

## **INSTRUCTIONS/AGREEMENT FOR FANTASTIC GARDEN PARTICIPANTS**

**Welcome all to the 2013 Fantastic Garden puzzle project!**

**Project headquarters <http://puzzleprints.blogspot.com>**

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### **SIGN UP**

Launch of sign up page is set for first week of April, exact day to be announced. Note that number of participants is limited to 80 this time. No advance-signups but a wait list will be kept for those missing the sign up period (30 days or when 80 spots are exhausted).

A couple of NEW items for this project:

1. Please **FIRST** review these instructions below including the NEW agreement section.
2. **Sign up through Kickstarter.com at the Participant Level**, entry fee is a bit higher this year because mailing costs have increased a huge amount!
3. After signing up, share with your friends to help fully fund the project. Once the project is funded you will receive these instructions and a block to carve.

Participant's assignment summarized:

1. **Design** your block according to the theme: "Fantastic Garden" as outlined below
2. **Carve** your block as outlined below
3. **Return** your block to me by the **deadline August 31 2013**
4. Participants receive back one huge set of prints, in four sheets of 22"x30" (56x75cm) paper and a printed colophon.

### **AGREEMENT (Read please)**

This 4<sup>th</sup> Monumental Collaboration will involve non-participant backers to help fund the project through the Kickstarter.com platform; the backers receive rewards according to their contribution. Review project at Kickstarter.com once it goes live prior to signing up!

By signing up at Participant Level, participants agree to:

- Read the project guidelines below and at [Kickstarter.com](http://Kickstarter.com)
- Meet all deadlines and submit all information as requested
- Mail back the carved block to Las Vegas Nevada USA at participant's expense (approximately 6 oz. small packet)
- Agree that project director will print enough original editions of each puzzle piece and the overall puzzle to meet participant's edition plus Backer's Rewards (limited)
- Agree that project director will photograph and digitize each puzzle piece and the overall puzzle for reproduction purposes to meet Backer's Rewards, for production of the colophon, the book Growing the Garden, and for promotional purposes on the project's blogs, websites and social media
- Communicate promptly and follow the blog postings to stay informed

## THEME

THE THEME for this project is "Fantastic Garden", as tightly or loosely interpreted as each participant wishes.

The overall design will interpret the theme literally, that is, the overall design is quite literally a fantastic (fantasy) imaginary garden. The piece each participant receives may or may not be recognizable and the shape may or may not influence the individual's design. The design may be how an individual perceives a garden, real or imaginary, representative or not, or feelings and emotions evoked by the theme, etc. Anything goes in the Fantastic Garden!

The only requirement is that the design is inspired by the general theme: Fantastic Garden.

## BLOCKS

The block is approximately 6 x6 inches, irregularly shaped cherry plywood and has been sanded to a fine finish and tinted lightly so that you can see the carving as it proceeds. Please carve fairly deeply as many blocks have had to be re-carved during proofing in the past.

On the *back* of each block you will find an arrow indicating the sky (TOP). The overall design is a "garden" and your block will be placed with the arrow up. Blocks are also labeled on the back with a number/letter combination; this is a location code for me to place them properly.

**IMPORTANT NOTE:** Please do NOT proof the block by inking it with either water-based or oil-based ink. Blocks will warp when moisture remains after cleaning the block. Las Vegas is located in the desert; humidity averages 4-6%. Any trace humidity remaining in the block due to inking or cleaning will cause the block to warp when it gets here.

**If you need to proof your block you may use the following techniques ONLY:**

**Rubbing:** just lay a thin sheet of paper over the block, tracing/tissue paper work well, and then with a graphite or charcoal crayon "rub" the image gently until it appears on the paper.

**Foil:** lay a sheet of foil over the block and mold carefully to the block by hand or press; once the foil is completely covering the block, ink the foil with oil-based or water-based ink, then pull a print on paper as usual.

**Computer faux proof:** take a digital photo of your block in good light, upload your photo to your computer, flip the design using any photo-imaging program, print out on standard printer.

Lastly, as they are received, the blocks will be permanently glued to a backing in order to print them. Once I receive the blocks it is not possible to return them to you.

## INK AND PAPER

Your block will be placed in its corresponding slot. When the puzzle is complete, I will print the entire design on light buff or white paper with black ink.

**DO:**

- Remember the theme: “Fantastic Garden” interpreted as you wish
- LIGHTLY oil the block if you want to make cutting easier (linseed or mineral oil)
- Ignore any lines you see on the block, they were guidelines for me to cut the blocks
- Practice cuts on the back of the block if you have never cut cherry plywood before and cut deep to assure clean prints
- Trace the block shape onto sketch paper to practice your design(s) if you feel stumped
- **E-mail me anytime with questions: [1000woodcuts@gmail.com](mailto:1000woodcuts@gmail.com)**

### **DON'T!**

- Don't change the shape or height of the block, i.e. no sanding, no cutting off the ends, no chewing by small pets, no wetting, no leaving the block in the rain or the hot car
- Again, PLEASE: Don't proof the block using ink!!!

### **ABSOLUTE “MUST”:**

- Return carved blocks back to me by August 31, 2013
- Sign the back of your block with a permanent marker or carve your name on the back if you feel extraordinarily industrious
- PLEASE e-mail me when you receive the block: [1000woodcuts@gmail.com](mailto:1000woodcuts@gmail.com)
- Let me know if you need to drop out and for the love of printmakers everywhere, mail the block back to me if you do have to drop out

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