

## **Live & Learn Fall Workshops - Silk Painting Workshop**

### **Date**

October 5-7, 2008

### **Location**

April Point Resort & Spa on Quadra Island (3 hours north of Victoria)

### **Price**

\$199 per person, including two nights accommodation, based on double occupancy

### **Equipment**

\$25 fee will be added to every reservation for materials.

During this workshop, participants will produce a large silk painting as well as several smaller pieces. Our time will be spent exploring the medium and learning to control the gutta, the method of resist used in silk painting. All materials will be supplied including frames, silk, dyes, gutta, steamers and paint brushes. We will focus on exploration and experimentation as the use of this medium will be a new experience for the participants. The silk dyes are rich and the glowing colours are enhanced by steaming.

Please bring images you feel would be good subjects for your art work. Some images and books will be available to reference. This medium lends itself to floral motifs as well as sea life images, but is not limited to these areas. The finished product can be used as a wall hanging or can be worn as wearable art.

### **About your instructor** Candace Holmes – [candles1950@yahoo.ca](mailto:candles1950@yahoo.ca)

Candace Holmes is a long time Quadra Island resident. She spent twenty years working for the local school district and in the mid nineties quit teaching to pursue a full time art career. She was a member of the artist co-op that ran the Fools Gallery in Heriot Bay on Quadra Island. Her efforts in Graphic Design led to her design work for the Capers Stores in Vancouver as well as many local logos and design projects. In 2001 she worked for the United Nations in their Mission in Kosovo as a graphic designer.

Candace loves to paint. Her favorite mediums are acrylics, pastels, airbrushing and silk painting. She gives workshops in all four mediums from her home studio or through the Art Gallery in Campbell River, the local school district and through the Recreation Society on Quadra Island.

### **About April Point Resort & Spa**

April Point Resort & Spa is an island getaway away from the crowds, featuring the elegant yet laid back atmosphere of the west coast. Enjoy wildlife tours, kayaking, fishing, spa treatments, island tours and sumptuous meals, all enhanced by the stunning natural beauty of Discovery Passage. Guests also enjoy the amenities of Painter's Lodge in Campbell River, connected by a complimentary scenic water shuttle.

For reservations or more information, please call 1-800-663-7090 or visit [obmg.com/learn](http://obmg.com/learn)

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### Silk Painting Itinerary

(Please meet in salon A&B)

#### Sunday, October 5

- 3:00 pm            Resort check in
- 4:00 - 5:00 pm    Assemble and see some examples of silk paintings and begin preparing the silk for painting. This involves cleaning the silk, soaking it in vinegar (this speeds up steaming time at the end) and ironing it dry.
- 7:00 – 9:00 pm    Finish preparing pieces for framing and stretch the silk over a frame. Choose images for our pieces and use an opaque projector to enlarge the picture so it can be traced the following day.

#### Monday, October 6

- 9:00 - 11:30 am    Explore the use of gutta (solvent used in silk painting) and how the dye is applied to the silk. We will be working on a variety of sizes and styles of stretched silk and experimenting with different types of gutta as well as other effects created by applying rock salt to the painted dye. Prepare to be amazed!
- 1:00 – 5:00 pm     Begin work on the large piece by tracing the image created the night before on the silk. Paint the image using a wide range of pebeo silk dyes. These dyes are very high quality and create jewel like colours. Shades of colour can be created by diluting the dye with water.
- 7:00 – 9:00 pm     Remove the paintings from the frames, roll them in newsprint and steam for an hour and a half. While the pieces are steaming, there is the option to start a new project.

#### Tuesday, October 7

- 9:00 - 11:30 am    Finish piece and critique each others work. Handouts and supplies list provided.
- 12:00 pm            Resort check out