

Adventures in *Travel to learn* Italy

Collage of Italian Memories Susan Edmonson

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Dates: May 17 - 23, 2009

Cost: \$2350*

Registration: Interested? Contact us at the address above.

Companion Tour: A tour for spouse or friend is available for \$1750*

* Fee includes six nights double occupancy lodging and breakfast. Single occupancy available for an additional cost. Travel costs are not included.

Trip Description

Orvieto, its buildings, landscapes, people, colors and textures will serve as inspiration and resource for creating a fabric collage of memories in wall hanging form. You will gather ideas from every nook & cranny of the Italian culture, as you explore the cobblestone streets & beautiful hillsides of Orvieto. So be sure to pack your digital camera & a small sketchbook to jot down ideas for later use in the studio.

Each morning we will spend some time in the studio designing wonderful backgrounds & learning new techniques. You will draw on the cultural experiences and adventures that are an integral part of this trip to fuel your work. You will broaden the horizons of your creativity through the different textures & techniques you will be using.

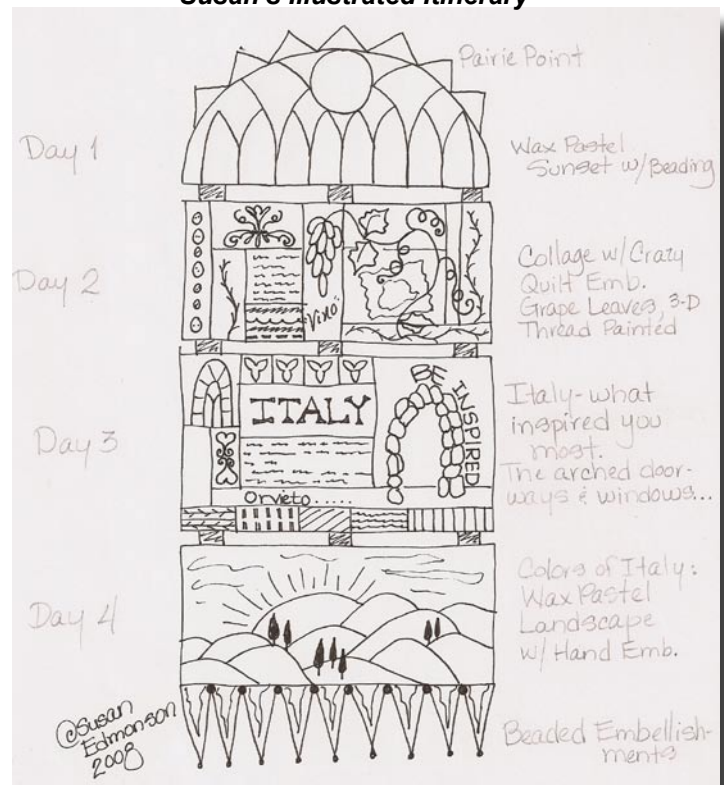
During the week you will create a fabric collage while:

- Drawing and painting with wax pastels (No drawing skills required!),
- Using and developing hand & machine embroidery skills,
- Learning how to do fancy lettering on fabric,
- Exploring wool applique,
- Painting with thread,
- Using thread to create 3 dimensional effects.

No experience needed - just a sense of adventure!



Susan's Illustrated Itinerary



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Itinerary

Sunday, May 17

- Arrive in Orvieto
- Welcome, Group dinner
- The adventure begins!

Monday, May 18

- Introduction and Orientation
- Studio: "Italian architecture," Layout ideas and beginnings
- Tour of the Cathedral
- Studio: Wax pastels, beading
- Italian Culture and Wine Tasting

Tuesday, May 19

- Studio: "Collage your experiences," collage background panels
- Vineyard Tour and lunch
- Studio: further panel development

Wednesday, May 20

- Studio: "Delicate details of Italy," fancy stitching, hand lettering techniques on fabric
- Shop for Picnic Lunch
- Studio: Applying what we've learned
- Cooking class

Thursday, May 21

- Market Day: Exploration and Inspiration
- Studio: "Gatherings," wool applique, thread painted leaves for 3-D effect
- Picnic lunch
- Tour of Etruscan caves

Friday, May 22

- Sketching the landscape outside
- Studio: "The colors of Italy," create landscapes using wax pastels
- Group Lunch at Favorite Pizzeria
- Studio: Putting it all together

Saturday, May 23

- Wrap Up – Show & share
- Depart Orvieto

About Susan



Susan is an award winning quilt maker who started her journey in 1981 and today continues to wow audiences with her unique artistry. She has designed quilt patterns and kits for two national stores as well as her own pattern line.

Her specialties have been folk art, crazy quilted purses and wall quilts, and "flower doodles." Fabric collage books and mini quilts are among her newest creations. All of her work is lavished with beading and embroidery. She loves working with vintage style fabrics and colors. The patterns she designs evolve from original pieces inspired from vintage quilt designs and nature showcasing her own unique style.



She teaches and lectures at local and regional guilds throughout the Southeast. Most recently she has been on the faculty for many symposiums, Mid-Atlantic Quiltfest & other large events. Her students are always encouraged to have fun with their projects while embracing new techniques. A number of her creations have been featured and published in "*Altered Couture*" and "*Sew Somerset*" publications by Stampington & Co.

In 2005 Susan and Kristin Steiner teamed up to form "Creative Spirits." This is a very unique creativity retreat held in Blowing Rock, N.C. called "Believe In Yourself." Many mixed media & fabric techniques are always featured.

Susan majored in Art and Design at Queens College in Charlotte, NC. Although raised in Charlotte, she now lives in Concord, NC with her husband Tim of 30 years and her very small Chihuahua, Chili. Brandon and Chad, her two grown sons are a very important part of her life. Chad, being a graphic designer, is consulted on many occasions for ideas and technical advice. Visit her web site at www.susanedmonsondesigns.com.

