

Creative Arts Safaris

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Newsletter # 2- 2010

Greetings all,

We hope this newsletter finds you well and the hopes you started the new year with are starting to take shape. Here in Pushkar our home base for Creative Arts Safaris is nearly complete- take a look at my blog

<http://ofdaydreamsandmemories.blogspot.com/>- we love to show off and there are plenty of pictures. Anyone joining our Indian trips will be treated to dinner at our place and anyone passing please feel free to pop in for a cup of chai tea!

My studio is also being built and in the future we will be offering an artist-in-residence programme based there. A comfortable home base and studio for a foreign artist and in return hopefully they can offer some type of enrichment classes or experiences for local ladies or skills development for the older girls at a Streetkids project we work with- lots of possibilities as you can see.

All our team are busy with their individual interests, a few stories and pictures follow, the world out there is very different from back home and very exciting to experience.

We hope you get the chance somewhere, sometime

Nameste

Fiona and Praveen

Rajasthan- a Tactile Textile Tour...

- Wanted – room mate for coming tour...
- Delhi is getting a major facelift for the Commonwealth Games- and starting to look rather flash. We are rather pleased with ourselves starting the tour two weeks after the Games -all the 'excitements' and any hiccups will have passed, everything will be peaceful again after the party and we will have it all to ourselves [OK with a billion other people...] to adventure through.
- Take a look at the itinerary at www.creative-arts-safaris.com/Raj

Still time to join us- so start today!

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Australian Schedule...

I will be visiting Australia later in the year, if you would like to meet up I am giving various talks and shows around the country

- [NCEATA](#) Newcastle, NSW 18 Sept, 2010
- [Geelong Textile Forum](#) from Wednesday 29 Sept to 2 Oct, 2010
- [Zone One Arts](#) 13 Oct, 2010. Armadale, Victoria.

Sumptuous Syrian Textiles



Dijanne's head is still full of exotic and beautiful images from her last trip to Syria- click www.creative-arts-safaris.com/DijanneSST-10 for her lovely word image along with picture collages to tantalize you, also a little about the present exhibition she is touring through Europe Southernlands.

www.southernlands.webs.com

Happy snaps from the trip www.creative-arts-safaris.com/happysnapsSST-10

came to be and some of the meanings embedded into them for inspiration], Kantha quilts of India, Molasses of South America, these are all good places to begin a little research to get you in the mood...

Other places to set the mood Blog "Spirit Cloth" and the work of Jude Hill. The work of Dr Skye Morrison on the "Stitching Women's' Lives" Project The website- www.redthreadranis.com.

Teaching...

Beautiful Silks Melbourne Victoria, 15-17 October, 2010

Women's Stitching Tales ~ Story Cloths "Life is a journey, the destination is always the same: how you get there is your story."

Every cloth tells a story, the colours you choose, the marks you make, the marks it accrues over time all add to the memories and meanings it encodes.

Choose a story that has meaning for you- perhaps your own, that of someone you admire or a fiction...spend a few moments, make a few notes before class [suggestions to follow on enrolment] and we will embark on this trail together. Many cultures have used a flat surface to tell a whole story, think medieval tapestries [Read the fictional story created by Tracy Chevalier of how the Lady and the Unicorn Tapestries

We are going to create our individual story cloths [finished size around 1 metre square- make a great wall piece or centre of a very cosy quilt]

Upon booking notes will be sent to you- to help develop your theme so you have your ideas in order to start out, after some preliminary discussions of layout and methods we will fashion the background in nuno felt using pre-felts and fine silks on the top to give us a starting point [this is a quick way to produce a luscious background- no experience with felting necessary, methods will be covered on the first day] from there on, we can individually develop your pieces....using stitch- machine or hand, perhaps you have some small pieces of fabric that relate to your story to add in and embellishments.

www.fionawright.com for further details

Textile Traditions of Vietnam's North



A picture is worth a thousand words....even Mr Thong our translator stitched on this trip! And Mrs Phanh our teacher was amused.

Lots more Happy Snaps on www.creative-arts-safaris.com/happysnapsTTVN-10.html

Glorious Ghana

Maggie and Bob were just heading off to collect this sign the day we left Accra for Kumasi- as excited as two little kids going to a party...when you order a sign painted in Africa [and India] no matter how carefully you spell it out your always get a typo...and they were bubbling with excitement to see what theirs would be!

Looks good -doesn't it?

For more of their story and pictures click this link

www.creative-arts-safaris.com/MagieandBob-2010



Bookings Open

- Rajasthan- a Tactile Textile Tour www.creative-arts-safaris.com/Raj
- Glorious Ghana www.creative-arts-safaris.com/GG
- Indian Cooking and Spice Safari www.creative-arts-safaris.com/ICSS

Make a booking today!

Coming up soon...

- Textile Traditions of Vietnam's North www.creative-arts-safaris.com/TTVN
- Moorish Delights of Andalusia and Morocco www.creative-arts-safaris.com/MDAM
- Sumptuous Syrian Textiles www.creative-arts-safaris.com/SST-10

You are most welcome to join us!

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