Clockwise from upper left: Heart ornament custom made in Laos and spoon crafted from repurposed airplane and other scrap metal; From left to right, Suzette Gabriel Schöbitz, Ambassador Patricia Haslach, Ambassador Wendy Chamberlin, Elizabeth Becker, Julia Brennan, and Soumaly King; Contemporary hand woven textile of mythical ‘siho’ donated by Carol Cassidy of Lao Textiles, Vientianne; Julia Brennan presents auction winning textile to Jannes Gibson, seated next to Phonesouda Khamvongsa and Valerie Lingeman.
On May 24, Legacies board members Julia Brennan, Soumaly King and Suzette Gabriel Schöbitz hosted a women’s luncheon and textile auction at the Jefferson Hotel in Washington, DC, to benefit Legacies of War. The luncheon featured Elizabeth Becker, a trailblazing journalist and author of *When the War Was Over* about the Khmer Rouge and the Cambodian genocide. Julia Brennan also presented her work documenting the ways in which women wove symbols of the war - soldiers, planes and bombs - into their textiles, sometimes mimicking or replacing traditional motifs.

The event raised funds for Legacies of War’s work to advocate for the removal of Vietnam War-era bombs from Laos, to provide space for healing the wounds of war, and to create greater hope for a future of peace. Learn more and donate today.

“I can’t remember when I felt so happy to give a talk. You put together an amazing group of women. I’m sure we will all look at textiles differently.” - Elizabeth Becker

“It was a sweet moment with wonderful strong women and I enjoyed every moment of it. There is power in having women meet each other…” - Lili Sisombath
LaoNow 2018
Announcing Featured Designer

We are excited to announce our featured designer for LaoNow 2018, a full-day film, food, and fashion festival in New York City on October 13, 2018.

Viengkham Nanthavongdouangsy is a weaving artist, master of ancient silk and the most prominent fashion designer in Laos. She is the CEO of Khang, an innovative collection that fuses Lao silk and modern fashion.

Viengkham was born into a well-known weaving family from the northern part of Laos, Sam Neua, Houaphanh province. Her father died during the war when her mother was just one month pregnant with her. The loss of her father brought her family to Vientiane, where her textiles and fashion house is based now.

Stay tuned for more information on how you can attend, sponsor, or showcase your Laotian-inspired wares at LaoNow 2018.
The Legacies of War Lam Vong Circle is a new opportunity to join a community of people dedicated to bringing peace and hope to Laos. Lam Vong Circle members pledge a recurring monthly donation to sustain and grow Legacies’ life-saving advocacy and community engagement work.

For as little as $10 per month, members of the Lam Vong Circle join a circle of hope to clear Laos of bombs and create a safe future.
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