

Concepts ...

Student News and Notes - Autumn 2019

Controlled Salting - Anne 2019



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Hi Fellow Teachers and Fabric Enthusiasts,

Happy Birthday to Us !!! After weeks (no, months) of thinking, planning and preparation, our BIG Birthday year has finally arrived and is just starting to gather momentum. Genesis Creations™ sprang into life on 1st July 1999, and what an exciting 20 years it has been. Thank YOU for being part of it. We also want you to know we have just renewed the protection of our Registered Trademark for a further 10 years, the maximum we can do at one time ... so look out world, here we come with lots MORE fun, learning, and friendship together.

Having promised you a year-long celebration, let's get into it !!! My new-look website has now gone 'live', and is compatible with all mobile devices as well as laptop and desk top computers. It is also now SECURE on all search engines. Make sure you **check into the website regularly**, as that's where you'll find our specials, new releases and other 'celebration information' throughout the year. With so few products in our range, offering specials on a regular basis will rarely happen. Besides, our aim is to keep our prices at a reasonable level, which makes it difficult to reduce them without running at a loss !!! (Ever wondered how the big stores can suddenly drop their prices without blinking an eyelid? Mmmm!) – But hey, it IS our Celebration year, so we ARE offering specials throughout THIS year. You'll find details on my website, on the 20th Anniversary page. **Find us at www.genesiscreations.com.au**. Look for the button on the HOME page. And **THANK YOU AGAIN for your CONTINUING SUPPORT**.

To join in the fun...

**LOOK FOR THE
"20TH ANNIVERSARY" BUTTON
CHECK IN REGULARLY
so you don't miss a thing in 2019!!!**

**Free Celebration Workshops
in areas where I've travelled before**

- ✓ **Regular Specials**
- ✓ **Limited Offers of New Paints**
- ✓ **Lots more surprises during the year!**

Celebration DVD - "20 Years of Creativity" – a great opportunity to 'come to my place and play', especially when you cannot physically be here! Our anniversary DVD will be available from 1st July till the end of this year. After originally planning to release it early in the year, I realised we had no BIG NEW exciting thing happening on our real Birthday date. The DVD seemed the perfect choice. Hope you enjoy it as much as I did presenting it for you!

- Lots of our brand new topics
 - Lots more painting and product tips
 - A number of techniques that are part of my normal workshops, but not on either of the two DVDs already available
 - And some ideas that you didn't think our goodies were capable of doing!
- This DVD is the perfect Happy Birthday present to us, and you will receive it FREE with any other purchase over \$10 when you attend any of my Celebration

workshops from July till September this year. Or you can purchase it for \$10.00 on its own. [HINT: Make sure you have DVDs 1 and 2 – you'll need to fully understand the 'background' of our techniques to progress into the new topics.]

Workshops, Workshops, and More Workshops ... check EVENTS page of website for full details, or ask me:

- **Toowoomba** – at my home Studio – Fri 22 till Sun 31 March – huge array of topics – fabric designing, free motion machine quilting, silk painting, and lots more! All at 'Mates Rates' – that's half price for our celebration year.
- **Toowoomba** – Sat 27 and Sun 28 April – PD workshops for textiles and art teachers. OK for others to attend too!
- **Tannum Sands CQ** - Sun 19 till Thu 23 May – at my Villa, Discovery Park - Teacher PDs, fabric designing (mostly our new techniques!), and day of 'Creativity in Colour' in the Holiday Park. GC Teacher Training Fri 24 till Sun 26 May.
- **Eidsvold** – Thu 30 May till Sun 2 June – RSL Hall, Moreton St - fabric designing, basic (two days) and advanced (two days). Registration through the funded group. Ask me if you would like to attend. (No registration via me.)
- **Sunshine Coast** – Thu 20 till Sun 23 June – Caloundra - Fabulous Fabrics basic + advanced, and Teacher PDs.
- **Malanda NQ** – Sat 20 till Mon 22 July – at Malanda Quilting, Dowling Close - Fabulous Fabrics two-day and one-day workshops, with Microwaves, Threads and More on Sat evening. Registration through Tonia at Malanda Quilting.
- **Townsville NQ** – Fri 26 till Mon 29 July – at 'my' unit #1, Marcol Place Apartments, West End – Fabulous Fabrics basic and advanced, and Teacher PDs.
- **Yeppoon CQ** – Mon 19 till Wed 21 August – at Cool Waters Function Hall, Kinka Beach – fabric designing basic and advanced with lots of our new techniques included.
- **Sydney (Emu Plains)** – Fri 25 till Mon 28 October – Function Room, Ingenia (Big 4), Mackellar St – Fabulous Fabrics, Teacher PDs and GC teacher training (more info soon).



MAJOR EVENTS 2019 ... QUILT FESTIVALS ... CONFERENCES ... CRAFT SHOWS ...

- **CRAFT ALIVE – Sunshine Coast – Fri 12th till Sun 14th April** – stand 135, 136 in the Caloundra Indoor Stadium, Golden Beach. Enjoy our new items and products on display, watch demonstrations and join in ‘make and take’ workshops each day.
- **HOME ECONOMICS QUEENSLAND CONFERENCE – Sat 10th August** – Brisbane Convention Centre. Trade display 7.30 am till end of lunch. This year I’ll be presenting a fabric designing seminar during the concurrent conference sessions.
- **EMU PARK QUILT SHOW – Sat 17th and Sun 18th August** - display and demonstrations both days.
- **CRAFT ALIVE – Toowoomba – Thu 19th till Sun 22nd September** – Berghofer Pavilion, USQ - a four day show this year! See what’s new in fabric designing. Come and enjoy my FREE ‘Make and Take’ workshops at our stand throughout the show.
- **QUILTOPIA – Sydney - Thu 3 till Sun 6 October** – Rosehill Racecourse. That’s all the information I have at this stage, but we’re definitely planning to be there. Watch this space!

FREE Pop-Up Workshops at Craft Alive Sunshine Coast and Toowoomba.
PLUS Look for our qualified GC teachers in Wagga Wagga and Bendigo.



Embellish Magazines – just when I thought I’d finished with pushing deadlines writing for the magazine, an urgent call from the editor had me ‘at it’ again – much to my delight. Watch for my ‘Ice’ article in coming months. Back issues with my past articles are still available from us. Microwave article is in the March issue. **AND LOOK!** Attend the Celebration workshops and buy the magazines for a super special price! Another of my gifts to you !!!

MAKING THE MOST OF OUR PAINTING TECHNIQUES ...



Controlled Salting ... *Can we ever control the way salt will work in our fabrics? No, not really! It simply loves to do its own thing. And it will work differently in different weather. Added to that, there are all sorts of salts (and sugars) that will produce amazing markings. But let’s TRY to control the way it moves by adding weights and working with a very controlled application of colour. The slope of the fabric, and the evenness of colour will usually oblige and give reasonably predictable effects. Here we go ...*

FREE CELEBRATION WORKSHOPS
Toowoomba – Fri 22 March
Tannum Sands – Mon 20 May
Caloundra – Sun 23 June
Townsville – Fri 26 July
Sydney (Emu Plains) – Sun 27 Oct
BIRTHDAY PARTY !!!
Toowoomba – Mon 1 July

1. Pre-wet woven (not T-shirting) fabric and squeeze out excess water, then stretch it over an embroidery hoop, an old cake tin, or anything round that you can find. If not working on a hoop, use rubber bands to hold the fabric taut, and in place. If using a thin hoop, place another of a similar size under it to elevate the fabric a little so the weight we add later does not make the fabric sit on the plastic (ref step 4).

2. Prepare diluted Liquid Radiance colours in a palette.



3. Using a foam brush, apply colours evenly in concentric circles, starting in the middle of the fabric and working outwards.

4. Place a weight in the centre of the design. I’ve used a small spring-form cake tin with its bottom removed, but a glass tumbler, coffee mug, cereal bowl – whatever you can find - will serve the purpose.

5. Sprinkle the salt of your choice evenly around the circle onto the colours, and into the middle of the circle too if you want interesting things happening in there. **NOTE:** If using an item like a bowl or tumbler as your weight, place that object upside down on the fabric so the salt can work well when under it.

6. **OPTION:** Place a few drops of extra colour in the middle of the circle – that’s the exciting bit when the salt does its job. Do this before placing the weight on it if using a bowl or similar.

7. Allow to dry completely.

8. Remove all designing objects, desalt the fabric, and rinse

- at least three times to remove all traces of saltiness.

9. Iron to heat set, using temperature appropriate for the fabric.



VITAL !!! Whenever you use objects in coordination with salt in ANY project, all those objects must be thoroughly washed too.



A horse brass makes an interesting weight and adds a pattern of its own

And last but not least ... start preparing now for gift wrapping throughout the year. Your hand-coloured fabrics and ribbons are ideal ... and reusable ... AND your creative friends especially will love them. **Here’s to a great ‘Happy Birthday’ year together ...**

Anne

