



Ah, To Be A Kid Again.

Ah, to be a kid again. Amazing how they delve into things and not concerns themselves about the end results, with no worries about what the others think, at least when it comes to being creative with Art.

Last Friday I held a free Fabricscape Collage workshop for 13 students from a local Public School in Englehart. With each workshop I begin with a short demo to show the students how to get started. Then I tell them when creating a scene to go with what ever comes to mind but most of all to have fun. By then the children are filled with energy, not to mention anxious to dig into the containers filled with treasures.

With each workshop for kids, I supply fabric pieces of various sizes and designs, a sturdy background to glue on, scissors, a Mat Board to view and frame with. I do ask the school or each adult students to supply the glue sticks as the workshops for school kids are free and cost of glue sticks does add up for a large group.

I fill several containers with various sizes fabric pieces / other items and set containers here and there in work area. Once I give the children the go-ahead, their creative juices come to life. One can hear the excitement rising with each piece of fabric found and their ideas tossed right and left as to what he or she could do with this piece or that piece. At the end of the workshop everyone went home with a completed fabricscape.

When I hold adult workshops there is a fee for the workshop. This helps me replenish my stash of fabric and other treasures that I think will work well for creating a painting with this type of medium. Now and then members from quilting guilds and local sewers have donated fabric pieces to me for the workshops which I appreciate very much, thank you.

Watching the kids dig through those containers reminds of the days when my children were small and how their eyes lit up with excitement digging through boxes and bags of toys and searching for the treasures hidden in them.

Ah, to be young again and not concern ourselves with what others think or whether this colour or that design works with this or that. To seize the moment, create to our heart's content and feel proud of the end product. I felt it all around me on Friday at the library, 13 very proud young artists creating their master pieces.



I have held several workshops with children from area schools and at the library over the years. Everyone that attended went home with a fabulous Fabricscape painting that they created on their own. I truly enjoyed sharing those creative moments with all of them. Let's all seize the moment, create to our heart's content and feel proud of all our accomplishments no matter how big or how small.

If you are interested in attending a workshop on Fabricscape Collage or a Painting / One on One instructions or want info on a workshop either e-mail me: paint@ntl.sympatico.ca or Call me at 705-544-2860.

I have included a few small pics of some fabricscapes created by my young artists at various workshops for the children.

**Merry Christmas and Happy New Year to all.
Stay healthy and safe.**

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These are from different students from various schools in Englehart Area.



Sunset is one I made and use as sample

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