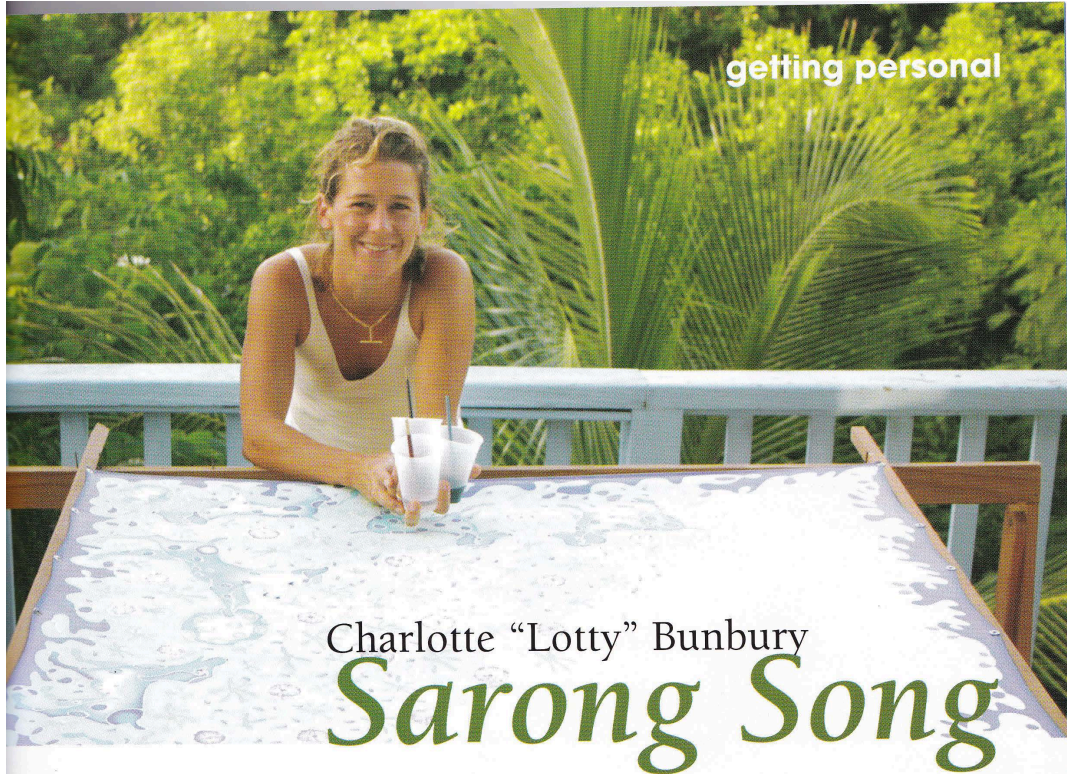


getting personal



## Charlotte "Lotty" Bunbury *Sarong Song*

NO BEACHWEAR, PRACTICALLY NO GARMENT AT ALL, IS MORE VERSATILE THAN THE SARONG, AND FABRIC DESIGNER CHARLOTTE "LOTTY" BUNBURY HAS TURNED THESE SUMMER STAPLES INTO ELEGANT WORKS OF ART.

Lotty spent her childhood traveling the globe. Her father was a British Army officer who moved his family – Lotty is the fourth of ten children – to countries as varied as Ghana, Malawi, Cyprus and Malaya. Although her love of art originated with her mother, Lotty began her formal art education at the Chelsea Arts School where she planned to study mural painting. Eventually switching to stained glass, she grew interested in silk painting after she married her husband, Dr. Michael Bunbury, and the couple settled on the Caribbean island of Mustique where Michael is the sole physician. They now have four children, ages 12, 11, 10 and 7, and enjoy an active outdoors lifestyle. When Lotty isn't being a wife and mom, she spends her time creating bold new designs for her inimitable line of silk sarongs and other distinctive beach apparel.

What distinguishes the Lotty B collection from the sarongs typically found in resort towns is the process, which of course affects the product. Each original design is hand-painted by Lotty herself and then reproduced onto silk charmeuse or silk chiffon, with hand-sewn edging. The results range from simple and classic to fun and flirty in a wide range of summer hues, often inspired by the flora and fauna of what Lotty describes as the "paradise island" of Mustique.

In addition to silk and chiffon sarongs, the Lotty B line features kimono, triangle tops, linen kaftans, strappy tanks and blouses. Children's chiffon silk drawstring tops and mini sarongs are also available and come in stylish kid-friendly patterns, like Violet Puppies and Orange Dots. Although the soft, sheer fabrics look delicate, they are actually durable and keep their shapes even when wet. Originally only available on Lotty's home island of Mustique, the Lotty B line of sarongs, kaftans and other summer essentials has expanded into select boutiques in the U.S., Caribbean, England and France, quickly gaining international recognition. The classic sarong measures 65 x 45 inches and retails for \$250. [www.lottyb.com](http://www.lottyb.com)

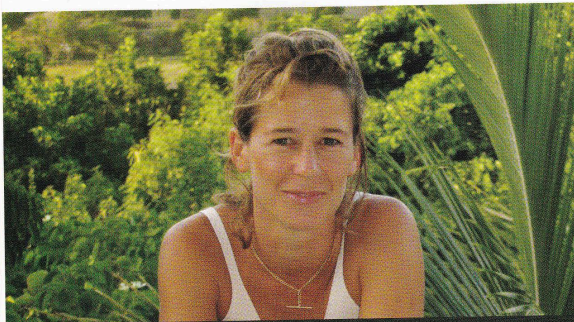
**CLM:** *Who in the public eye influences your style?*

**LB:** Banksy.- he is so clever and daring. I'm such a coward and he makes me want to be bolder and less serious

**CLM:** *In five words how would you define your style?*

**LB:** Easy/casual. Less is more.

- CLM:** *If you could choose a period of time to live in because of its look which one would it be?*
- LB:** The Sixties – colourful and carefree.
- CLM:** *Who is your personal beauty icon?*
- LB:** Audrey Hepburn and Halle Berry
- CLM:** *How do you deal with stress?*
- LB:** I cut onions into tiny perfectly even squares with a very sharp knife. Or cry, - either way I end up crying.
- CLM:** *What is your view on plastic surgery?*
- LB:** Terrified of it.
- CLM:** *What is the biggest compliment you've been paid?*
- LB:** That I'm beautiful! – I'm not remotely beautiful, never have been and never will be, but it was nice to hear it all the same.



## MY FAVORITES

### MY JEWELRY

An incredibly intricate necklace made from all different types and sizes of pearls and hand worked gold links by a friend and jewelry designer, Adriana Santiago.

### FAVORITE FOOD

Pigeon peas, Mustique style- a local Island dish.

### MY FILM

Cinema Paradiso. A Giuseppe Tornatore film with music by Ennio Morricone.

### MY FLOWER

A white Frangipani.

### MY SOUL MATE

My husband.

### MY BOOK

"The Happy Prince" by Oscar Wilde. (I cry every time I read it to the children)

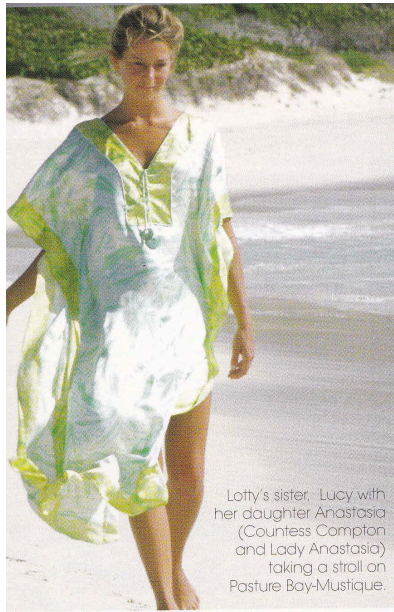
### FAVORITE GIFT

An antique watch chain passed down through my husband's family given to me by my son, Fabian, on my 30th birthday. I wear it as a necklace.

### FAVORITE PHOTOGRAPH

A black and white photograph of our four children running along an abandoned Mustique beach, given to me by a friend and photographer, Philip Bermingham. It epitomises the carefree, Robinson Crusoe style life we lead.

- CLM:** *What's most surprising about you?*
- LB:** I love giving birth! The birth of my two daughters at home on Mustique with no bright lights, nurses or doctors in the way (except my husband) were the most precious moments of my life.
- CLM:** *What's your greatest regret?*
- LB:** Wasted time.
- CLM:** *What's your biggest fear?*
- LB:** To be unable to look after myself, because of an accident or old age.
- CLM:** *Biggest Challenge?*
- LB:** To make a success of my business without it taking over my life.
- CLM:** *Greatest Indulgence?*
- LB:** Dark chocolate.
- CLM:** *If you were granted three wishes what would they be?*
- LB:** I'm afraid of wishes, - they never turn out the way you think they will. For instance if I wished to be rich, Sod's law, I'd end up unhappy, or my children would grow up spoiled or go off to university. To wish for an end to violence would be too unrealistic wishing for happiness is just a little too boring!
- CLM:** *What's the best piece of advice you've ever received?*
- LB:** "If you can't say anything nice, don't say anything at all." It's not too easy to follow!
- CLM:** *What Possession do you treasure?*
- LB:** Some of my grandmother's rough paintings and sketches she gave to me before she died. They have inspired a lot of my designs and my style of work.
- CLM:** *Who are your favorite designers?*
- LB:** Givenchy
- CLM:** *What have you learned about life?*
- LB:** Wanting things too much wastes your life away. Enjoy what you have today.
- CLM:** *What is it that you dislike most?*
- LB:** Swearing and violence.
- CLM:** *How do you measure success?*
- LB:** By a feeling of achievement.
- CLM:** *When in life were you happiest?*
- LB:** Now.
- CLM:** *Who are your heroes?*
- LB:** Mother Teresa, The Scarlet Pimpernel and my Husband.
- CLM:** *If there were one thing you could change about yourself what would it be?*
- LB:** My Height.
- CLM:** *Describe your perfect day?*
- LB:** Sundays, - An early morning swim, followed by family breakfast on Macaroni beach; Fresh coffee and fruit salad, and hot chocolate late for the children to dunk their croissants in. A little yoga on the sand; nothing too strenuous, after all it is Sunday! Read a book with the children under the shade of a palm tree, and away the morning in the cool sea breeze watching the children play. Lunch with friends with perhaps a little too much wine so that a siesta is a must, followed by a late afternoon walk with husband, children and dogs. An early night without dinner to wake up fresh and alert for the new week.
- CLM:** *What talent would you most like to have?*
- LB:** I'd like to be a ballet dancer.
- CLM:** *What makes your heart beat faster?*
- LB:** That would be telling!
- CLM:** *Who or What was your earliest influence?*
- LB:** My Grandmother, she had a way of making ordinary life magical. **C&LM**



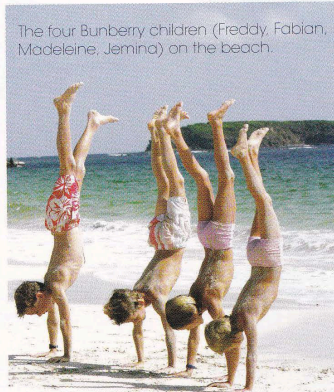
Lotty's sister, Lucy with her daughter Anastasia (Countess Compton and Lady Anastasia) taking a stroll on Pasture Bay-Mustique.



Lotty B. Sarong in Silk Charmeuse



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The four Bunberry children (Freddy, Fabian, Madeleine, Jemima) on the beach.



d Jemima doing some active Lotty's children's collection



Kaftan in Silk Chiffon