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This mixed-media collage was created in a process of thinking-making within a larger research-creation process to support and inspire the creative writing, *A Deliberate Storying*. The collage was created on a discarded semi-glossy calendar page, from a box of scraps, with a peony juxtaposed in a mixture of embroidery and used decorative paper. With the earth hanging in the clear sky of this strange hybrid landscape that rests at the bottom of a waterfall in an unknown but familiar land, the artwork serves as a metaphorical vision of the art educational experience, within Canada and internationally. Through the disruptive but soothing use of tearing, layering, cutting and stitching back together, the juxtaposition of disparate elements within the collage aims to reflect the depth and richness of the research-creation process, inviting the viewer to engage with the metaphorical and symbolic landscape of the composition.

**Figure 1:**

*Blue Peony*



*Note.* Image by author 2021