



Textile Surface Design Guild
230 8 St South
Lethbridge, Alberta

Some of the Sun
Printing art works
made in July using
Setacolor Fabric
Paint.



August 1, 2017

Hello TSDG Members:

I trust that you are loving the heat and enjoying visiting, travelling, gardening and just plain old doing nothing.

The feedback on my first President's Update from July was great. Members commented on appreciating the completeness of the information and that it was clear and comprehensive for all your varied activities. Images and links to see more were popular too.

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** – 6 pages in total:

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Be sure to check out the interesting images and articles on our Facebook page. Lots of inspiration for you in multitudes of surface media.

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

Please write or call if you have any questions.

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1. Program Schedule for August:

***** All regular meeting dates are open for Members to attend.**

**If you are planning to participate please let Linda know to plan extra supplies –
tornadoalley@shaw.ca or call 403-524-3827**

- **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.

Supply List from Linda Bull & Donna Kendall:

- Fabrics white or light colours that are “prepared for dyeing (PFD)” – White fabric 8 by 10 or so.
- Fresh plant material that excites you to make images from;
Some flowers and leaves – pansy rose petals petunia, etc.
- A small hammer or mallet
- Anything you have doing a small project
- Needles thread to colour your posy prints
- Donna will bring extra needles and threads if you don't have them.

Please let us know if you plan to participate for extra supply planning.
All Members are welcome to come to this regular meeting.

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>

- **Sunday August 20, Open Studio** all day at Casa 10:00 am to 6:00 pm. The TSDG pays the Casa fee for members to have free time in the Textile Studio. Please sign in on the form in our Storage Room.
This month includes “WHAT IF?” from 2 to 4 pm. in the Textile Room at Casa.

- **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.

Supplies to bring:

- sample size fabrics and/or yarn/thread in white or light colours that are “prepared for dyeing (PFD)”
- Fresh or dried plant material. It takes a lot to make a strong vat so here are some suggestions for group vats:

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



Carol Schuld's
silk & cotton
swatches dyed
with Logwood &
Quebracho



Naturally Dyed Wool

by Lynne Hunter-Johnston

2. **What If?: Sunday August 20 from 2 to 4 pm at Casa in the Textile Room.** No matter what progress you have or haven't made come to share your work, finished or not, your frustrations, your questions, and your support for others. Mine has already turned into "I can't find it. What If I have to start all over again?" This may be our last gathering before the deadline in September for participation in the Alberta Art Days display in the Allied Art Council window. Participation in the show is not necessary so don't let that hold you back from these great gatherings of creative minds.
3. **Parking Passes:** New parking passes for Casa are available for the coming year. Pick yours up at the August sessions.
4. **Plans for September Events and Volunteer Call:**
 1. **Demonstrations during the September ArtWalk at Casa. Friday, September 29:** In the spring at the general Members Business Meeting, members agreed to do demonstrations during the September ArtWalk at Casa. Friday, September 29, is the only day available for us to use the Textile Room so we have booked it from 11:00 am to 4:00 pm. We need at least three volunteer members to be in the room during that time working on your own work as the demonstrations and chatting to any visitors. Shifts for different slots during that time can be made if needed.
 - Please **contact Pat Greenlee**, Vice President, to let her know if you will help out.
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 2. **The Exhibition Committee will also need Volunteers to set up the TSDG window display at the Allied Arts Council for Alberta Art Days.** Set up is Monday September 25 and the take down with need member help the following week in October.

Jobs: At least 4 volunteers are needed for the display.
 Someone to make computer labels for each work.
 Help receiving and returning art before and after the display.

 - Please **contact Lynne Hunter-Johnston**, President, to let her know if you will help out. lynnehj1@telus.net 403-320-2441

5. 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.

6. Storage Room – Library & Inventory Binder:

- **Library** – The book categories each have a different coloured labels on their spines. When removing or returning books please make sure you put them back in the correct coloured category. Many thanks.
- **Inventory Binder – Red** – The inventory for the storage room and cupboards is not longer precariously hanging on the bulletin board over the garbage bin. It is on the same shelf and right next to the Library Loan binder and is well labelled for easy finding. A suppliers list has been added at the back.



Amazing follow through from Christine Pook's Felted Animal session by Linda Bull. These Owls are truly delightful. Please bring your work, finished or not, for our Show & Tell at each meeting.



More Sun Printing art works made in July using Setacolor Fabric Paint.

4. Other News – Weavers Talk, Darkroom, Harambee, UofL Fair:

- The Lethbridge Handicraft **Guild** of Weavers is inviting us to their talk and Show & Tell by Andrew Rabyiniuk, a weaver and textile dyer graduated from Nova Scotia School of Art & Design, now on the Casa facility staff. October 17, more details later.
- Our Open Studio dates may change in the coming year to accommodate a Darkroom in the Textile Wet Room. We will not be able to use the wet room during the times the darkroom is in use. A schedule and signs will be up when it is in use. This may be a boon to our members who are interested in photographic images on their fabrics. Otherwise it does not affect our use normally.
- A number of our members are also connected to the Harambee Grandmas who are looking for donations for their second annual Yarn & Fabric Sale in October. Tweela Houtekamer is a contact person regarding having her pick up fabric/items for the sale OR arranging a drop off time.

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Raising funds for the Stephen Lewis Foundation's Grandmothers to Grandmothers campaign, making a difference to families and communities affected by the AIDS epidemic in Sub-Saharan Africa

Second Annual Yarn and Fabric Sale needs your donations

We are very grateful for any and all donations that fit the following criteria:

- Clean, unused fabric only
- Fat quarters and larger amounts
- Partly finished quilts incl. fabric and patterns
- Yarn: please bundle same skeins together, incl. partial skeins
- Quilt bats
- Quilting and sewing books and patterns
- Notions such as buttons, snaps, zippers, embroidery floss, knitting needles, crochet hooks, thread

Please no fabric scraps or clothing.

Some storage is available.

To arrange donation pickup or drop off, please contact us before Oct 15th, 2017 at:

harambeegrandmas@telus.net

(include your phone number if you wish and one of us will call you back)

Sale to be held October 28, 2017 at McKillop United Church

- **October Volunteers Needed** for the **Balance Fair at the University of Lethbridge on Wednesday October 25th from 10:00 am to 1:30 pm.** The TSDG has had a table at this event for about 4 years now and participating members have said they really enjoy it (and the food is good too). A table displaying various projects and our signage is the set up. Members demonstrate while doing their own projects and talking to visitors.
- Please **contact Pat Greenlee**, Vice President, to let her know if you will help out.

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8. **Community Events plus Links for Casa and the U of L Art Gallery:**

- **Here is the monthly newsletter from the Allied Art Council & Casa:**

<http://mailchi.mp/edc7b739f4ce/april-1786625?e=4e1da405fa>

- **And the monthly newsletter from the University of Lethbridge Art Gallery:**

<http://artgallery.cmail19.com/t/ViewEmail/r/>

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*** These aren't Hot links. Just copy and paste these addresses into your browser to open them.***

- **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. **The last performances are August 3, 4, 10, 11 at 7:00 pm at the Galt Gardens.** Check here for the schedule:

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

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9. **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. Call if you need something before then.