

Concepts ...

Student News and Notes - Autumn



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Hi Fellow Fabric-A-Holics and Textile Teachers,

"Season of mists and mellow fruitfulness" ... John Keats' *Ode to Autumn* comes to mind as we feel the summer heat dissipate with the arrival of cooler evenings and watch the deciduous trees become tinged with the rich colours of the season. What a beautiful time! Why not rush out into the garden and find those interesting leaf shapes ... they'll make superb stencils for use forever. Take some photos of the rich colours of the trees so you remember them forever. Then when you are painting or colouring your fabrics, the inspiration will be there in front of you to enjoy and inspire. There are more how-to's on the next page so read on.

But for now, let's catch you up with what's happening in our Genesis Creations™ life in 2015. Our usual GC teacher training program in Toowoomba (January) was enthusiastically attended, and a whole range of new skills and ideas explored to add to our already huge techniques base. Make sure you check into any of our workshops and classes when I'm in your area – or in home studio – so you can join in the fun! A couple of weeks after the training program, I was off to New Zealand, spending a week with enthusiasts 'over there' coming to my Open House sessions, and some going on to train as teachers with us. What a week that was! It is SOOO exciting to know that there are now many NZ ladies who love our painting products and the safety and simplicity of our techniques as much as we Aussies do. To add to that excitement, I have been invited back for the Home Economics Teachers National Conference in Auckland in mid-May, and will be presenting two hands-on workshops to delegates from schools all over NZ. Wow !!!!! To follow on from this, I have made the decision to stay on after conference to show our skills to even more ladies so they can enjoy our creativity, both in schools and in their communities. I still have goose bumps thinking about how the New Zealand experience is working in my GC life, and am so grateful that it is. See you 'over there' again soon!

So after all that, what's happening in Australia you might ask! A fortnight in Perth is next in my year planner

INTERSTATE and NEW ZEALAND WORKSHOPS – February till September 2015 –

- **Perth** – Sunday 22 February – "Basics and Beyond" – at Penrhos College, Como – still a FEW vacancies
- **Perth** – Mon 23 Feb till Mon 2 March – a comprehensive program covering different topics at my home-away-from-home, Maida Vale – contact me, or check website for details. Day and evening sessions available.
- **Tamworth** – Sat 28 March – Fabulous Fabrics: One Day Basics; and Sun 29 – Fabulous Fabrics: Advanced. Attendance at a 'basics' program with me is a pre-requisite for participating in the Sunday workshop.
- **Singleton NSW** – Sat 2 till Mon 4 May - details on my website
- **Auckland (Manukau) NZ** – Sun 19 till Sun 26 May – details soon
- **Armidale NSW** – Sat 22 and Sun 23 August – watch my website



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WORKSHOPS in SOUTH-EAST QUEENSLAND – April 2015 – for full details of these, go to my website www.genesiscreations.com.au. Click on the 'Events' heading, and then the 'Workshops and Classes' bar. Scroll down to find the relevant month/s:

- **Toowoomba** – at my home Studio – Fri 10 till Tue 14 April '15 – Traditional Silk Painting (Fri), Fabulous Fabrics two-day w/shop (Sat/Sun), and Free Motion Machine Quilting (Mon/Tue)
- More workshops in my Studio in April, July, and August. Check my website for details

On the Drawing Board ... Workshops at "Jumpers and Jazz in July", Warwick's big winter festival; PLUS tutoring with Australian Sewing Guild at their National Convention in Brisbane in October 2015.



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Ask for full details and registration.
GOOD NEWS: Pay in full one month before your chosen program and qualify for Early Bird Discount.

2015 in a NUTSHELL ... Shows and Other Events ... Here's what's on the "Shows" drawing board for 2015:

Quilt Show, Ipswich (Qld) – Thursday 12 till Saturday 14 March at Glebe Rd Uniting Church Hall, Booval – Official opening 6 pm Thursday (I'm guest speaker); then displays and demonstrations all day on Friday and Saturday, from 9 am till 4 pm each day. Proceeds to Queen's Park Scouts Group.

Home Economics Qld Conference, Brisbane – Saturday 1 August – Brisbane Convention Centre



Our display and workshop area – AgShow 2014

AgShow, Toowoomba – Tuesday 1 till Thursday 3 September, in the Founders' Pavilion, Toowoomba Showgrounds.

Be there for our FREE silk scarf workshops, three sessions per day, and talk to us about the simplicity and economy of designing your own fabrics for all your sewing projects.

PLUS ... Craft Alive Shows during 2015 ... had a wonderful time at these events in 2014, so don't miss us at the following shows, in the "Stitch" area. Ask about their VIP passes and privileges! Note the dates for now ...

- **Wodonga** – Friday 3 till Sunday 5 July
- **Tamworth** – Friday 18 till Sunday 20 September
- **Wollongong** – Friday 16 till Sunday 18 October

You can also catch up with our Genesis Creations™ qualified teachers at Craft Alive Shepparton (29 – 31 May), Bendigo (26 – 28 June), and Wagga Wagga (31 July – 2 Aug).

I need to let you know that we are unable to attend any of the craft shows in Sydney (Penrith) during 2015, due to date clashes with Home Economics Conferences in Queensland and New Zealand. Watch this space for details of our attendance at Mad Quilters' Gathering and other Sydney shows in 2016.

MAKING STENCILS from AUTUMN LEAVES ... handy hints ...

1. Find the leaves you'd like to use, and place them UNDER the stencil sheet – simpler to trace them that way!
2. Using a fine black permanent marker (our Fine Liner pen is ideal), trace around the edges of the leaf. Trace the veins in too if you wish, for future reference.
3. Place your traced stencil onto a sheet of glass, and cut out using our Genesis Creations™ stencil burner.
4. Keep the cut-out leaf for drawing or painting in future projects of course.
5. Spray the back of the stencil lightly with an adhesive (or repositionable) spray so that it grips to your fabric.

NOTE: For ease of painting, keep shapes at least 3 cms from the stencil sheet's edges, and place them well apart when tracing several leaves onto the one stencil sheet.

NEW PRODUCTS available from mid-February 2015 ...

Rubber Rollers – available in three sizes, these heavy rubber rollers have very different uses from our foam rollers! [Sometimes referred to as a 'brayer' in fabric designing and papercrafts.] PRICES: 5 cm roller - \$10.00 | 10 cm roller - \$14.00 | 15 cm roller - \$20.00 Perfect for applying a smooth even coat of flat paint or thickened LR, for printing and stamping techniques. Great for use on a gel pad! Especially chosen by me for their high quality and stability when using them.



Double-Tipped Fabric Paint Markers – Round tip and bullet tip on each marker, for versatility in our projects. Yes you will find these in retail stores, but ours will always be fresh stock! OUR COLOURS: BLACK and PURPLE for specific projects – \$4.00 each. Heat set by ironing – details are in the packaging.

LEFT: Elephant footed emu-saurus, found only in the depths of Studio 31, Toowoomba. Well, I had to test the fabric paint markers on a Flat painted base (brilliant!) as well on plain fabric, didn't I !?!



ABOVE: Super fine and fine lines, depending on the tip you use and how you hold it. Wide tip for shading and calligraphy.

STOP PRESS: FLAT PAINT SPECIALS – enjoy these brilliant 'exclusively ours' fabric paints at ALMOST HALF PRICE from now until late May!!! Ask for more information.

Haven't caught up with our new address and phone details yet? Here's a summary:

Studio address: 4 Jull Drive, Centenary Heights | **Phone 07 4613 4426** | **Fax 07 4613 4437**

Here's to getting together, in person or by phone or email, for lots more creativity! ...

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