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Full Autumn Night

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Yesterday I went down to Michael's to lunch with Nan Swid. Nan is a longtime New Yorker who hails from Kansas City or thereabouts. She's lived here most of her life, however, married to a native New Yorker **Stephen Swid** who is a well known businessman/entrepreneur; and she is also a mother and a grandmother. She lives in that New York world populated by wealth and prominence and social connections. She herself maintains the Kansas City sensibilities she brought with her.

Nan is an artist. Her professional background for years was as a businesswoman who with a partner had a company called Swid-Powell. **Michael McCarty** told me yesterday as we were leaving the restaurant, that his first restaurant -- which was located in Denver -- was stocked with china, flatware, glasses, all from Swid-Powell. Michael collects art. He's not a hotshot collector, he's an art collector and been at it for years. The way he said Swid-Powell was with the voice of a collector's authority. But Nan is an artist. She recently launched her own web site, www.nanswid.com where she exhibits some of her work. She's been asking me for some advice about web sites. It's not hard to get me started. Mr. Know, that's me.



Nan Swid in her studio