Workshop teaches textile dying and design techniques

BROOKINGS, S.D. — A workshop giving new tricks with surface design on textiles takes place from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, June 11, and from noon to 4 p.m. Sunday, June 12, at the South Dakota Art Museum indoors in the multipurpose room and outdoors on the Anderson Plaza.

“New Tricks with Surface Design-Textiles” will explore techniques used to create textile designs. Students will learn screen printing processes, how to create interesting patterns on fabric and take home several finished projects.

The price of the workshop is $40 for SDAM members, $45 for OLLI members and $50 for non-members.

Supplies participants must bring from home include empty yogurt containers, newspaper, large garbage bags, plastic gloves, hair dryer, fabric scissors and at least three yards of prewashed 100 percent cotton, white fabric.

Students must pre-register and be of at least high school age to participate. For more information about the workshop, interested people should contact Lynn Verschoor, director of the South Dakota Art Museum at lynn.verschoor@sdstate.edu or at 605-688-4279.

Typical museum hours are 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturdays and noon to 4 p.m. on Sundays. The museum is closed for South Dakota State holidays.

Photo: Break down printing uses thickened dye applied to a silkscreen to create a design, that in turn is transferred to fabric using a transparent medium. As a squeegee moves the medium over the design, the dye begins to re-wet and “breakdown” creating beautiful patterns.