

Concepts ...

Student News and Notes - Summer '15 '16



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Hi Fellow Fabric-A-Holics and Textile Teachers,

As 2015 rapidly comes to a close, and my feet stay on home turf for a couple of months, it's a real pleasure to look back over the year and thrill at the developments that have happened in our Genesis Creations™ life. It has been another year of feeling the excitement as people meet our unique Liquid Radiance and other painting products for the first time ... and discover just HOW SIMPLE they are to use. Trips by plane to New Zealand (twice) as well as Perth and Darwin have challenged me with just how much I can fit into a suitcase (or three) to have enough gear for workshops, while taking a minimum of clothes to get by! Trips by car are much simpler, as all the necessities are in their baskets ready to pop on board and drive away. And workshops in my home studio? Well, they've been sparse this year I'm afraid, but I'm planning on having a few more SEQ programs in 2016 to enjoy the workspace we have created for me here!



WHAT'S HAPPENING IN 2016? Lots, according to my ever-filling diary !!! You'll find us at these EVENTS:

Craft Alive – Toowoomba – from Friday 12th till Sunday 14th February, 10 am till 5 pm each day, at the Berghofer Stadium, University of Southern Queensland

- **FREE WORKSHOP/SEMINAR: Fabric Designing - from the Pantry!** – 11 am each day. You'll be amazed at the things in your pantry that will produce stunning effects in your hand-coloured fabrics. We'll explore a bunch of creative ideas in this 45 minute presentation.
- **MAKE 'n' TAKE WORKSHOPS** – also FREE! – at our stand. **"Fabric Designing: It's So Simple, and Crystal Clear!"** With three sessions per day, there's plenty of opportunity to try some new skills or revisit old ones, and take your creation home at the end of the workshop. Workshop times: 12.30 pm, 2 pm and 3.30 pm each day.

Craft Alive – Castle Hill (Sydney) – from Friday 19th till Sunday 21st February, from 9.30 am till 4 pm each day, at the Harvey Lowe Pavilion, Castle Hill Showgrounds. Free workshops and seminars as for Toowoomba above.

Craft Alive – Tamworth – from Friday 9th till Sunday 11th September, 10 am till 5 pm each day, at the Entertainment Centre. Same FREE workshops and seminars as above, but with new topics for you to enjoy

Apple and Grape Festival – Stanthorpe – from Friday 4th till Sunday 6th March. "Cool Scarves and Silly Socks" workshops, raising funds for Pink Bras and Blue Jocks charity supporting cancer patients. Enjoy a scrumptious Devonshire tea during the workshop. Watch my website for more details closer to the time.



Jumpers and Jazz in July – Warwick – "Cool Scarves and Silly Socks" workshops from 22nd till 25th July at Grafton Rose during the festival. These events will also support Pink Bras and Blue Jocks charity.

Home Economics Conference, Brisbane – Saturday 6th August, at the Convention Centre. Then I'll be at the National Conference in Melbourne from 11th till 13th January 2017, with hands-on workshops to follow.

Craft Market and Hands-on Workshops – St Stephens Uniting Church, Toowoomba, during Carnival of Flowers – 19th till 21st September.

On an unhappier note, I'm unable to be at either of the Mad Quilters' Gatherings at Penrith in 2016, due to prior commitments at those times.

WORKSHOPS, WORKSHOPS, and MORE WORKSHOPS !!! ... Please check website for full details ...

MARCH: Warwick – Fri 11 and Sat 12 – Bowls Club
Toowoomba – Wed 16 till Sun 20 – My Studio
APRIL: Toowoomba – Fri 1 till Tue 5 – My Studio
Coffs Harbour – Tue 12 – venue tba
Sydney (Emu Plains) – Fri 15 till Sun 17
Singleton – Tue 19

MAY: Cairns – Thu 12 till Sun 15 – Pandanus House, Whitfield
Charters Towers – Wed 18 – Excelsior Library
Townsville – Thu 19 till Sun 22 – my 'home', Mundingburra
JUNE: Darwin – Thu 9 till Sun 12 – my 'home', Nakara
MELBOURNE workshops – yes, I'll be back in January 2017 !!!

KEEP UP WITH DATES, TIMES, AND PLACES VIA MY WEBSITE: www.genesiscreations.com.au

MAKING THE MOST OF YOUR TALENT, using OUR PRODUCTS ...

Although we teach a HUGE range of skills and show you an ever widening range of ideas during our hands-on workshops and classes, there will always be 'twists' on the use of our goodies that may be particular to your interests or needs. Please remember that I always aim to be as close as my phone. My mobile 'lives' in my left pocket during my waking hours!!! If I do not answer immediately, I'm probably teaching. Please leave a message so I can return your call. Email contact is good too, though can be a little less reliable when I'm 'on the road' for shows or workshops, but I will catch up eventually. (Or you can send me a reminder!)



Unable to be with us for hands-on assistance? My DVDs could be the perfect solution to help you expand your skills! With two hours of tuition on each of the two DVDs, they are set up so you can watch the entire program 'straight through', OR click on the topic/s you wish to learn or revise. Our Handbooks also impart a wealth of information:

Fabulous Fabrics

Garments Galore

Instant Fabrics in the Microwave

Sensational Silk

Papers with Personality

Understanding Fabric Art

And watch for my FREE LESSON in these Concepts newsletters now appearing regularly each season. You'll always find the current issue on my website, along with the three previous editions. If you'd like copies of newsletters prior to those appearing, please ask and I'll send you those I can. These lessons have been a relatively recent feature.

Our lesson for this summer ... "WATER MARKING" ... soft, subtle colours, or bold and bright, as you wish ...



Soft colours on synthetic fabric.
Dilution approx 1 LR conc: 20 water

Water marking is a super simple technique for creating random patterns, especially on large pieces of fabric. Works wonderfully on all fabrics!

Make quilt backs that are exclusively yours. Design fabrics for lingerie and dressmaking. 'Dress up' your plain bed linen. And who needs plain curtain backs when colour could be WAY more interesting?!? Have fun with this technique !!!



Strong colours on linen fabric.
Dilution 1 part LR conc: 3 or 4 water

METHOD:

1. Onto a large table surface – or your garage floor! - spread a piece of plastic that is slightly bigger than the fabric you plan to colour. Hold it to the table - or floor - with masking tape.
2. Wet your fabric, and squeeze out the excess water. However, for this technique we need to keep the fabric a little wetter than usual, as long as it is not dripping with water.
3. Flop your fabric onto the plastic randomly. It will form hills and valleys. You can scrunch it a little more if you wish, but NOT TOO TIGHTLY or you'll lose the patterns you're trying to form.
4. Drop or drizzle your chosen colours onto the fabric, allowing PLENTY of room between them so they can spread.



Do not fill the fabric with colour at this stage.

5. Watch them working. As the water dries, the colours will spread into the 'gaps' and collect along the hills. They'll spread more on light weight synthetics than on cotton, so you can control the spread by adding a little more colour if required.

6. The darks and lights of the pattern will form as the colours are drying. You'll see this in the photos above.

7. When dry, lift fabric off the plastic and heat set the Liquid Radiance colours in the usual way: iron for ½ minute for strong colours, but up to 2 minutes for really pale colours, with iron set on a temperature suitable for the fabric.

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

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