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Pennypacker Mills Presents: Design Your Own Scarf...a Wearable Work of Art!

Schwenksville, PA (January 14, 2013) – Nothing is as personal as a handmade gift for someone special. With Valentine’s Day approaching, why not give that close friend or loved one a unique gift that they will always remember because it was specially made for them! Get the creative juices flowing and register today for a workshop to learn the art of Turkish marbling and make a large, 100% silk scarf with personally chosen and created colors and patterns. This special workshop is being offered at Pennypacker Mills on Saturday, January 19, 2013, starting at 10:00am.

Marbling is the ancient art of creating floating pictures on top of a special water bath. After selecting and applying paint from twenty-two different color choices, swirling patterns of color are created using special tools such as small rakes, hand held styluses, and combs to create an endless array of designs. Beautiful patterns and various other effects are created by drawing through a second application of paint that is placed directly on top of the first. Finally, a single print of the composed design is transferred to silk. Each participant can print as many 15”x72” scarves as they wish.

Richard Aldorasi, a working artist for over forty years, is the creative instructor for this workshop. Using the highest quality silk and specially designed paints, these wearable works of art are guaranteed to never wash out or fade. Aldorasi offers these one-of-a-kind silk scarf making workshops at art festivals, juried craft shows, and regional fine arts festivals.

This workshop is designed for all ages. Children younger than twelve years old must be accompanied by an adult. This is an ideal artistic program for scouts, home-schoolers, and groups of friends to enjoy doing together. The cost is \$35 per scarf, by pre-registration and pre-payment only. Cash, personal checks, or credit cards are acceptable forms of payment.

Pennypacker Mills Historic Site is operated by the Montgomery County Department of Assets and Infrastructure, Division of Parks and Heritage Services. Located at the intersection of Skippack Pike (Route 73) and Haldeman Road in Schwenksville, PA, Pennypacker Mills offers guided tours, changing exhibits, seasonal events, and educational programs. For more information, call 610-287-9349 or visit the Pennypacker Mills page at www.historicsites.montcopa.org/.

Images provided by Richard Aldorasi:



These scarves are but a few of the endless designs that can be made using the Turkish marbling technique at the Scarf Workshop.