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HECTOGRAPH SGC 2010 REVISITED TIPS

For starters –

- use unflavored gelatin, mix it ½ stronger – 2 times stronger than the directions. Mix in cold water by sifting it in slowly – then heat – figure out how much gelatin by first determining the amount your contain will hold by filling it with water. The three trays we used at the SGC 2010 Demo were 20 pounds of gelatin! (you can get gelatin in bulk – I get mine from bulkfoods.com)

- if you've made your tray (like the ones I had at the Demo) caulk them on the inside but be prepared for leaks – have some clay on hand.

- make sure the surface you are laying your gelatin tray on to harden is level!

- when you've poured the gelatin in the tray there will be bubbles on the surface – skim them off with strips of newspaper. Be patient – it's annoying but doesn't take that long.

- it will harden in a matter of hours, it will be good to go then and for about 3 days depending on room temperature. Eventually, the gelatin either gets too hard or just too beat up – or starts to deteriorate in some other fashion.

- use waterbased media – watercolor, block printing inks, monoprint inks, gouache

- **DON'T THROW that used Gelatin down the drain!!** –

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More soon!

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