



THE ASSOCIATION OF GUILDS OF WEAVERS, SPINNERS AND DYERS

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Association News

National Exhibition 05-20 September 2020, Leigh Spinners Mill

The title of the AGWSD Exhibition 2021, 'Coal, Cotton and Canals', is only a suggestion for the work for the juried section. The theme for the unjuried section is 'Still Waters'.

National Exhibition 2020 Timeline - Key Dates

See the National Exhibition Information Pack (available via your guild secretary) for full information, but key dates for selection and submission of work are provided below:

- 26 April: Guilds begin identifying submissions from their members (Selected Work, e.g. juried section) and check each photo / feelie piece
- 23 May: Guilds submit entries for selection (juried section) to arrive no later than 8 June (form, photo and feelie piece submitted – not the items)
- 13-14 June: Selection by jury of experts
- 29 June: Guild Secretaries and successful entrants notified about Items selected for exhibition
- 06 July: Guilds send in final numbers of rings (non-juried work) for hanging (not the items)
- 29 July: Guilds post selected items (juried section) to arrive by 12 August
- 05 August: Guilds post rings (non-juried work) to arrive by 19 August
- 05 September: National Exhibition opens

Guilds Gathering: Colour - The Full Spectrum, 19 - 21 June 2020, University of Worcester

Planning for the 2020 Guilds Gathering event (which replaces the Conference) is now well underway, with five speakers confirmed for this weekend event exploring aspects of colour:

- Margo Selby, internationally renowned woven textile designer
- Dr Susan Kay-Williams, Chief Executive of Royal School of Needlework and author of The Story of Colour in Textiles, speaking on 'The growing Brightness of Colour: Colour Development in Textiles from Medieval Times to the 20th Century'
- Alison Daykin, textile designer, tutor and co-author of Creative Spinning
- Caroline Nixon, textile artist and eco-dyer

- and Daniel Harris, founder of the London Cloth Company who has recently acquired a mill near Worcester, as the after dinner speaker on Saturday

Registration forms will be made available in January 2020. More information about the event is available on the Association website: <https://www.wsd.org.uk/news-events/colour/>

Journal News

Journal 272: Winter 2019

In the current issue:

- Weaving to Wear, Lesley Willcock
- Loom-controlled 3D Shaping for Garments, Stacey Harvey-Brown
- Longdraw Spinning for Garments, Freyalyn Close-Hainsworth
- What a Challenge!, Gillian Eldridge & Jane Mason
- Adapting Knitting Patterns for Handspun Yarn, Jo Nash
- An Eighteenth Century Wardrobe, Carolyn Griffiths
- Living Colours: Kasane - The Language of Japanese Colour Combinations, Carolyn Griffiths
- Testing a Recipe for Norwich Red on Wool, Marietta Richardson
- Reader's Showcase: Ringing the Changes, Sarah Pape & Alison Castle
- A Tribute to Nancy Lee Child, Melanie Venes

Plus all the regular favourites: Notebook, Guild Highlights, Exhibition and Book Reviews and Diary

What a Challenge! - the article by members of the Peter Tavy Guild weavers group in the winter 2019 issue was unfortunately affected by a technical problem very late in the production process and two lines were missed out. Read the article in full on the Journal website:

<https://journalwsd.org.uk/article/what-a-challenge>

Vacancies on the Journal Editorial Committee

Can you help? The Journal urgently needs a **Treasurer**. Ideally someone with accounting or bookkeeping knowledge and familiar with Xero software. The Treasurer is an essential member of the Journal committee, managing the Journal finances. The role involves attendance at four meetings per year in central London and the JEC Treasurer is also a member of the GPC and a Trustee of the Association. If you'd like more details, or to discuss the requirements of the post, please contact Hilary Miller at chair@journalwsd.org.uk. The JEC is a lively and busy team and you will be fully involved in the Journal production process.

The JEC is also looking for a **web manager**. This role involves updating the Journal website regularly. Good computer skills needed, but training in the website process is available. You would also participate in the work of the committee. For more details and to discuss how the role might operate, please contact chair@journalwsd.org.uk

JEC members can claim expenses for travel to meetings and other essential expenditure associated with committee work.

Nominations to the Journal Editorial Committee

The Journal Editorial Committee is seeking new members - would you like to join the team producing a high quality publication especially for weavers, spinners and dyers? All kinds of skills and experience can contribute to the committee's work. Members attend four meetings per year, held in central London, and most of the work is carried out using gmail and GSuite, so computer

skills are essential. Expenses for travel to meetings and other essential expenditure associated with the committee are reimbursed. The committee works in a collaborative way, so all members are closely involved in the development of each issue. There is considerable satisfaction in seeing through the process from tentative ideas to the finished product.

The process of submitting nominations for election to committee posts at the next Association AGM is now open. Details have been sent to Guilds and are available on the AGWSD website in the WIP. Please contact chair@journalwsd.org.uk if you are interested and would like more information.

News from Guilds

Janet Collins of Birmingham & District Guild has led [Crafting a Better Future Project](#), on display at Midlands Art Centre between 23 November and 01 March, working with Birmingham based homeless charities SIFA Fireside and St Basils to engage its users in craft activities and collecting scarves produced by experienced crafters to raise money for the charities.

Elsewhere on the Web

- The Gee's Bend quilts [will be on display in Margate](#) at Turner Contemporary from 7 February to 3 May;
- Cindy Sherman has released [a series of tapestries based on her Instagram posts](#).

Current & Upcoming Events & Exhibitions

Visit [The Journal's Diary](#) pages for detailed event listings.

Contact & Social Media

Sign up to receive the newsletter direct: <http://eepurl.com/dhDYkX>

If you have an item for inclusion in the next monthly newsletter, please sent to: newsletter@wsd.org.uk

If you have an event/exhibition for inclusion in the next issue of The Journal, please send (at least four months in advance) to: diary@thejournalforwsd.org.uk

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Web Information Point (WIP): <https://wipagwsd.wordpress.com/>

Guilds Gathering



Colour - the Full Spectrum

Residential and non-residential
weekend event at the

University of Worcester

19-21 June 2020

Keynote speakers, practical
sessions demonstrations, talks
Saturday evening dinner