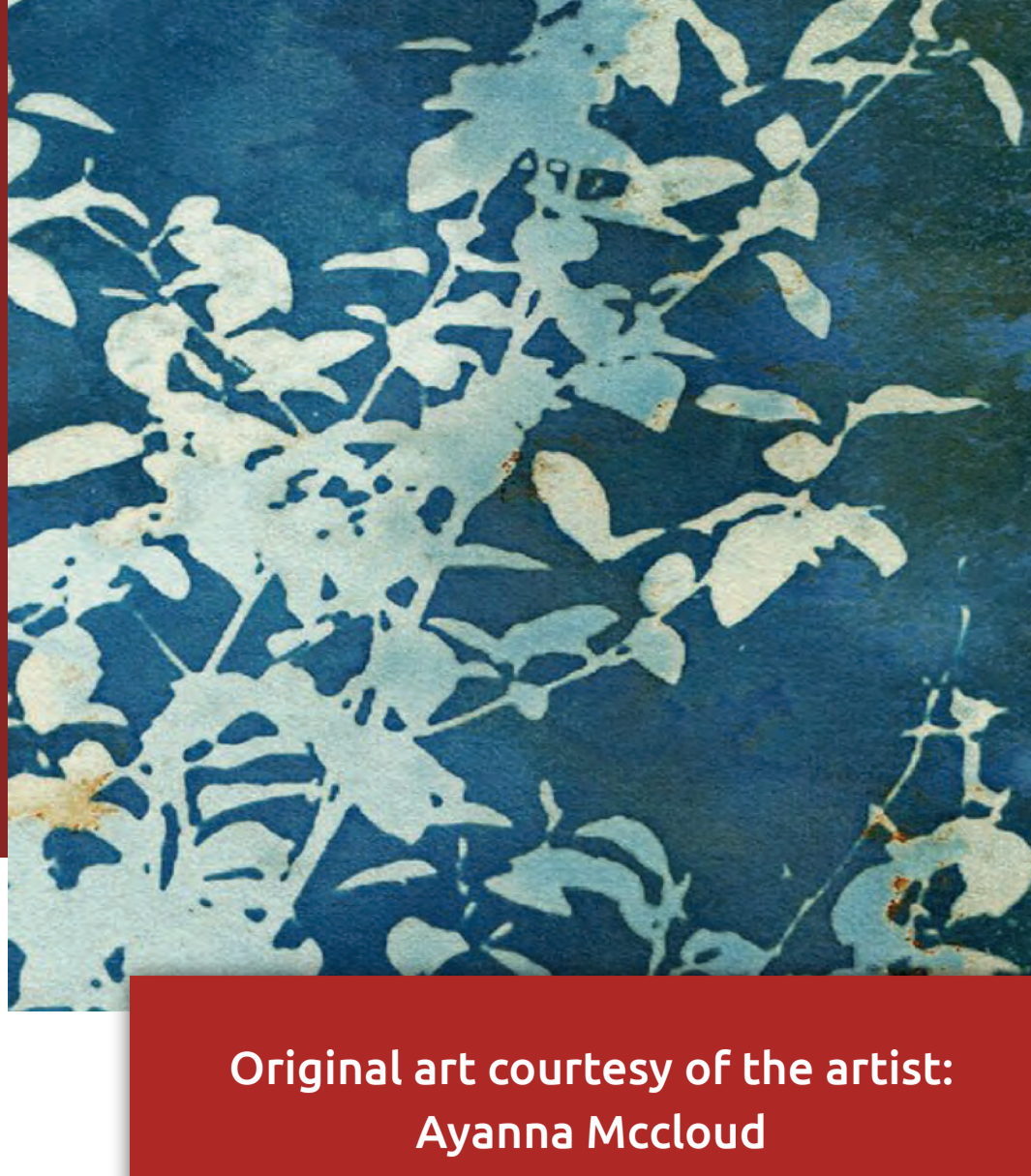


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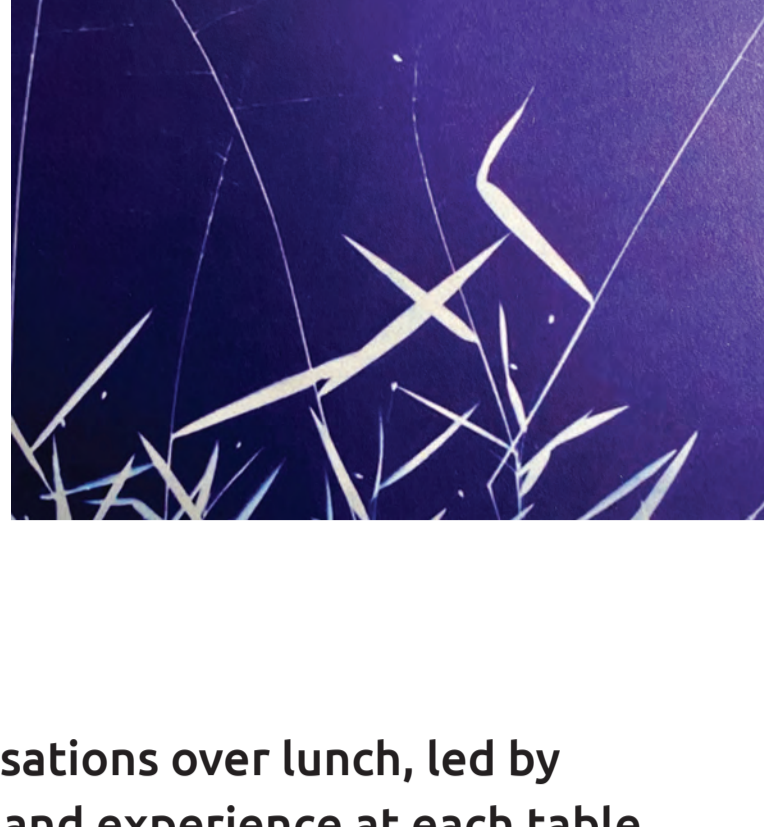
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11:00am Reception  
12:00pm to 1:30pm  
Conversations over Lunch



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Table Talk is a fascinating combination of conversations over lunch, led by dynamic women of various cultures, professions and experience at each table.

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