



## Quilters Connection

### **Betsy Habich, Eco-Printing workshop supply list**

The modifiers we will be working with will permanently stain clothes, so please dress accordingly! In addition, an apron is a good idea.

#### Supply list:

- N95 mask (to wear while mixing mordants)
- Thin plastic gloves (thin enough to easily manipulate small, fussy leaves, thin silk, and tie tight knots in string)
- Foliage and flowers gathered at home and a water pail to bring them in (see list below for suggestions)
- Spray/misting bottle for use with plain water. You will be using it around mordanted and/or dipped items, so for your health and safety, please bring one you will not use for another purpose.
- A package of parchment paper
- Strong string

#### For your kit fee (TBD, but about \$40), you will receive:

- Pieces of pre-mordanted silk broadcloth, cotton, linen, and wool, plus a silk habotai scarf
- Use of the instructor's tools in class (dowels, clamps, and mordants, pots and racks).
- Notes that give you a head start on mordanting and eco-printing at home, along with list of sources and resources.

#### Plant material: Please bring any non-toxic plant material you want to try (no poison ivy PLEASE!)

- Naturally red or dark leaves are a good bet to print well (Japanese maple, sand cherry, redbud, red variety of smokebush). I have not tried copper beech tree leaves, but would love to! If you are lucky enough to have a black lace-cap elderberry, bring a sprig or two of it.
- Maples: many types work pretty well to well
- Birch: most leaves work well
- Oak: hit or miss, but bring some if you have it. We can probably coax it into printing by using a modifier.
- Sumac (NOT poison sumac!) both the red velvety part and the leaves print well, though the 'candles' will probably not have developed when we are working
- Honey locust: leaves print well
- Speckled alder: leaves are a strong printer, and it's invasive, so if you've got it, bring it!
- Coreopsis: leaves often print orange!
- Smoke bush: both the leaves and 'smoke' print
- Rose, strawberry, and raspberry leaves print well. Based on this, it seems reasonable other berry leaves would print well too.
- If you have flowers blooming at home, and don't mind sacrificing them to your experiments, bring 'em!
- If they are blooming, the following flower print well: Red Monarda/bee balm/ragged robin (petals), red coreopsis (yellow may print as well, but I have not tried it).
- Dandelions and goldenrod both print, but must be used with restraint because their color bleeds

#### A couple of things I know through experimentation do NOT work:

- Ginko: sadly ginko leaves do NOT print
- Hydrangea blossoms do not print, but their leaves do
- Blue blossoms seldom print, and are fugitive (not permanent) if they do BUT never say never... blue bachelor button blossoms have printed for me
- Daffodil blossoms don't work for me