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Donegal Art Teachers

Batik Workshop

Date: 24th March 2018

Time: 11.00am - 4.30pm

Venue: Regional Cultural Centre

Tutor: Fiona Higgins

Fiona Higgins paints the Donegal landscape on silk using the batik process. She taught Art & Design for ten years in Limavady before leaving to work full time as an artist. She is inspired by the ever-changing colours of the landscape, the textures and patterns of the sea and sand, trees and bog land. Her work has been presented to Enda Kenny and Prince Charles, she has been featured on Nationwide and won first prize in printed textiles in the RDS National Craft and Design awards in 2013 and took part in the RDS exhibition in 2016.

Workshop Content:

During the workshop teachers will experiment with techniques of applying wax and blocking colours, the most effective techniques for building tone and creating patterns and textures. Guidelines will be given to participants in creating an effective three colour separation batik. Participants will receive printed resources about the batik process and artists references.

Workshop Includes:

- Introduction to Art work of Fiona Higgins, process used.
- Demonstration of different ways to create pattern texture, build up tones, texture, line and pattern.
- Make small experimental pieces, try different fabrics.
- Create a three -colour batik using a tjanting brush, fabric dyes.

Workshop Materials require:

- Batik frame
- Silk, cotton or linen approx. half meter
- Pencil, A3 Paper, own images if you wish, I will have some available
- Tjanting brushes for wax, one large, one small
- Brushes for painting, one large, one small
- Batik pins or thumb tacks
- Wax pot, wax
- Fabric paints, I use silk paints, I will have some available if needed
- Hairdryer
- If you wish to do a dip dye, bring three trays and fabric dyes

Lunch will be provided

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