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Final week to see *Instructors in Focus* at the Pumphouse

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Several new instructors are showcasing their work in the current exhibition at the Niagara Pumphouse Arts Centre, which ends March 21.

Ann Marie Patrick is a textile artist, whose journey in textile art began shortly after discovering traditional quilting. Taking courses from talented quilters, she went on to master the art of meshing fabrics with paints. She dyes and prints her own textiles. Using colour, texture, line, shape and form in her work, she conveys her message of joy, calm and wonder to the viewer. Her works are inspired by nature and the natural world that surrounds her.

Patrick is offering a two day workshop May 9 -10. It is an introduction to Procion Fabric Dyeing, where participants will produce their own unique fabric, learning to prepare fabric, mixes and dyes.

Maria Virginia Parra Sanchez is a watercolour artist who is passionate about exploring the beauty of nature and the human form. Through colour and movement, her work often blends marine life and feminine figures, creating whimsical and emotional pieces that tell a story.

Connie Chaplin is a textile artist and potter focused on processes rooted in materials and forces with nature. One of the methods she uses is the shibori technique, a Japanese dying technique that results in rich patterns from indigo colour. By bundling the fabric in five different ways, she can produce a traditional set of prints. Shibori is the Japanese word for a variety of ways to resist-dye textiles.

Come and visit the exhibit, and be inspired to take a workshop, and learn a new technique. For details of Patrick's workshop, and other upcoming workshops, contact the Pumphouse Arts Centre *office@niagarapumphouse.ca*.

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