



Roundabout by
Diane Krysz.
detail above

Hoopla! Workshop

March 8, 10 am to 4 pm

This workshop draws from Diane's artistic methodology that incorporates hoops as part of a finished rug hooked artwork. The workshop will give participants the opportunity to create their own rug hooked hoop component which can stand alone as a piece of finished work or become a starting point for a larger design. Diane will share how she works with different methods and materials to achieve more textured, expressive rug hooking. This workshop suits a beginner rug hooker or someone more experienced looking for new inspiration. Register early space is limited.

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*"Trees are poems
the earth writes
upon the sky."
Kahlil Gibran*

*"Time spent amongst trees
is never wasted."
Katrina Mayer*



Library Update

Everyone's mind is probably on trees and wondering about new ways of representing them. Be sure to check the books in the library for ideas and how-to's.

In the Mixed Media section you will find:

- From Image to Stitch
- Hot Textiles
- Creative Mixed Media
- Bags with Paper & Stitch

In Bookmaking:

- Art made from Books
- Books, Boxes, & Wraps
- 1000 Artists Books

In Applique/Embroidery/Quilting

- Simple Thread Painting
- Dimensional Applique
- Quilting Symphony
- Drawn to Stitch
- Journey to Inspired Art Quilting

The library committee, Heather Willms, Carol Schuld, and Leona King

35th Anniversary Juried Show

"Branches Spreading – A Single Stem", the theme of our TSDG 35th Anniversary Exhibition, is open to any form of your original interpretation of trees. Any surface design technique is possible: needlework, mixed media, felt, books, paper, wearables, jewellery, sculpture, dyeing, eco-printing, and more. Whether you are new to surface design or not, all of us have a unique way of expressing ideas in art that can inspire and delight others. Be literal, be poetic, be abstract. Over-ride those thoughts of "not good enough" and perfection to discover new play within the theme. We have both window and wall space for the exhibit at CASA from May 7 to June 27, 2016. The deadline for entry is Wednesday April 13, 2016 at our regular meeting. The Call for Submissions and Entry Forms have been emailed already. Email Lynne Hunter-Johnston (lynnehj1@telus.net) if you need more or have any questions.

Volunteer Opportunities

If you like to meet new people and learn new skills, join in the fun! Come for a single session or many, all TSDG members are welcome to attend these exciting programs, made possible by a Public Art – Small Projects grant from the City of Lethbridge.

Fabric Group - Working together with artists from the Ability Resource Centre, we will be creating a collaborative artwork using rug hooking techniques under the direction of Edmonton artist Diane Kryz. Each Wednesday session will begin with a very short (5 minute) tree themed warm up activity. Guild volunteers are needed to work and learn alongside our partners and to lead warm up sessions. A sketchbook/ journaling activity may also be included at our monthly gatherings.

An exhibition of work by the fabric group is scheduled for the gallery space at the Ability Resource Centre in November/December 2016. A permanent location for the finished collaborative artwork is still to be determined, call if you know of a great public space that might accommodate a 4 foot diameter circle that would be pinned to a white or neutral coloured drywall wall.

Wednesday, January 20

10 am - 11:30 am
location: Ability Resource Centre
1610 - 29 Street North

Wednesday, February 17

10 am - 11:30 am
location: textile studios, CASA

Wednesday March 9

10 am - 11:30 am
location: Ability Resource Centre
** note date shift to accommodate visit with Diane Kryz

Paper Group - Working together with artists from the Ability Resource Centre, we will be creating/embellishing hand made paper circles. Paper group members will lead youth summer classes at the Helen Schuler Nature Centre August 16 - 18, 2016 using these circles to create tree themed mixed media artworks for contribution to an international travelling exhibition called TreeWhispers. TreeWhispers, including the paper circles made in Lethbridge, will be displayed in the gallery space at the HSNC in October and November of 2016. Paper group members will also create a handmade book as a legacy artwork to leave with the Helen Schuler Nature Centre.

Thursday, January 28

1:30 - 2:30 pm
location: Helen Schuler Nature Centre

Thursday, February 25

1:30 - 2:30 pm
location: Helen Schuler Nature Centre

Thursday March 31

1:30 - 2:30 pm
location: Helen Schuler Nature Centre

Banner Group - We will be creating a number of renaissance style banners to be used by the Lethbridge Shakespeare Performance Society during their summer productions in Galt Gardens. The banners will use our "Branches Spreading" theme as inspiration.

Watch for opportunities to participate with this group in the spring of 2016.

Programs

Programs take place at CASA unless otherwise noted. Check our website for updates at: surfacedesignlethbridge.ca

JANUARY

13

7 - 9 pm,
meeting rooms, CASA
member show and share,
business meeting
bring tree themed poetry or
prose to inspire future small
group projects

17

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

23

1 - 4 pm,
textile studios, CASA
Joseph Cornell style boxes

FEBRUARY

10

7 - 9 pm
textile studios, CASA -
Joseph Cornell style
boxes

21

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

27

1 - 4 pm,
textile studios, CASA
dyeing/over dyeing wool
fabric

MARCH

8

10 am - 4 pm
textile studios, CASA
Hoopla! workshop with
Diane Kryz

9

7 - 9 pm,
location TBA meet
the artist potluck with
Diane Kryz
host and venue needed.

16

location and time TBA
executive meeting

19

textile studios, CASA
stash busters - gather &
group materials for public
art project,
collage cards for
spring sale

20

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Details of Volunteer Opportunities are on page 2 of this newsletter

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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>