

“Beginning and Intermediate Silk Painting and Surface Design” **Sponsored by the Southwest Women’s Fiber Arts Collective**

In this class you will create two small silk scarves using textural and Serti silk painting (gutta resist) techniques. The class will cover different types of silk dyes and stretchers, textural and gutta resist surface design techniques, and setting up a simple home steamer.

Biography of the Instructor: Blythe Whiteley is a self-taught artist who has been painting on silk for 15 years. She has also done painting and drawing, mask-making, fashion and costume design, floral art, beadwork, sculpture, jewelry, lampwork glass beadmaking, and ceramics. She has taught to all age levels in a variety of settings. Her hand-painted scarves are on display and for sale in The Common Thread.

Prerequisites (if any): There are no prerequisites for this class.

Supplies: Pencil and paper for note taking.

When: Saturday, February 20 OR February 27, 10 a.m. – 2 p.m. A lunch of homemade soup and bread is included, but you may bring a snack or bag lunch if you wish.

Where: 876 E. Pine Street, Silver City (instructor’s studio).

Cost: \$25 for current SWFAC members, \$30 for others with full payment required to register. There is an additional \$15 material fee to be paid to Instructor at the beginning of the class. The materials fee includes two silk scarves and all supplies. You can register by mail, visit or phone:

- Check or money order for the class fee can be mailed to SWFAC, PO Box 636, Silver City, NM 88062
- Bring payment to The Common Thread, 107 W Broadway Street, Silver City NM
- Call The Common Thread at 575-538-5733 and register by phone with a credit card.

Cancellation Policy: to get your class fee refunded, we must have notice of your cancellation by Wednesday, February 17—call The Common Thread at number below. After that date we cannot return your fee, and no refunds will be made. SWFAC reserves the right to cancel the class on February 17 if we do not have at least 3 students registered, in which case all money will be returned.

Class size is limited to 4 students so early registration is recommended.

For more information contact Blythe Whiteley at 575-534-0002, Kathy Cole at tkole6104@comcast.net or The Common Thread at 575-538-5733.

