

Harmony News

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Quilt Shows:

Carlyle: Sept 20 & 21

<http://www.creda.sk.ca/homespun/>
(click on Homespun Quilt Show)

Regina: Sept 27 & 28

<http://www.prairiepiecemaker.com/>

I will have a booth at both quilt shows. Check out their websites for information and updates.

If you are planning to attend the quilt show and if you pre-order, you will receive a 10% discount.

I will have your order ready for pick-up at the show.

Pre-Orders must be received by Sept 15. E-mail

kathy@harmonyhanddyes.com or phone 306 873 5109

Pre-order

For Screen Printing instructions, go to www.harmonyhanddyes.com and click on "Instructions" then scroll down to "Screen Printing"



Screen Printing with thickened MX Procion Dye

Last January I attended a workshop at the Quilt Art Rockies in Canmore. It was a terrific opportunity to learn from Elizabeth Barton of Athens, Georgia. Elizabeth recently retired from teaching at the University of Georgia and is now able to travel and instruct more workshops. To see her work, you can go to <http://ebarton.myweb.uga.edu/>

I have wanted to learn this process for a long time. Procion dye is a permanent dye and does not change the "hand" of the fabric – unlike a lot of paints and screen printing inks. I was delighted to learn that the frames and screens do not have to be expensive, commercial products (although you can go that route if you want to). We created temporary screens and worked with simple tools and treasures from around our homes.

We learned about thickening MX Procion Dye with sodium alginate (a food quality product used to thicken sauces). We created some frames and screens with stretcher bars and sheer polyester curtain fabric, then we created designs using everyday equipment and supplies – masking tape, freezer paper, contact paper, leaves, a credit card as a "squeegee"...

I played with some of my own ideas this summer... creating even simpler screens as I "googled" and researched other options.

Another great thing about the thickened dye – you can stamp and paint it straight on the fabric. Create your own stamps and themes for fabric.

Contact me for workshop options if you are interested.



Workshops While I continue to do workshops with Guilds, I have had requests from others as well who would be willing to come to Tisdale to take classes. I have set up the following dates and the number of registrants will dictate the location. The workshop fee is \$25.00 per person.

Shiva Paintstiks – create a Christmas Wallhanging, some quilt blocks, or just experiment!

Nov 22, 2008 – Cost of supplies varies with what you already own or want to own!

Hand-dyeing a set of 12 (or 24, or 36) colours in a 12-step colour wheel

Nov 29, 2008 – Cost of supplies: \$15.00 for dye kit and fabric depending on quantity & quality

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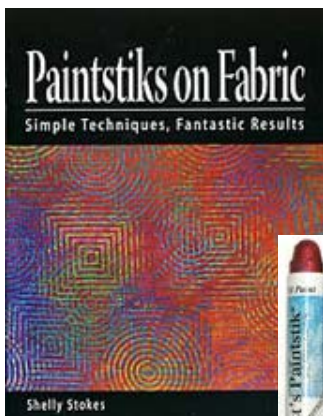
Nov 30, 2008. – Cost of supplies: \$40.00 for Pimatex kit; \$36.00 for Kona kit. (Robert Kaufman)

For more information, checkout <http://www.harmonyhanddyes.com/Tisdaleworkshops.html>

To register or if you have any questions, you can e-mail me at kathy@harmonyhanddyes.com or phone (306)873-5109.

Shiva Paintstiks

What is a Paintstik?...Artist quality, solid paint in stick form. It can be heat set on fabric for a permanent, washable finish.



**Iridescent
or Matte
Available**



There is still time to pick and press some leaves and grasses. Use them for screen printing, discharging and fabric embellishment.

New products.

Sodium Alginate – to thicken dyes or bleach for discharge.
Santa and the Reindeer – Pattern for Shiva Paintstik wall hanging (see sample above)

Mary Ellen's Best Press - Feeling a clear crisp starch that makes ironing more enjoyable. It's in a non-aerosol can, so it's environmentally-friendly and you can see how much is left, too. "There's no flaking, clogging, or white residue on dark fabrics. A special stain shield protects fabrics, and the product helps resist wrinkles."

Cedar Canyon Brush Soap - Perfect for Paintstik cleanup! Clean your brushes, hands and work surfaces safely and gently. Non-toxic, low-odor, and safe! 4 oz. (120ml)

New Rubbing Plates – Floral Fantasy and Garden Flowers – use with Shiva Paintstiks or fabric crayons.

Wishing you all a great fall.

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Check out patterns and products on-line at www.harmonyhanddyes.com