Florilegium

"Rare and beautiful ingredients to fuel your creative fire"

Since 1992, Florilegium has been evolving from an antiques store specializing in textiles to a fiber studio inspired by antiques. Our newest store, in Weston, Missouri, is a working studio where the inspirations, materials and techniques used/created are available to all.

Florilegium's owner, Gretchen Nutt, began knitting at age 4 and has picked up every other type of needle since then. She uses an array of techniques to experiment with fibers and fabrics.

Some of her favorites are:

Knitting. Kumihimo Crochet
Beadwork Freeform Felting
Embroidery Book Binding Painting
Dyeing Ribbonwork Marbling
Freelace Needlepoint Collage

Silk Ribbon Embroidery and every conceivable combination of the above!

Florilegium is dedicated to the proposition that creativity is as essential to life as oxygen and water. Gretchen believes that "creating" - for the sake of exploring ideas, trying out materials and following our imaginations is enough, and that what we learn from the process is even more valuable than the resulting objects.

Everyday life presents ample opportunities to creatively solve problems, but finding our own special materials and techniques to experiment with....(upon which to impose our own questions and solutions)elevates this activity to a joy. Our goal is to find and make as much joy as possible!

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