



If you have questions or a topic you would like to suggest please contact me:

Karen Dorland

July /August Events:

Please contact me if you would like to attend.

Bradford WINGS

August 7th at

Sheri Andrunyk's house.

1pm to 2:30pm


image
connections

Phone: 905-775-7486
imageconnections@look.ca
www.imageconnections.ca

Konnecting with Karen

Image Connections

July 2008

Let Nature Be Your Wardrobe Guide

As I write this, I am enjoying time away up north, Englehart area to be exact, and spending retreat time with my sisters. Everyday I walk along the country road surrounded by wild flowers and trees and brush off blackflies, mosquitoes and deer-flies.

My sister, Kelly has been teasing me about all my references to the sights and smells I so love, clover in the fields, the wild flowers, hay in the fields and this area just has a fresh smell of its own. However, I think I am beginning to influence even Kelly and today on our morning walk she said, "Have you noticed all the shades of green around us?"

That led me to taking even more notice of all the beautiful colours and colour combinations we can pick up from Mother Nature.

I see bright greens, muted greens, dark greens, dusty greens, some topped with tan seed heads and some greens with brilliant flowers adorning them.

The trembling aspen seedlings have a soft green stem with a medium green leaf and a muted green on the underside of the leaf.

There is bright purple vetch on a bright green stem. Birch saplings have greenish, brown stems and bright green leaves. Creamy coloured yarrow (I think that is what it is) has a tan coloured center.

I see bright orange, bright yellow and bright purple speckled through greens, browns and tans with a fresh white daisy added for panache. My "Spring" palette clients would be in heaven with colours like this in their closets.

There are new leaves that have a brick red hue to them blending into green. I can see my "Autumn" palette clients picking this combo up in a print or beautiful paisley top, skirt or shawl.

Another plant has a soft white flower on an almost sea-foam green stem, or there is soft white clover with a muted, dusty pink inside. What beautiful combinations for the "Summer" palette!

Even the gravel driveway gives me inspiration... blue-grey stones with tan coloured sand underneath. I have a pair of shoes with that colour mix at home.

I can't wait to pair up grey pants and a taupe sweater with them!

Looking up at the sky, I see a beautiful, light, soft blue, paired with fluffy white clouds, but the underside of the clouds are a blue-grey, hmmm... soft grey skirt or pants, soft blue top and white pearls? Or a mixture of these colours in a swirly, flowing dress?

Take yourself on a nature hunt. Get out your colour wallet and see how many colours from nature you can match it up with. Right now the "Spring " and "Summer" palettes may reign, but closer to Fall the "Autumn" palettes will stand out - then comes clear, icy winter.

Let Mother Nature inspire you to mix and match your wardrobe in ways you may never have thought of. Use the bright accents in your accessories - there are bright yellow purses, golden yellow shoes, oranges, clear reds, lime greens and bright purples.

Save your black for the cool winter months. Fire up your summer and sizzle with colour!