



Blown Away,  
Tweela Houtekamer,  
mixed media

## 12 x 12 Challenge at Lethbridge Public Library

Diverse textile creations from Lethbridge's Textile Surface Design Guild.

This year's annual challenge asked members to limit their skills within a 12 inch by 12 inch square. Beyond that, every technique imaginable has been used: stitching, quilting, image transfer, stamping, dyeing, painting, weaving, beading, and with delightful embellishments. You will be inspired!

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Girl with Dreds  
Christine Pook  
needle felted wool



**We are Invited to  
Potluck with the Quilt Guild**  
on September 15 at 6pm  
The quilt guild brings their own  
cutlery and plates to their  
potlucks. Hope to see you to  
visit with our quilting friends and  
enjoy Nicola Brown's Artist Talk

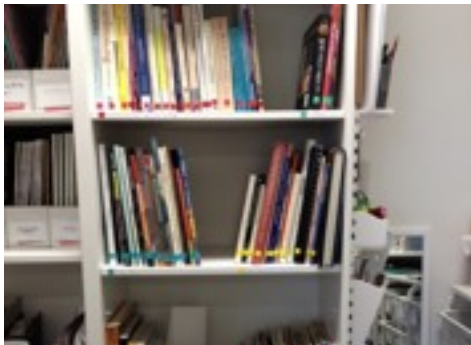
## Top to Toe Challenge

Hope everyone is finding inspiration for the Top to Toe Challenge detailed in the winter newsletter.

1. For "Top" create hats or headwear.
2. For "Toe" create shoes or footwear. Do only one theme or both or any combination.

**DEADLINE:**

Completion by Wed. Sept. 9, 2015.



## Library Update

Spend some time on the deck this summer with books from the Surface Design library. We are happy to share with you that there have been quite a few new titles added this year. In addition to books and magazines purchased with library funds, a large number of books were donated and purchased from Kathy Legg's studio. Many of these books are related to journals, book making and paper techniques. New titles also include a selection of new inspirational books, featuring the works of a compilation of artists. Don't forget to return books after 30 days so that fellow guild members can enjoy them as well!

## Nicola Brown Natural Printing Workshop

Intensive two day natural printing workshop During this intensive two day workshop participants will explore the fascinating and exciting art of printing on protein based fabric and paper using natural materials from the hedgerow, kitchen and garden! Using simple, easy to find natural plant materials bundles will be created by tying the organic matter up tightly in various weights of felt, silk, wool and silk/wool blends. Nicola will bring a good selection of samples with her for participants to study and she'll explain how she achieves different effects and strong leaf outlines depending on fabric pretreatment, materials used, pot selection and various other determining factors. Different ways of folding, bundling and tying the fabric also help to create different designs in the finished pieces. Once wrapped, the bundles will be heated for hours to aid the release of colours from the organic matter, when onion skins or other items are included in the dye pot wonderful lines will be achieved where the string ties act as a resist. NB Where local hedgerow materials are not available we will substitute easily located vegetation from the florist. Over the course of the two days we will have a selection of pots on the go so participants will have plenty of options and decisions to make. We will also be able to print on paper or card, naturally printed heavy duty manila luggage tags make particularly beautiful gift tags. Participants are encouraged to bring along plenty of silk and wool yardage, scarves, previously completed felt bags, vessels and wall hangings (not just wearables) as well as plain thrift store clothes in wool or silk. These may all be included in the dye pot, the more the merrier, space providing! Attention will be paid to the after treatment and care of these naturally printed textiles and participants will learn how Nicola prepares her work for sale or gifting. NB Nicola likes to restrict printing to cream or white items during a workshop as this avoids commercial dyes running and ruining someone else's work. If participants are keen to try printing coloured items it's possible we can put one of the pots aside for this on day two, this will depend on the requirements and best interest of the group as a whole.

## AGM Update

Thanks to Tweela for hosting our AGM. Look for an email with the minutes soon. Your new executive is Janet T., president, Tweela H., vice-president, Darlene H., treasurer. Bev H., secretary. Still need volunteer for chair of the program committee. Please consider if you could help in this position.



## Indigo Program

Lead by Lynne H-J and Denise S., August 10, from 7 to 9pm, Indigo by Lynn S.

# Programs

Programs take place at CASA unless otherwise noted. Check our website for updates at: [surfacedesignlethbridge.ca](http://surfacedesignlethbridge.ca)

## JULY

1-22

daily lower level gallery, downtown branch Lethbridge Public Library  
12" x 12" Textile Explorations exhibit

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7 pm - 9 pm textile studios, CASA Days for Girls outreach project, sewing feminine hygiene products for Mexico

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10 am - 6 pm textile studios, CASA open studio for members, must sign sheet in studio.

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1 pm - 4 pm textile studios & outdoors, CASA Sunpainting with Setacolour with Denise S.

## AUGUST

12

7 pm - 9 pm textile studios, CASA dyeing with indigo with Lynne H-J and Denise S

16

10 am - 6 pm textile studios, CASA open studio for members, must sign sheet in studio

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1 pm - 4 pm 2D classroom, CASA printingmaking with Deb W.

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7 pm - 9 pm Galt Museum admission fees apply A Stitch in Time Belinda Crowson share Blackwork embroidery

## SEPTEMBER

9

7 pm - 9 pm meeting rooms, CASA Top to Toe challenge deadline, business meeting

15

6pm TSDG members are invited to a potluck with LCQG, ATB community room, CASA Nicola Brown artist talk

16-17

time TBA textile studios, CASA eco printing workshop Nicola Brown cost \$225 members \$275 non members

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10 am - 6 pm textile studios, CASA open studio for members, must sign sheet in studio

24-27

daily ArtWalk Allied Arts Council offices Top to Toe exhibit

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8 am - 10 am set-up  
10 am - 5 pm sale  
ATB community room,  
CASA Artisan Market

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12 noon - 4 pm sale  
ATB community room,  
CASA Artisan Market

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Check these links for  
additional programs of interest  
to TSDG members

<http://galtmuseum.com/programs.htm>  
<http://www.casalethbridge.ca/classes-overview>