

Introduction to Painting on Silk

Sponsored by the Southwest Women's Fiber Arts Collective

Learn and practice the basic skills necessary to complete one 11x11 silk handkerchief and two 8x54 silk scarves in this 6-hour workshop. Instructor Sandy Hopper of Elephant Butte, NM describes painting on silk as a joyous adventure! "A day spent playing with color gives one a complete new outlook on life. We will explore the different types of silk fabric and the various techniques used to create unique hand dyed works of art on silk. I will demonstrate several of the different methods for stretching silk in preparation for painting/dyeing. The uses of resist, thickened dye and soy wax resist will be explored along with various other techniques employed when working with dye on silk."

To create your colorful works of art Sandy will be providing Jacquard Red label dyes. Students will learn how to create beautiful compound colors and practice many different application methods. Red label professional dyes are steam set; there will be instructions and hands on demonstrations of the steaming process used to set the dyes along with advice on finishing and embellishing your silk pieces.

Biography of the Instructor:

Sandy Hoppers' unique wearable silks and framed fine art flow with energy and glowing color. Each piece is as unique as the surroundings that inspired it. The southwest has always been her home, growing up in El Paso, Texas and now living near Elephant Butte Lake in New Mexico. She is a skilled, self-taught, multi-media artist whose creative energy is boundless. Her home studio is a New Mexico Fiber Arts Trails site where visitors are always welcome. More information can be found on her website, grasshoppersilk.com and her work can be seen at The Common Thread Gallery in Silver City.

Supplies: Students need to bring an apron, pen and paper for notes, wear old clothes. Sandy will provide silks, dyes, gloves, brushes and all other materials needed.

When: Saturday, May 10, 9-4 with a one-hour lunch break.

Where: Fiber Arts Center, 211D N Texas St., Silver City, NM

Cost: \$58 for current SWFAC members, \$63 for others with full payment required to register. There is an additional \$20 material fee to be paid to Sandra at the beginning of the class. The form below and your check or money order for the deposit can be mailed to:

SWFAC, PO Box 636, Silver City, NM 88062

or bring form and payment to:

The Common Thread, 107 W Broadway Street, Silver City NM,

Call for gallery hours and days open 575-538-5733.

Cancellation Policy: to get your deposit refunded, we must have notice of your cancellation by May 5—call The Common Thread at number below. After that date we cannot return your deposit, and **no refunds will be made.** SWFAC reserves the right to cancel the class on May 5th if we do not have at least three students registered in which case all money will be returned.

Class size is limited to 10 students so early registration is recommended.

For more information contact Jean Hill at Jeanh@fiberartscollective.org or The Common Thread at 575-388-4839, or Sandy Hopper at ant@grasshoppersilk.com or 505-740-4958.