

Concepts ...

Student News & Notes – Winter 2021

How about a pair of stripey socks to keep your feet warm !?!

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Hi Fellow Teachers and Fabric Enthusiasts,

With shouts of excitement my new Website and YouTube Channel are up and running! ... Will it ever be complete? NO probably not! There's so much more I want to share with you and have accessible for you to enjoy. Jump in there and have a good look around ASAP. For those of you familiar with our products and skills, I hope you find the Ed Centre with all its FREE downloads a very inspiring place to be. Check regularly to see what's been added.

An explanation about the YouTube and Web Workshop Videos ... right now the same videos are in each of these places, with a few of the Zoom Web Workshop videos still to be added in late July and August. Go to the Web Workshops page of the website for these. You'll find copies of the First Aid Kits – notes and other resources – on this page too. The Introductory and Advanced programs we've been doing together form the basis of our designing skills so they'll be the main focus of what will appear on the website.

On YouTube you'll find all sorts of other ideas and techniques very soon. They are being edited 'as we speak'. By subscribing to my channel, you will be advised when new videos are added. Subscription is free.



Facebook? ... Yes I do 'make an appearance' on social media, but it is not my favourite way to communicate. Search GenesisCreationsOfficial, where my posts reflect what is happening in my teaching life – workshops, events, special offers for students - anything that pops up that I'd like people to know about. But please be aware that emails and phone calls remain my A1 priority for catching up with you.

Genesis Creations ... a very Hands-On Family Business ... the story of my background can be found in the *Innovative Technology* leaflet – see "ABOUT ME" and "THE BIRTH OF AN EXCITING PRODUCT". You can find that leaflet on the website, or ask me to send you a copy if you haven't already received it with your

orders. Not only are our paints and colours very different from anything else in the marketplace, but also ...

- Our exclusive Stencil Burner and Burner Tips, painting rollers, and ball point nozzles have been designed by me in consultation with an engineer who gets asked all sorts of 'Can we make ...?' questions from time to time.
- Our accessories – palettes, brushes, sponges, stencil sheeting, and all the rest of them – have been sourced and selected by me for our business as being the correct products to create the best results when painting and designing.
- Liquid Radiance colours are bottled and labelled by us, here in my Studio, to save on labour costs and keep our prices down for you, our customers.
- Our Flat paints are hand made by me – one of my more recent accomplishments, after consultation with and guidance from our paint chemists, ensuring our stock is always fresh for you to enjoy.
- We buy our stencil sheeting 'by the log', cut into rolls by our suppliers, then we use our specially purchased equipment to prepare the A3 and A4 sheets to send out to you. Most plastics are toxic when burned, but ours has been chosen for its non-toxicity, safety, fineness, and durability.
- WE LOVE TO HEAR ABOUT YOUR CREATIONS, and see the photos you send us, as part of our GC family.
- AND WE LOVE WHAT WE DO! Who needs a real job when you can have an unreal one like this !?!

EVENTS

You'll find details of workshops and registration forms on the Events page. Title is on my Home page. Scroll down to see what's on offer and when for both hands-on and zoom sessions.

ALL ZOOM WORKSHOPS ARE FREE TO ATTEND.

Some are hands-on, some are demonstration style. I use the Meeting format and keep numbers small so we can get to know each other and you can interact with your classmates before and after the formalities are over.



Huge, heavy rolls of stencil sheeting arrive, bubble wrapped for protection, ready to be cut by our machinery.

WHAT'S AHEAD FOR THE REST OF 2021? ... In late May, my elderly cousin Bill (91 – well, my late Mum's 'young' cousin) phoned me from hospital to say he needed to go into nursing home care and could I help. During the process I also was 'handed' Power of Attorney responsibilities, and wow, what a steep learning curve that has been. Could I let down an old mate in need? Our families have been close since I was a kid; and coincidentally we've been neighbours since Alan and I moved to Toowoomba eight years ago. Bill and his wife have no children and no other close family in the area; so since we moved here, it has been a pleasure to reconnect and include them in our family 'occasions', and call across the road to see them regularly. So yes, I am happy to help; but the saga of paperwork and forms, banking complexities and legalities, naming of clothes (yep we have OUR really great paints to do that!) and whatever else needed to be done has been a major diversion, with our business operating on an 'urgencies and emergencies' basis. Thank you to those of you who have had orders in during this time. We appreciate your patience and understanding while we've taken a little longer than usual to get your goodies in the mail.

During the past few weeks, the six-or-so Web Workshops already in place have been a wonderful reprieve from my other duties; and I thank all who 'attended' for putting up with a couple of my presentations that were a bit below par. The really good news? ... 'Normal' is returning! ...

I CAN CONFIDENTLY LET YOU KNOW THAT THE FOLLOWING WILL BE HAPPENING ...

"In Focus" Workshops via Zoom ... are 'one of' topics designed to reflect what I teach during my one-day hands-on workshops. You can do them as prac if you wish, or just attend and watch my demos. Each of the three sessions per topic will be the same presentation, so choose the day and time that suits you best. BOOKING is essential. Links and prep list are emailed to you on the Friday before each 'round' of workshops. [Check 'Events' page of my website for more info.]

JULY: Topic 1 – Metallics and Pearls – Sunday 18 at 2 pm; then Tuesday 20 at 10 am and 2 pm.

Topic 2 – Liquid Radiance: Basics and Beyond – Thursday 22 at 10 am and 2 pm; then Saturday 24 at 2 pm.

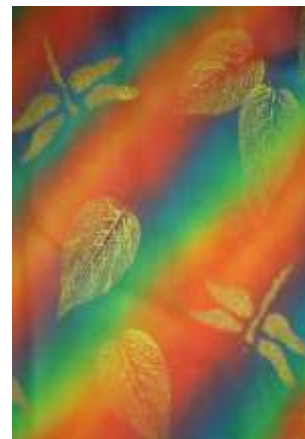
AUG: Topic 3 – Liquid Radiance: Big and Beautiful – Sunday 22 at 2 pm; then Tuesday 24 at 10 am and 2 pm.

Topic 4 – Understanding Fabric Art: Print, Stamp, Stencil, and Lots More! – Thursday 26 at 10 am and 2 pm; then Saturday 28 at 2 pm.

"Quilts in Bloom" ... presented by Toowoomba Quilters Inc at Salo Centre, St Ursula's College from 18th till 24th September – 9 am till 4.30 pm daily (Friday 9 am till 2 pm). Catch up with me for demonstrations and mini-workshops of fabric designing as a Trader each day of the show. Brilliant event! If you are into fabrics and patchwork, don't miss it. And Toowoomba is a great place to visit from afar too, especially during our Carnival of Flowers in September.

What's NOT happening? ... Sadly I'll not participate in the **Great International Craft Shows** for the rest of this year; but will be back with the Craft Alive family in 2022. And having been granted six months off writing for *Embellish magazine* to concentrate on Website and YouTube videos, little did I know at the time that life would take the direction it has, so I'm thankful for the 'break'. Editor Lynda has however sent me the magazine themes until 2024 ... so I'll be back!

AND our **price rise has been delayed until 1st September** – getting all the new paperwork done for that has simply not been a priority in the past several weeks. New "Shop Front" on the website will be operational then too.



Making the Most of our Painting Techniques ... Finding Poles? EASY !!! ...

Creating a myriad of effects by tying or stretching fabric around a 'pole' is a designing technique that has been used seemingly forever! Just look around and there'll be something you can use - in your kitchen or shed, the recycling bin, in your craft room, ... and the best news is that Liquid Radiance is non-toxic so you can grab things from the kitchen cupboard, use them, then wash them up ready for 'normal' use again! The cardboard cores from fabric rolls or paper towels work too – just cover them with plastic wrap to prevent the cardboard absorbing the colours. Need something a little bigger? Find a plastic bucket. And a BIG bit bigger? Try tying fabric around the trunk of a tree (wrap tree in plastic first if you don't want to colour it too!), or a garbage bin (wash it down first!) Check out lots of colouring methods in my DVDs, handbooks, Website videos, and YouTube.



Two x 2 litre milk bottles taped together bottom to bottom made a perfect 'pole' for the red t-shirt.

The big teapot was ideal to hold the bottles until the shirt had dried.

Make sure you catch up with my workshop programs ASAP, and if you can't be here in person via Zoom or hands-on, you'll find plenty of videos on the website and YouTube, with more to be added in the very near future. Here's to creativity to keep us happy, whatever may befall ...

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