

Concepts ...

Student News & Notes - Autumn 2023

As golds and deep reds grace the trees, it's time to enjoy some traditional silk painting ...

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Hi Fellow Teachers and Fabric Enthusiasts,

Doctor's orders ... "Three months off work for rest and rehabilitation" ... those were my GP's words as I work through the healing process from my bilateral knee surgery. The good news? I'm OK for personal phone calls and emails. Just no hands-on or Zoom workshops till end of June. So it's still fine to catch up with me as required for orders and help! Just be aware that my teaching programs will be on hold for the next three months. Thankyou for understanding.

We'll be back with a BANG on 1st July! ... with "Open House" Celebrations for our 24th Birthday in my Toowoomba Studio ... Times 10.30 am till 3 pm. Our day will feature displays, demonstrations and mini-workshops; and everyone who attends will receive a goodies bag. Yes YOU get the Birthday presents!

- Free to attend
- BYO lunch
- Registration essential

Unable to be in Toowoomba on that day? There'll be more **Celebrations via Zoom on Thursday 6th and Saturday 8th July** so you can join in the fun from afar. You won't receive a goodies bag, but I figure a goodies envelope in the mail will be the next best thing.

July will rock on from there with more events, special offers and discounts. Watch the "Events" page of my website for details as they are announced.



Numbers must be limited for all three events.
Contact me NOW so you don't miss out.



September is shaping up to be a fun month too ...

- **TOOWOOMBA QUILTERS' EXHIBITION – 16 till 22 Sept**, at 'The Court', Toowoomba Community Baptist Church in Glenvale Rd. I'll be there as a trader, with display and demos, and products for sale. You should see my big heap of hand-coloured fabrics going out at very reasonable prices during the event (mostly \$2.00 per piece), an accumulation from years of fabric designing and no time to go through and sort them out till now! Show is open from 9 am till 4.30 pm each day except Friday when we close at 2.30 pm for pack-up.
- **TEACHER PD WORKSHOPS via ZOOM – Sunday 10 and Tuesday 12 Sept** - FREE to attend. Registration essential. 10 am Basics | 2 pm Extensions. Sunday program will be repeated on Tuesday. See my website "Events" page for more information.
- **TEACHER PDs – HANDS-ON in my TOOWOOMBA STUDIO – Wednesday 27 and Thursday 28 Sept** - 10 am till 3 pm each day. We'll cover 'the basics' on Wednesday, then further develop our skills in advanced topics on Thursday. Come for both days if you possibly can! Just \$80 per day, or \$150.00 for both days. Numbers must be limited to 6 participants per day. Register your interest now so you don't miss out!
- **Hands-On Workshops in my Toowoomba Studio – 12 till 19 October** – program to be announced soon. Check website for details.

I now have two web addresses – take your pick!

www.genesiscreations.com.au AND www.genesiscreations.au

Making the Most of our Ideas and Techniques ... Liquid Radiance in Traditional Silk Painting Skills.

Many many years ago I became totally 'hooked' on silk painting !!! Having worked with dyes and steam fixing for several years, I thought to myself, "There has got to be something simpler for this". And when I couldn't find anything that met my 'wants', I set about satisfying that desire with the help of our Australian manufacturers. Yes, that's how Liquid Radiance was 'born'. Safe, simple, and economical – and without all the complications and toxicity of working with dyes! I wanted to make this beautiful skill something that EVERYONE could enjoy.

Traditional silk painting is all about the flow of colour within the lines (known as resist / gutta) that are applied and left to dry before continuing with the painting process. I soon found that practicing the flow on abstract shapes was a great way to develop my confidence, and I recommend you do this too. Wavy lines were my favourites. You'll see this in Web Workshop 3 [ref Website Ed Centre, and on YouTube]. Without having to paint something specific, you have the freedom to practise with colours and colour mixing, as well as different techniques. I then started playing with overlapping squares and rectangles as you see in these samples. I thought they ended up looking a bit like buildings - I have called these "City Impressions". Soooo ...



- Play with the colours, diluted as per the videos - I start with equal parts LR concentrate and water, then add more water in the trays of the palette as required.
- Play with the different blending techniques and water texturing as well as drawing onto dry coloured base using a fine brush.
- Remember if working with salt in a picture like this, do those areas last – then rinse out the salt when the work is dry. Rinse pins and frame too so they don't spread saltiness to other work.

The completed 'picture' is on the frame at left. Mop-up result? Gone, sorry!

Now for the Palette Mop-Up ... images top to bottom at left below framed piece... palette with leftovers and piece of damp fabric ready to use, damp fabric folded to size and placed across the LR colours on palette, lifted off and rolled up to blend the colours, opened out on plastic with salt added for texturing (rock salt at top for big markings, Epsom salt at bottom for finer markings.)



Working from a palette like this doesn't HAVE to be a mop-up from other work! It's a very simple and quick way to colour the fabric when you want to create stripes. For larger fabrics, use a line-up of small dishes (eg plastic food containers), and put the diluted LR into those.

Whenever you are working with Liquid Radiance, remember to desalt as applicable, then heat set as usual. Need help? Phone or email me!

Two more things before I sign off ...

1. **Embellish** magazines (June and September) will not have my projects in them. I've asked for 'leave of absence' during my rehab and recovery from surgery.
2. It's **Price Review** time, and Alan and I have been doing our homework. Nothing too scary though. Several items will remain the same. New prices will apply from 1st July 2023. Check new price lists on website on 30th June '23.

Remember there are loads of videos and support notes in the Ed Centre of my website, all FREE to watch and download.

Check out what's on my YouTube channel too. Should keep you busy for hours !!!



Here's to lots more fun and creativity together ...



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