

Earth, Wind, Fire & Water, February 4 & 5, 2023

A Fabric Art workshop by Kate Bridger, hosted by The Pearl Ellis Gallery in Comox BC

Between my move to Vancouver Island, Covid and a few other life interruptions, it's been a long time since I've taught an in-person Fabric Art workshop and I couldn't be more excited to be getting back at it! This is only the second workshop I have done on Vancouver Island and the first since moving here in December of 2019.

I have chosen to present 'Earth, Wind, Fire & Water', because it is a good introduction to all sorts of techniques and processes and suitable for all levels of art ability and experience. The only requirements are that you are comfortably familiar with the workings of your sewing machine and have a rudimentary understanding of freemotion stitching and know how to set your machine up to do it.

What my course is NOT, is a sewing class! These workshops are art classes that happen to use a sewing machine the way a sculptor might wield a chisel, or a painter might use a brush.

And, as a disclaimer, I must add that you are unlikely to emerge from this two-day event with a complete, frame-worthy piece of art! The two days will be spent experimenting, screwing up, recovering, playing and, hopefully, laughing. And, at the end of it all, I hope everyone returns to their workrooms with a different way of seeing things and a fresh approach to interpretation and representation in whatever art form they practise.

Conducting workshops is one way I recharge my own creative battery cells too, often learning as much, if not more, from the participants than they do from me. I love watching different people approach the same task in a variety of ways employing their own unique vision, preferences and motivations. People have fun at my workshops and that energy is infectious ... it's one virus we're all happy to contract!

Registration for this workshop is through The Pearl Ellis Gallery; please contact:

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Registration DEADLINE is Friday, January 27<sup>th</sup>, 2023.