

Dear Readers,

Thank you for a great response to our 7th Annual August Sale. It was excellent as usual and I hope everyone is enjoying their new "toys". In case you missed out, we'll definitely have some sales to help with your Christmas shopping :D

As we look forward to the fall, we look forward to the busy season. We are starting classes in late October and appearing once again at the Creative Sewing and Needlework Show between October 14th-17th.

My wife and I are still trying to squeeze in a few more rounds of golf before winter hits. It appears my wife and I are both addicted, with our garden and lawn taking the brunt of the neglect.

Until next month,

All the best

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Topics this month

- New products: acid dye colours, new organic pigments: yellow with correction on white & new books
- Fall Class schedule
- Monthly Sale
- Random Kindness

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NEW PRODUCTS

ACID DYES:

We are very pleased with our line of Acid Dyes. They are available in many beautiful, vibrant colours and are ideal for those who wish to dye silk, wool or nylon. These dyes weren't ideal for people who want to do a lot of colour mixing from primary colours. To accommodate these customers, we have improved certain colours in the line by replacing them with a noticeably clearer quality acid dye. These colours are 601 / 620 / 624 / 639 / 618 / 635. Generally, these new colours will be brighter, clearer and yield more per volume. Like our other colours, they will be available in 15gm containers for \$8.00

With these new colours only (601 / 620 / 624 / 639 / 618 / 635) we shall also have 50gm sizes for \$18.00.

We have also introduced a new Acid Dye Starter Kit : 15gm of four of our new primaries (601/620/624/639) plus 200gm Citric Acid and 120mL of TNA soap for \$30.00. This kit is perfect for those who want to take a more technical approach to fabric dyeing and color mixing.

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CLEARANCE: any remaining stock of the old line of ACID DYES in 601, 620, 624, 639, 618, 635 are now 50% off @ 4.00 each!

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G&S PIGMENT SYSTEM:

As I announced in July, we have started the transition to 100% solvent free, organic pigments. The prices are expected to go up slightly but the quality and yield of these pigments is much improved.

We previously announced the new "white" and "black". This month, we've added the new Process Yellow

#120 Process Yellow  
30mL \$4.25  
120mL \$11.00  
250mL \$18.50  
1 Quart \$48.00

Look for continual clear out deals on the existing pigments [http://www.gsdyer.com/Canada/current\\_sales.html](http://www.gsdyer.com/Canada/current_sales.html)

And look for additional new colours in the coming months.

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Correction: We made a mistake announcing the WHITE as organic pigment. This is an in-organic pigment but 100% solvent free. They are still extremely safe and low odor. The Black & Yellow plus other colours that will be added to the line will be organic based.

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#### NEW FABRIC

Finally, we have a new type of cotton that is in between our Chinese cotton (T1009) and our high-end Egyptians (T1001, T1007 & T1006). This new Cotton Poplin (art# T1010) has a high weave count (230) and a wide 60" width. The price is \$8.00/yd

#### NEW BOOKS

With all the changes in publishers and books coming in and out of print, I've gone on a mini book search. I have come across many new titles and ones that I had missed over the past couple years to replenish our depleted collection. Expect even more in the coming months.

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Shibbori: Creating Color and Texture on Silk by Karren K. Brito

Karren demonstrates her rendition of American shibori, sharing her authoritative knowledge of silk, dyes, dyeing and discharge. She reveals how to formulate colours, create a variety of resists and set textures. This beautifully designed and illustrated book provides a thorough understanding of each step in the shibori process and the information needed to execute original designs. \$38.95

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Dye Plants and Dyeing by Margaret Cannon

This book contains diagrams of plants, descriptions of structures, cultivation information, history as a dye source and the best method of use based on the author's experiments with forty-eight plants from different parts of the world. This is by far the best and most organized book on natural dyes I have come across. \$27.95

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Batik: modern concepts and techniques by Noel Dyrenforth

The author shares his years of experiences by graphically detailing the various step-by-step processes of modern and traditional batik. Dyeing is extensively covered with brush, dip, spray and discharge applications. The illustrations in this book are very clearly written and laid out. Historical pieces are noted for their techniques while modern works really show where the art form is progressing. \$43.95

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The weekend crafter: marbling by Laura Sims

A good book that's fully colored and illustrated showing this time honored technique. Covering the materials used, the various combing techniques and very useful ideas for making lamb shades, boxes, fabric quilts and table runners. \$22.95

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The weekend crafter: Batik by Diana Light

Learn batik the easy way as you make 21 bright and colorful projects by following these simplified techniques. Make contemporary items with easily reproducible patterns. Decorate pillows, paint scarves, and spruce up an old couch or even curtains. \$22.95

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Beginner's guide to Silk Painting by Caroline Earl

A new beginner guide that's up-to-date. Covering the obvious basics with gutta, dyes and paints, the book also explores some "paint" techniques (foiling, stamping and screen printing) to add a unique flair to your silk works. This book also features many examples and suggestions for making a wide range of items also (not just scarves). \$22.95

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Silk painting for beginners by Jilly Clay

A more traditional silk painting book, this progressive course provides a thorough grounding in the skills and applications. Along with the basics, unique subjects covered are marbling, salting, creating borders, anti-fussants, ombrés and watermarks. \$27.95  
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WORKSHOPS: Creative Sewing Show

G&S offers many informative workshops through the Creative Sewing Show. This venue is a convenient way to learn more about fabric dyeing and painting without the time commitment of a full weekend.

Batik with Jan Creelman – Oct 13 - full day  
Dyeing to Quilt – Oct 16th – half day 1:30-4:30  
Marbling on Fabric – Oct 16th – half day 1:30-4:45  
Microwave Scarf Dyeing – Oct 14 – 5:30-7:30  
Transfer Paints – Oct 17 – 9:00-12:15

Please contact the show office for more information and registration to the above workshops 905-709-0100 (local Toronto) or toll free 1-800-291-2030.

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WORKSHOPS: G&S DYE

As always, we are offering the following workshops this fall, held at our Markham location.

To register for these courses, please contact Margaret or Dixon at 416-596-0550 or toll free at 1-800-596-0550

October 30th: Basic Silk Painting

This course covers all the basics of silk painting. We learn about setting up a painting area, dyes, the 'new' paints, resist/guttas and different types of silk. Techniques that will be covered are salt, resist/gutta, free form painting and blending. Students will leave with numerous completed pieces and, most importantly, the confidence to explore silk painting further. Price is \$53.90, materials included.  
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November 6th – Screen Printing

This one-day workshop will take you through the process of printing t-shirts. At the end of the workshop, students will finish printing an original design and will know enough to start their own t-shirt printing business or apply techniques to printing yard goods. We cover many stencil preparation techniques (manual, photocopy and computer) and provide helpful hints on printing and shooting your screen. There is some prep work before the workshop, please enquire. Price is \$118.10, materials included.  
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November 13th & 14th – Batik with Jan Creelman

A rare workshop opportunity, Jan Creelman is an accomplished batik artist who will guide you through this beautiful art form. The course will incorporate the use of traditional batik drawing tools and combine it with the textural possibilities of resist mark making. We will use a wide range of homemade and commercial tools & brushes as well as a variety of dyes and paints. Participants will use their new skills to create 1-2 finished batik paintings. Price is \$209.05, materials included.  
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November 20th – Silk Painting & Dyeing for Fashion with Regan, head painter at Ms. Emma Designs

This approach to silk painting and dyeing has become more and more popular as silk painters and dyers realize the possibilities of garment design. Focusing on free form painting and dyeing, Regan will guide you through the process of painting larger pieces for clothing. Learn about using fashionable colours effectively, techniques on painting pattern pieces as well as tips for creating designs that work. \$107.40, materials included.

To see two examples of Regan's work, click the following links

<http://www.gsdy.com/Canada/Gallery/ms-emma.jpg>

<http://www.gsdy.com/Canada/Gallery/ms-emma2.jpg>

Note: we should have the full 2005 workshops posted in November.

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#### SALES THIS MONTH

These sales are effective September 23rd until October 31st.

- Remaining "old stock" Acid Dyes: number 601 / 620 / 624 / 639 / 618 / 635 reg. \$8.00...on sale for \$4.00...limited stock.

- 5mm Pongee Scarves 11"x51" Reg. 3.75, on sale for \$2.95

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#### RANDOM KINDNESS

As always, we give out free stuff to unsuspecting email readers. This month, the winners are:

Tami Norget of Winnipeg, Manitoba

And

Joan De Vaney of San Antonio, Texas

They have won an Acid Dye starter kit. Please email me your full address and phone number and I'll send off the gift

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#### CLOSING NOTES

If you are still receiving duplicates, please reply with the subject #'s of all the duplicates and I'll correct it. We have corrected many of the duplicate emails after last few months, but if you are still receiving duplicates email me personally at [dixon@gsdye.com](mailto:dixon@gsdye.com)

Also if you do not wish to continue to receiving our email newsletters, please email us at [newsletter@gsdye.com](mailto:newsletter@gsdye.com) and we'll take your name off the mailing.

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