

Demonstration

May 2, 2022

Linda Zolten Wood, "Painting on Fabric"

Many thanks to artist, Linda Zolten Wood for demonstrating, "Painting on Fabric" at our May meeting. The 21 members who attended this in-person meeting, enjoyed seeing her array of clothing decorated with whimsical designs and lots of colors. Linda brought several jackets, shirts and a couple of decorated rain barrels for display at the meeting. . . all very impressive. Talking throughout her demonstration, we learned that she likes to go thrift store shopping, especially for men's jackets in rich colors. "These make a great base for painting," she said. She also makes greeting cards for fun using rich colors and paints rain barrels using a technique borrowed from artist Esté Macleod. A close up look at her rain barrel design, you can see her use of 'dropped' shadows. She uses fabric paints purchased from Dick Blick's, called Lumiere and Textile both by Jacquard. We also learned that the Rockefeller Greenhouse is having a spring plant sale and would be a great place to sketch. And, she splits irises with Eddie Mitchell!



Linda is as colorful as she is impressive and entertaining. We watched as she outlined these "little buggers" known as tardigrades on a brown thrift store jacket. Instantly, the audience asked, "what are tardigrades?" Many took out their iPhones to look it up. Our president, Lee seemed to be the only other person who knew. Linda and Lee explained that they were these microscopic animals that live on moths (probably other things, too) and can survive in outer space...who knew! Linda was able to make them look adorable and charming as her jacket design developed. She went on to add another "weird guy", a martian, plus organized bubbles and zigzags. "I'm obsessed with layers and complicated designs. It entertains me," she remarked. Starting with a middle value, she sketches the outline first and then does the background, painting the animals much later. She lets her designs "grow organically with no pre-plan". It can take her up to twenty days to complete the jacket. [Tip: She loves to recycle, using old film cartridge containers for her paints; add a drop of water to the paint and it keeps for 10 years.] Her final thought, "I paint to please myself now. If it sells, so be it. I'm never bored!"





Colorful fruit cups and delicious cheesecake squares with assorted toppings awaited us after the presentation thanks to our hosts Karen VanLinge and Nancy Daly. Butterscotch cookies and GF brownies rounded out the evening's treats thanks to Sue and Joan.

