

**Debbie Jones
Albuquerque, NM**

***Artist in Residence
June 11-15, 2019***

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Debbie Jones is a fabric artist who specializes in fabric decollage, art quilts and mixed media collage. Her fascination with color and love of fabric started in childhood, when she began crafting and sewing. This eventually led to a part-time business in sewing and fashion design. In 1990, after winning a quilt in a charity raffle, she became intrigued with quilts and decided to try making them herself. After studying techniques from world-renowned quilting instructors and some experimentation on her own, she began to create one-of-a-kind contemporary quilts that express her artistic flair, working both by hand and by machine. Her art is in collections around the world and has been exhibited in galleries and at fine art shows in various locations around the United States.

The Brazos Bluebonnet Quilt Guild, The Arts Council of the Brazos Valley, Lone Star Quiltworks, and The Wearables Group is proud to announce that Debbie will be our featured Artist in Residence in June, 2019. For 5 days (June 11-15) Debbie will be sharing her skills by presenting 5 workshops and will be our featured Presenter at the June 11 Quilt Guild Meeting.

Schedule of Events:

June 11: *Silk Fusion Vessels Workshop*



Learn to make these exquisite vessels by choosing a vase then bonding silk and other fibers to it using a special varnish. Once dry, remove it from the vase and you have a beautiful Silk Fusion Vessel. Insert an electronic candle or fairy lights for a soft glow that really highlights the silk fibers. You'll have fun playing with dozens of fibers and choosing your favorites to make a one-of-a-kind vessel! These fibers are incredibly soft yet so strong when bonded together. Add Angelina fiber, Firestar, yarns, threads or other embellishments for sparkle if you like (included in the kit fee). The varnish does not make the vessel shiny or overly stiff, just sturdy enough to hold its shape. It will still be soft and textured and oh, so touchable. There's nothing else quite like it! Debbie will also demonstrate how to bond silk fibers to a glass vase permanently. A detailed color handout is included, so you can easily make more vessels at home. They make great gifts!

Bring a glass vase up to 9" tall (used to shape the vessel on), a wine or olive oil bottle (used as a stand to suspend the vase upside down), a box/bin to take it home in and a few old towels to prop it up for the ride. A \$27 kit fee covers everything else, including their choice of an electronic candle or fairy lights. Each student goes home with a finished vessel, which will dry within a few days.

June 11: Lecture – Fabric Becomes Fine Art

Stretching the boundaries of what can be done with fabric, Debbie encourages quilters and other fiber artists to see their work is fine art. She will show lots of samples along with slides, explaining how she “accidentally” developed her fusible technique and sharing how it doesn’t take any art training to create beautiful fabric decollage (a cross between decoupage and collage) without the time and planning required in quilting. Of course, stitching or quilting can also enhance these pieces. Not to replace quilting, but adding to it, this is a great way to work with all those leftover fabric scraps. Arrange them to create landscapes, underwater seascapes or even abstract pieces. Add a mat and frame, and voilá, it’s fine art! This will open up a whole new world to fabric lovers – you’ll never look at fabric the same way again!

This lecture starts at 7:00 pm at the Brazos Center, Bryan TX. This lecture is free of charge.

June 12: Butterfly Banquet / Butterfly Garden Decollage Workshop



Create a beautiful floral bouquet adorned with butterflies, or leave out the vase and make an outdoor garden scene! Choose from lots of Debbie’s butterfly and dragonfly patterns, and different vase designs, then use fabric and fusibles to make them all uniquely yours. Make some of the butterflies 3-D, so they stand out, literally! You can bring large scale floral and leaf prints, or use Debbie’s designs to make your own. Depending on how many butterflies you want to make, you may choose to finish this at home or might be able to finish it in class. This 18”x24” wallhanging can be wrapped around a stretched canvas or quilted. (No quilting is done in class, so you don’t need to bring a machine!)

There is a \$15.00 kit fee. Students bring background fabric, a floral print, fabric for either a vase (for a bouquet) or ground (for a garden), fusible web, tweezers, scissors and a lunch. The kit fee covers the patterns/designs printed on freezer paper, all fabrics for butterflies/dragonflies (many already fused), foam-core board, pins, a detailed handout and lots of misc. supplies.

June 13: Fabric Stamping



Bring your own fabrics to class and use Debbie’s rubber stamps, stencils, inks, paints, paint sticks and markers to create unique pieces that will add pizzazz to your quilts, wearables or decollage! Learn tricks for getting crisp, clear images that are permanent once heat-set, and enhance your fabrics even more with inks and markers for depth and shading. Use wood and wood-backed stamps, foam stamps and stamps you can easily make yourself. Techniques include stamping with permanent ink, stamping with fabric paint, stenciling with oil paintstiks and more, foiling on fabric and velvet embossing. (Velvet is included in the kit fee.) Everyone will ask how you did that!

\$18 kit fee includes everything mentioned above, except for your fabric. Detailed handout included. Everything provided except the fabric.

June 14: *Fabric Landscape Decollage*



Create a unique 11"x14" fabric landscape, in any style or color scheme, finished in one day and ready for a frame! It will look like a painting - a "fabric painting"! No stitching needed, and no experience is necessary. With many chances to change your mind as your work evolves throughout the day, it's easy and fun. Bring a landscape photo for inspiration, or choose from hundreds of Debbie's pictures in

class. Then choose from thousands of her landscape fabrics to make your special scene. No templates or patterns are needed. Instead, you'll learn free-form cutting techniques to create a fabric landscape all your own. She will also show you how to alter this technique so your finished decollage can be quilted or stitched later, if you prefer, and will also discuss mounting and framing options. You'll finish your fabric landscape in class!

\$20 kit fee includes everything except for scissors, tweezers

June 15: *Ice Dyeing and Modern Tie-Dyeing*



Create your own unique fabrics (8-10+ pieces) by sprinkling dyes over ice covered fabric. So beautiful, similar to batiks, only better! First we'll prepare the fabrics in a soda ash solution, then the real fun begins. Bring any fabric (or scarves, t-shirts, etc.) made of natural fibers like cotton, silk, rayon, wool, bamboo or blends of these. Learn different ways to scrunch, twist, twirl, fold and clamp your fabric to get different patterns. Choose your dye colors and watch the magic as the dyes melt over the ice! Wear old clothes and

shoes, and we'll use masks and gloves for safety with the powdered dyes. We'll also use mandalas, swirls and more. A detailed handout is included. Many easy techniques, no prior experience necessary. This is a great way to make your quilts, wearables and other fabric art truly unique!

\$45 kit fee includes everything except for fabric (and scarves/clothing if you want), ice, rubber gloves, old towels, a spray bottle and a lunch. The kit fee includes dyes, soda ash, urea, Synthrapol/Dawn, containers, mask, trays/racks, sinew, ties, balls/marbles, plastic and plastic wrap, bottles, Reduran and other supplies.

General Information:

1. The cost for each workshop is \$35.00 per participant.
2. All workshops will start at 9:00 am and will last until approximately 4:00 pm.
3. To sign up for a workshop, please email Sharon Braunagel (sbrauna@icloud.com) with the following information:

Name

Requested workshop

Email address

Phone

Make out your check to: Brazos Bluebonnet Quilt Guild (BBQG)

Send your check to: Sharon Braunagel, 1908 Streamside Way, Bryan TX 77807

Your place is the workshop is not secured until S. Braunagel has received your check.

You will be sent a confirmation email upon receipt of check. If signing up for multiple workshops, please list the workshops on the check.

Once payment has been received, supply lists and detailed workshop information will be emailed to each participant.

Payment for kit fees will be collected at the workshop.

Venues:

June 11: Lecture ***“Fabric Becomes Fine Art”*** will be held at the Brazos Center, 3232 Briarcrest Drive, Bryan TX, 77802 (979-776-8338). *There is no charge to attend this presentation.*

The following workshops will be held at the American Legion Hall, Post 159, 101 Waco Street, Bryan TX

Workshop 1 – June 11 - Silk Fusion Vessels

Workshop 2 – June 12 - Butterfly Garden Decollage

Workshop 3 – June 13 - Fabric Stamping

Workshop 4 – Fabric landscape Decollage

Workshop 5: Ice Dyeing on Fabric will be held outdoors at the home of Sharon Braunagel, 1908 Streamside Way, Bryan TX, 77807

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