

## The 'Art of Eco Printing' 1-day workshop

5 hours

Goal: To learn the basics of using natural plant materials to print one of kind items on natural materials: Silk, wool, cotton, linen or blends of these fibers.

What you will leave this class with:

- A sampler strip of silk printed from the vegetation from around your house or favorite florist
- 2- A Habotai Silk scarves (8"x72")
  - 1 from the vegetation from around your house or favorite florist
  - 1 that you have printed with items known to print
- The basic training of how to print using natural vegetation
- Skills to finishing and setting the product
- Information on how to also print on wool, cotton and linen

Disclaimer: Not all plant material works – that is why you will have the opportunity to create a sampler of items you have readily available. This is the time to experiment, some! Also, I am not a chemist or understand all the chemical properties – I know what works and how different each item created can be produced. Each item is a work of art and surprise!

Once class has been paid, you will be provided a need to bring list.

What you need to bring:

- Work clothing – some materials do stain
- Leaves and flowers from your yard or florist (make sure they are fresh, but also pure – no dyes). If you pick up leaves or flowers ahead of time, place them between a layer of parchment paper to let dry – we will re-hydrate during the class
- Best items: But be willing to try other plants for the sampler
  - Roses – leaves and petals
  - Oak leaves
  - Small maple leaves
  - Sword fern
  - Eucalyptus – 3 different varieties– all work well
  - Marigold
  - Geraniums – flowers and leaves
  - Raspberry and Blackberry leaves
  - Mums
  - African Daisy
  - Red and yellow onion skins
  - America Sweet Gum
- What does not work: grasses, evergreens, waxy leaves
- Optional items to bring:
  - Any wool items in white/off white or light grey to also print on: scarf, fabric, blanket
  - You don't really get messy, but work clothing is best; be comfortable
- I will provide everything else. I am hoping to have additional wool gauze scarves available to purchase for cost at the workshop.