Hello and Welcome to Fun in the Sun: Cyanotypes, Van Dykes, & Lumen Prints Workshop

Soon we will be playing with imagery, emulsions, and having all kinds of fun. I want to let you know some of the ways you might start preparing for the workshop...if you are the type that enjoys getting started ahead of time. We will have art papers, cyanotype & van dyke emulsions, transparency film for darkroom or digital lab, toning supplies, colored pencils for add-to’s, and black and white photo paper for lumens to play with. (maybe some other fun surprises too).

Below are some items you might want to start collecting.

**IMAGERY**
These processes are all contact printed out in the sun. This means whatever imagery, negative, transparency, plant material, and/or objects are placed right against the printing surface so the source material is the same size as the finished piece.

This workshop will cover making large contact negatives either in the darkroom (wet lab) or digitally. So depending on your passion you can start gathering imagery to work with:

- your own images (negatives, slides, or prints—traditional or digital) and artwork
- old family slides and photographs
- text (poetry, dictionary, old love letters, political manifestos, math homework)
- found images from books and magazines
- images ‘Xeroxed’ inverted (negative) onto transparency material

**RECEPTORS • SURFACES**
Cyanotype & Van Dyke work beautifully on art papers.
I will have some paper available, but if you want to try out a variety here is a fabulous alternative photography website which has a page I love called [‘the Big Paper Survey’](#).
The paper color will be your whites...so a variety of hues can be beautiful.

You can apply the emulsions to fabric (100% cotton recommended):
Thrift stores are great for finding cheap receptors and new ideas—old dishtowels, sheets, pillowcases, clothes, and canvas.

You can print on wood as well. Smooth and lighter works best.

You can begin to imagine your ideas, but don’t worry if you don’t have any yet, we’ll look at lots of images to inspire you and get you going!

I’m very excited and looking forward to working together!
I want you to have a wonderful experience.

Please feel free to contact me with any questions you might have.
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