

Textile Surface Design Guild  
230 8 St South  
Lethbridge, Alberta



**July 3, 2017**

**Hello TSDG Members:**

I trust that all of you had a great Canada Day celebration and are loving the heat.

As the new TSDG President, I wanted to catch you up on the changes resulting from our Annual General Meeting on June 24th. In order to limit the number of emails and keep you informed, especially for our new members, there are a number of topics included here – 5 pages in total:

1. The slate of Officers and Committees for June 2017 to June 2018
2. Updated Program Schedule for July & August
3. Exhibition Opportunities coming
4. Member News and Appreciation
5. Community Events

Be sure to check out the interesting images and articles on our Facebook page. Please write or call if you have any questions.

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<https://www.facebook.com/groups/354579574678997/>

**1. TSDG Officers & Committees for June 2017 to June 2018:**

President	Lynne Hunter-Johnston
Vice President	Pat Greenlee
Treasurer	Christine Pook
Secretary	Janice Brown

Committees:

Program/Workshop	Acting Chair Linda Bull
Sales	Co-Chairs Janet Thompson & Darlene Huber
Exhibition/Installation	Lynne Hunter-Johnston
Publications	Tamara Zembel
Library	Frances Schultz

As new memberships are still coming in over the summer, a new Membership List will be published for you in late September 2017.

## 2. Updated Program Schedule for July & August:

“Best laid plans” sometimes go topsy-turvy with summer travels and life events, so a few changes have had to be made. Some of the changes make good use of our summer sun and its bounty of natural materials.

Everyone is welcome. If you are planning to participate in the program Linda is asking that you let her know that you are coming so the committee can plan for materials and space needed. You do not need to tell us if you aren't coming.

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### JULY:

**Wednesday July 12, 7 - 9 pm. Flower Pressing** with Linda Bull & Alvina Roberts. Alvina and Linda will provide the pressed flowers. All you have to bring is a fine brush. You might want to bring samples of different papers to experiment with; suggested paper size is 6x6". You will learn how best to press flowers and preserve their colour. Many of you will remember Alvina's beautiful cards at our sales.

**\*\*\* As time is close for this one please respond ASAP if you are planning to participate to Linda – [tornadoalley@shaw.ca](mailto:tornadoalley@shaw.ca) or call 403-524-3827**



Pressed Flowers Cards  
by Alvina Roberts

**Sunday July 16, Open Studio** all day at Casa. The TSDG pays the \$5.00 Casa fee for members to have free time in the Textile Studio. Please sign in on the form in our Storage Room.

**Saturday July 22, 1 - 4 pm. Sun Printing** with Linda Bull & Marilyn Chamberlin. A simple summer project using the Transparent Setasilk pigments in our storage room and our abundant sunshine. I have included Tweela Houtekamer's submission for our library show in January 2017. Bring:

- sample size fabrics white or light colours that are “prepared for dyeing (PFD)”
- any interesting shapes or plants to use as resists, and
- maybe some weights or pins in case the wind is up



Complex Composition: Sunprinting & Stitching

by Tweela Houtekamer

## **AUGUST:**

**Wednesday August 9, 7 - 9 pm. Flower Pounding & Stitching** with Linda Bull.

Linda is picking up on taking our initial experiments further toward finished works by adding complexity to the surface. Bring:

- sample size fabrics white or light colours that are “prepared for dyeing (PFD)”
- fresh plant material that excites you to make images
- a hammer or mallet

Check out Sandrine de Borman’s Botanical Garden. Sorry it is in French but do watch the video and search her images.

<http://www.plantentuinmeise.be/PUBLIC/GENERAL/GENERALFR/event21fr.php>

[https://www.google.ca/search?](https://www.google.ca/search?q=SANDRINE+DE+BORMAN+BOTANICAL+ART&tbm=isch&tbo=u&source=univ&sa=X&ved=0ahUKEwjxzNCTpe7UAhUmwFQKHbPkADoQsAQIIQ&biw=893&bih=716#imgrc=8WAJ05Li_iCVcM)

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**Sunday August 20, Open Studio** all day at Casa. The TSDG pays the \$5.00 Casa fee for members to have free time in the Textile Studio. Please sign in on the form in our Storage Room.

**Saturday August 26, 1 - 4 pm. Natural Dyeing for Fabric & Yarn/Thread** with Lynne Hunter-Johnston & Carol Schuld. Summer and early Fall are the best times to gather plant materials to make pots of colour for fabric, yarn and even raw fleece. Discover the amazing selections surrounding you from your garden, different woods, and even kitchen spices. Carol has just finished a stunning sample binder using natural dye powders from Maiwa. Lynne learned this as a spinner and weaver and in conjunction with historic textile research over 40 years ago. Bring:

- sample size fabrics and/or yarn/thread in white or light colours that are “prepared for dyeing (PFD)”

**\*\*\* Start collecting these suggested easy starters now for the pots:  
onion skins (separate red & yellow please),  
marigold heads, carrot tops, sumac**



Naturally Dyed Wool

(sumac, black walnut hulls, carrot tops, logwood, osage, turmeric, etc.)

by Lynne Hunter-Johnston

On a early 19th century cotton hand-dyed blanket with indigo & possibly onion skins.

### 3. Exhibition Opportunities coming:

- **Alberta Art Days – TSDG Window Display at Allied Arts Council** – Our display will go in the window on Monday September 24 and be taken down the week after. As there isn't a theme so far, works from our "Many Visions – One Community", the "Rockin' Round Robin" Challenge, and "What If?" will be drawn from. The venue is not great for many hangings unfortunately.  
**Deadline for art collection (and time to make labels):**  
**Open Studio Sunday September 17, 1 to 4 pm.**
- **Felt United – Deadline October 7, 2017** – The Guild has participated in this project 2 or 3 times over the years which included having program sessions scheduled around a group entry. The actual objects made are photographed and sent in online with a specific entry form. Nicola Brown who we brought in 3 years ago for Eco Printing is one of the organizers (<http://www.nicolabrown.ie>). The theme this year is "Collaboration".  
Here is the link: <http://www.feltunited.com>
- **Lethbridge Public Library Lower Gallery – April 12 to June 14, 2018** – Looking for suggestions for a theme now. Send in your ideas please. The library will want to do PR in January. More specific details will come in late Fall.

### 4. Member News and Appreciation:

- A huge thank you to **Mary Cohen** and her husband for hosting our June AGM. Mary offers such a delightful space to visit surrounded by much beauty.
- Appreciation for the diligent work of our Guild's previous Officers President **Janet Thompson** and Treasurer **Darlene Huber** over the past 2 years and Program Committee Chair **Donna Kendall**. All of them helped the Guild to move through much change resulting in some very successful projects for our 35th Anniversary.
- Congratulations to **Pat Greenlee** for winning her Quilt Category with "Coulee Rhythm" in June's Festival of Quilts 2017 sponsored by the Lethbridge Centennial Quilters' exhibition at the Lethbridge College.  
<http://lethbridgequilters.ca/gallery/festival-of-quilts-2017/greenleecouleerhythm/>
- Not enough praise can be given to the **amazing team of members** who cleaned, organized and displayed the estate items of Lynn Stevens for the garage sale. Spearheaded by **Janet Thompson and Bev Mazurick** (who involved her whole family as well) approximately \$2300 was collected for the family. Colin Hirano has since donated \$400 back to the Guild.

5. **Community Events involving our members and Guild:**

- As a follow up to the Lynne Stevens Estate Sale, this is a fabulous summer to participate in many festivities and learn more about the Japanese culture sponsored by our Southern Alberta Japanese Community especially at the Nikka Yuko Japanese Gardens at Henderson Lake. This is their special 50th Anniversary Celebration and the gardens are in their prime. TSDG member **Linda Tanaka** is part of the organization team for the **Bon Odori Dance Festival** on Saturday July 15 at 6:00 pm and 9:00 pm. Make sure to check out many of the other events.

<https://www.evensi.ca/bon-odori-japanese-summer-dance-festival-nikka-yuko/215432569>

<http://www.nikkayuko.com/nikkayuko-events.asp?ID=270&CatID=2>

- **Our banners** made in our 35th anniversary year are on display again at the **Shakespeare-In-The-Park** performances in Galt Gardens. This year's play is "A Comedy of Errors" done in a 1880's style. Check here for the schedule:

<https://www.facebook.com/LethbridgeShakespearePerformanceSociety/>

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