

June Casper: Artist Statement; Sammamish Arts Fair; 2014

As a silk dyer for many years, I still consider dyework as closest to a magician doing a magic show. The trick is to take a piece of innocent white silk, soak it, pour colors on it, almost boil it, twist it into terrible postures, torture it in a steam bath, heat it with a hot iron, and Presto! Out comes a beautiful scarf! Over the years, my Valencia Design label, originally from Valencia St. in San Francisco, has included hand-dyed designs for ballet costumes, jackets, flags, and wall art. I'm still having fun!