

SAMANTHA POPE CREATIONS

NEWSLETTER

Well the new year is flying by already. I have been on holiday down the Beach at Pt Elliot getting some inspiration from local galleries and landscapes.

I'm sitting in my caravan with a view of the rocks off Horseshoe bay, a gentle sea breeze blowing and the sound of the ocean. I have been to Authenticity Spa for a massage and Dead Sea marine mud wrap. So I should be suitably relaxed and ready to channel my inner creativity.

This month and next I will be teaching at The Stitching Circle in Mt Barker if you have ever wanted to learn how to do freehand machine embroidery with any kind of sewing machine then the beginners class will teach you how to draw with straight stitch and zig zag, sew over open spaces to create windows and cobwebs, adjust the top and bobbin tensions for creative effects and thread paint.

Overlocking for all levels will take you through threading and tension adjustments to get the perfect stitch on a variety of fabrics. Learn decorative techniques like rolled hemming, flatlocking and garment applications like elastic and tape application. You will also use decorative threads.

I am still working on my cityscape quilt for Dare to Differ, slowly creating a landscape of tall skyscrapers with reflective tape, lame and organza.

Machine Embroidery and Textile Art magazine has asked me to contribute to the magazine this year. I have written over 45 articles over the past 8 years, it's getting a little tough to come up with new ideas. I did find a nifty table runner in a shop in Yankalilla the other day, it's made of laser cut felt with intertwining circles. Could be the start of a creative bag project.

I have also been having fun making more samples for the backgrounds and beyond workshop playing with gossamer fuse, a fine black spider web fabric that I have dry brushed metallic paint over the fuse. The fuse can be overlaid onto other surfaces and melted in by zapping to partly fuse areas.



Once Upon A Time there was an Evil Queen who was turning 40 in August, she decided to have a Masquerade Ball party and make herself an elaborate costume from one of her favourite TV series. But to fit into said costume she needs to lose weight first and so far is down 3kg since Christmas.

Stay tuned for the creation of my Evil Queen costume which is in the drafting of a pattern and searching for the perfect purple brocade fabric at the moment!

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Workshops

Feb 16th Saturday, Overlocking basics and creative. \$80, 9.30 - 4pm at The Stitching Circle, 15 Gawler St. Mt Barker. booking at

www.thestitchingcircle.com.au 83982150

March 23rd Saturday, Freehand machine Embroidery for beginners. 9.30 - 4pm \$80 at The Stitching Circle, 15 Gawler st Mt Barker.

March 17th & 24th 2 x Sundays, Backgrounds and Beyond an experimentation in fabrics, heat and paint techniques on day one and machine embroidery on day two for the S A Embroiders Guild. For details go to for contact information www.embguildsa.org.au as the guild web site has not been updated for this years workshop list yet.

Events

Feb 11th Fibre Artist Network 7pm start.

March 3 -24 "10 x TEN" Exhibition at prospect Gallery 1 Thomas St Nailsworth. Open tue 10:15 - 8:30, Wed - Fri 10:15 - 6, Sat 9 - 4, Sun 2 -5.

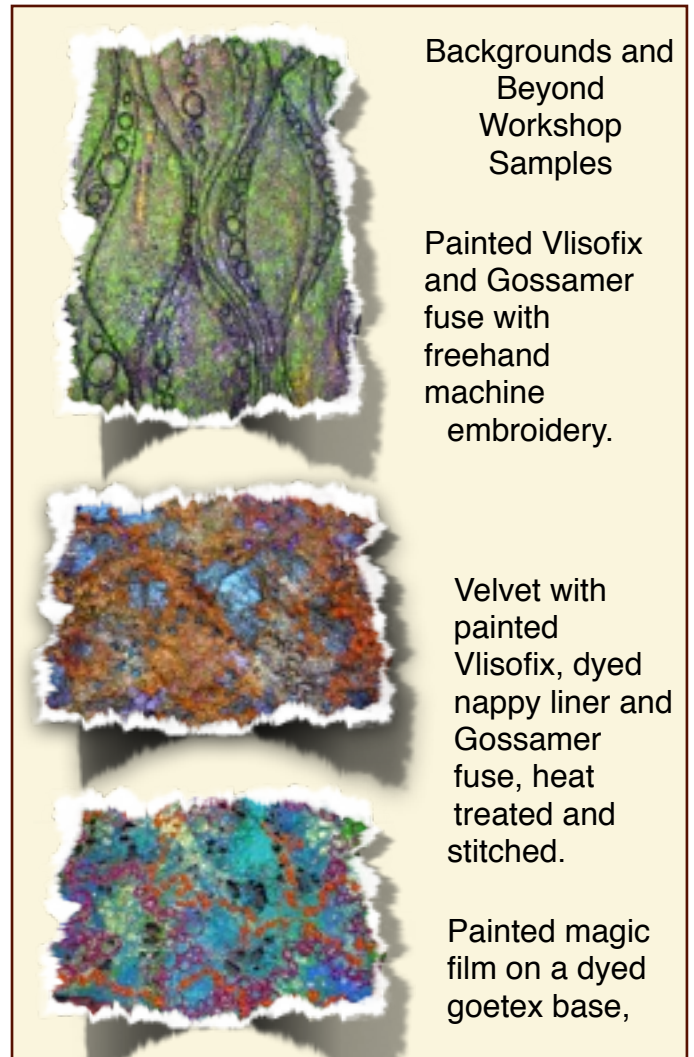
A Decade of Collective & Collaborative Works, processes, colours, patterns.

A variety of mediums including textiles, jewellery, sculpture, ceramics, glass, painting, photography and printmaking T'Arts – Textile & Arts Collective

Based on the theme of 10, ten elements, processes, colours, patterns.

Free Demonstrations

March 9th Saturday, Embellisher Machine Demonstration by me, FREE. 10-11am & 1.30 - 2.30pm at The Stitching Circle, bookings as above



Backgrounds and Beyond Workshop Samples

Painted Vlisofix and Gossamer fuse with freehand machine embroidery.

Velvet with painted Vlisofix, dyed nappy liner and Gossamer fuse, heat treated and stitched.

Painted magic film on a dyed goetex base,

Hanging Plastic Bust

If you need a display model I have some available from the Bra Art exhibition. They are black half body with a hanging hook. \$10 each. I will be at the May FAN meeting and bring them down then so let me know if you want some.



FAN fibre Artist Network next meeting is February 11th at Marden Senior Collage campus, Marden Rd Marden in the Art room. 6.30pm open for 7pm start. Cost \$3. Bring show and tell, books, textiles of interest, upcoming exhibition, event workshop info to share around. 20-40 people usually turn up!

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