



Small Work – A conversation with 72
seasons



FIONA D ARTISAN

The aim of this project is to be inspired by small seasonal shifts. We will be using the ancient Japanese calendar which has 72 micro seasons as our guide. You respond to as many as you feel inspired by.

Using the Japanese calendar as our guide, we consider what each season is called and use that as a jumping off point. Members are likely to live all around the world and you are only interested in your world. So, for example, May 31st-June 5th in the Japanese calendar means 'wheat ripens and is harvested' but not in my world. In my world I have noticed that my grasses are beginning to set to seed. So I take that as my inspiration.

SMALL WORK

The aim is to produce an Artist Trading Card for each micro season or seasonal shift. These measure 2.5x3.5 inches and we do as many as we want and as life allows. We can also use any media or even take a mixed media approach. I am binding my ATCs with a book ring and writing the name of the micro season on the back but you present yours however you like.

On this webpage you will find 6 week micro seasons listed in advance but I also recommend the 72 seasons app as it has much more information. I am currently reading 'Light Rains Sometimes Fall: A British Year in Japan's 72 Seasons' by Lev Parikian which I also recommend.

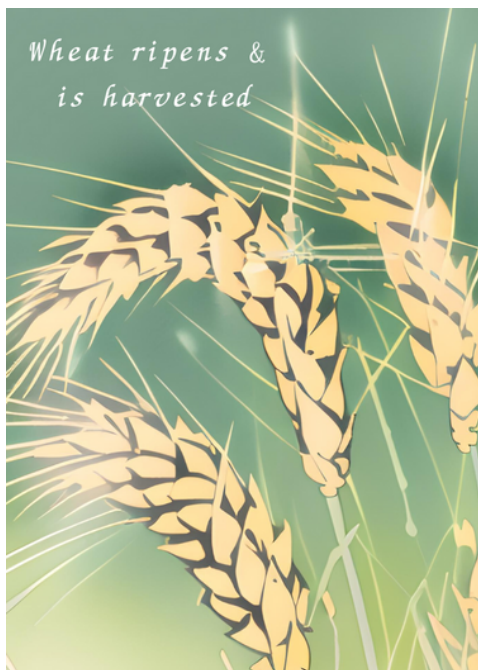
I have given the graphics for this project quite a bit of thought. I am determined not to lead with something I have created as I don't want to influence other member's creativity. So, I have used Artificial Intelligence (AI) to generate the images. All I am doing is prompting with the words from the Japanese calendar and AI is doing the rest.

SHARING

This community project is different from anything I have done since the beginning of social media in our lives. This project is for us, as individuals, to embed small seasonal shifts in our creative world. If you would like to share on your social media please do. However, most of my sharing will be via my Youtube channel. I will share regular project updates as well as some of my creative processes. I will be limiting shares of outcomes. For me, this project is part of a wider attempt to slow down and live more deeply within the seasons.

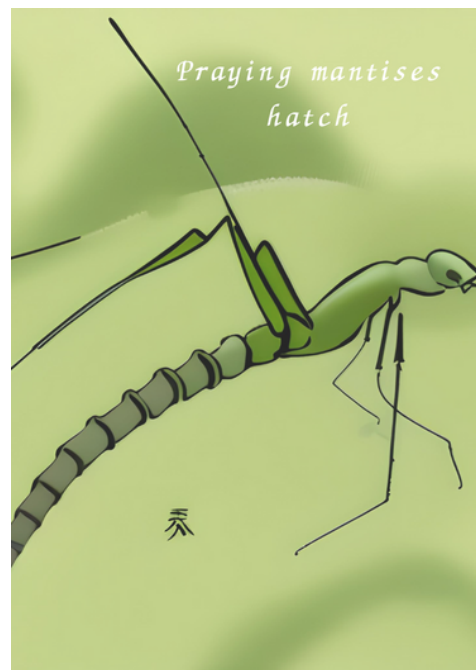
So, let us begin with the first 6 themes as detailed below. Pop back on the 1st July for the next 6. Enjoy. xx

31st May-5th June



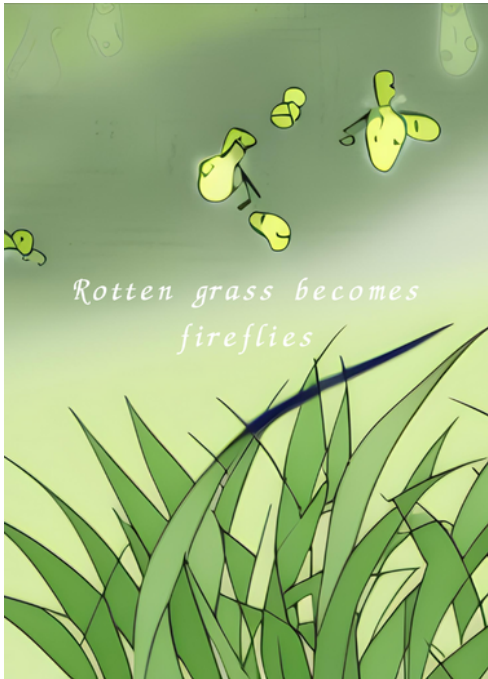
wheat ripens & is harvested

6th June-10th June



praying mantises hatch

11th June-15th June



*Rotten grass becomes
fireflies*

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16th June-20th June



Plums turn yellow

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21st June-26th June



Self heal withers

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27th June-1st July



Irises bloom

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