tiny bear)*



Dazz

Kim has concentrated on developing the best skills and techniques she can and in the process of testing this has entered many competitions since 2004. She was looking for feedback on refining and enhancing her skills and in the process has gained a reputation as a creative and meticulous artist. She has won over 19 awards since 2004, many of these are Firsts in Section and Best in Show. The most recent was The Australian Bear Award and Peoples Choice in the same competition which was quickly followed by Best in Show at Woodend in Victoria.

I asked Kim how she decided which bear to enter into each competition

and was surprised when she admitted that she does not make a bear with a competition in mind. Indeed the panda that won The Australian Bear Award was not her choice to send to Brisbane, her husband Darrin made that choice. Kim makes bears for herself, the bears she would like to have in her collection, Darrin tends to wander around her workroom and pick out a bear and announce “This is the one, enter this one.” Kim now tends to follow his advice as she has found he can pick a winning bear!

“Not being pressured or on a time schedule does mean that I can produce the best work I can. I would rather

not enter a competition than feel pressured to meet a deadline. There is always next year, I tend not to look at the calendar and feel I must have it done by this date.”

Kim has a love for creating bears that shows in her winsome expressions and this creative talent is supported by excellent technique and eye for detail. Any collector who adds one of her bears to their “hug” will not be disappointed.

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Wilbur – adopted



Sumo the sun bear – adopted



Rueben – adopted