



The Left Bank Studio

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Upcoming Events

Friday, January 6th 6-8 pm

Mary Mulford, A Retrospective

At GL Foster's Artworks Gallery

1101 5th Street, Nevada

Saturday, January 7th 3-5 pm

Reception for Jo Myers-Walker and Linda Poore at the Unitarian Universalist Fellowship on N. Hyland Ave, Ames

Classes:

Jo Myers-Walker

Starting Thursday, January 12th 9-11 am

watercolor, fabric painting, and surface design at Reiman Gardens in Ames

Starting Saturday, January 14th 10-12 noon

Surface Design – painted coats, bags, Pillows, floor coverings at the Left Bank Studio in Gilbert

Wednesdays, 10-12 noon

Fabric painting and Surface Design at GL Foster's Artworks Gallery

Spring Classes at Block Party Studios In Nevada (see future newsletters for Information)

TAKE TIME TO BE CREATIVE

The Left Bank Studio is a mini art center filled with creative wonderment by providing inspirational space for retreats, art classes and parties. The kitchen is in the vault supplying refreshing hospitality of soups and desserts.

The Left Bank Studio

125 Main St.

Gilbert, IA 50105

Phone: 515-233-1405

HOURS: Thursdays Fridays 11 – 6 pm

Saturdays 10 - 3 pm

Just 3 miles north of Ames



Photo courtesy of Perry Struse



hand made cast paper



Watercolor

“EYE CANDY” is the title of a show of watercolors, handmade paper and acrylic sculpture of **Jo Myers-Walker and Linda Poore** at the Unitarian Universalist Fellowship in Ames January 7th through February 18th.

The reception is **Saturday, January 7th from 3 to 5 pm**. You are invited to come and talk with the artists and view their artwork.



acrylic sculpture



painting on watercolor hot press Paper using watercolor and salt

CLASSES: REIMAN GARDENS: Watercolor, surface design, and fabric painting . Classes start on Thursday, January 12th at 9 AM . While the gardens are sleeping, lets experiment with watercolor, pouring inks, dyes, pastels and all kinds of texture-making. See what will be revealed and add a little realism if you wish. Participants will get to showcase their art in an exhibition Saturday, March 10th. All skill levels welcome. Sign up for one class or all nine! Cost \$30 per class if a member of Reiman Gardens. To sign up, call 515-294-4847 or go to www.reimangardens.com. Here are some of the watercolor techniques you will learn....



cheesecloth resist



wax paper, resist, using inks, salt and opaque white



saran wrap resist, salt & brush



tape resist, painting by Jeanne Carbonetti



waxpaper resist

THE LEFT BANK STUDIO: Surface Design class begins Saturday, January 14th at 10-12 noon at The Left Bank Studio in Gilbert. Jo used to paint yardage for interior designers and painted coats, bags and pillows for galleries and shops.

Starting on January 14th, Jo will be teaching Surface Design and how to paint companion fabrics to create art quilts, pillows, bags, vests, hats, and canvas floor coverings. Students will be using dyes, inks, permanent pens, silk screens, stamps, stencils, rubbings, enamels, latex and numerous texture-making techniques.

Students will accomplish one project per class. There will be emphasis on color, value, light and dark contrasts, pattern, shape, line and dominance. Jo will provide some patterns and sketches for you to work from. For a small lab fee, paints and dyes will be provided for your use.

Fabric painting/Surface Design class will be held at **The Left Bank Studio in Gilbert** on Saturdays at 10-12. Call Jo at 515-233-1405 to register or get more information. Cost is \$25 per class and additional lab supply fee. Examples of Surface Design projects below:



Painting on cotton vests & pillows using dyes, latex, permanent markers



painted canvas floor covers



Silk screens, permanent marker, latex paint to paint on large tote bags



the acrylic girls as quilt hangers

Jo will also teach a Fabric painting/Surface Design class at **GL Foster's ArtWorks Gallery** in Nevada (corner of 4th and K) on Wednesday mornings at 10-12. Call Gwen at 515-520-1548 to register and to get more information. Cost is \$25 per class and additional lab supply fee.

Also, **Mary Mulford, A Retrospective**, an exhibit featuring award winning artist Mary Mulford's work in watercolor, oils, and acrylic, will be showing at GL Foster's Artworks Gallery at 1101 5th Street in Nevada from January 6th to February 29. Reception is January 6th from 6-8 pm.

SPRING CLASS:

Jo's spring classes at Block Party Studios in Nevada, making vests and hats from remnants. Fascinated with the art quilts, Jo has teamed up with Block Party Studios in Nevada by selling their beautiful fabrics and designing artful quilt squares for her plethora of images. Look for details in future newsletters.



Teaming up with Block Party Studios, using their silk screened text and adding color with their permanent watercolor marker and maybe a little watered down latex



The figure is from "Nudes in the Kitchen" cookbook. Do you think a feminine quilt design would be an art quilt?



Fabric dyeing, silk screening, painting companion fabric to go with the beautiful batik fabric from Block Party Studios.



Taking the girls out for a walk across cotton duck, textured fabric, dyed fabric and painting on satin, Jo would like you to test out some of her musician sketches (at top of photo) helping her to develop subject matter to be printed at Block Party Studios.

WHAT'S JO BEEN DOING?



Photo courtesy of Perry Struse

Painting Watercolor on Doors

Jo painted 12 door room dividers for **Hen and Chicks Studio in Conrad, IA**. It is a creativity center providing retreat space, sleeping, retail products, and inspiration to people wanting to dedicate time to quilting, scrapbooking and other art forms. Call 641-366-3336 or www.henandchicksstudio.com. This was so inspirational for Jo that she's back to painting on fabric.



Painting on Doors

Jo painted 2 doors in watercolor for a family in Des Moines. She sealed them with clear coat. The images are from holidays with their children and happy memories. The doors are hung and will rotate to be used as room dividers.



Jo at KHOI FM Radio in Ames

Jo's been painting a mural with Ursula and Todd at the Ames Pantorium, home of KHOI FM radio, in Ames. The mural can be viewed at Café Diem. Two programs of KHOI-FM are "Porch Stories" and "Pandemonium at the Pantorium". The next recordings of "Porch Stories" will be on January 21st and February 18th at 7:30 pm. Recording of "Pandemonium at the Pantorium" will be on January 7th at 7:30 pm with the band, Poison Control performing. All are invited to attend – for more information, see www.khoifm.org or Facebook.