



THE ASSOCIATION OF GUILDS OF WEAVERS, SPINNERS AND DYERS

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Association Newsletter, September 2019

Association News

Summer School 2021 – Venue Chosen and Dates Confirmed

The search is over - the venue for the 2021 Summer School is Writtle University College, Chelmsford, Essex. Now that you have the location, the next step is to save the dates of 15 - 22 August 2021.

After extensive research, looking at different locations, the GPC decided that Writtle was the most suitable East of England venue. It has the closest match in terms of key requirements - good workroom spaces, a flat campus, an impressive dining hall, a bar, typical student en-suite accommodation, beautiful gardens and greenhouses, with good transport links.

The convenor will be working closely with members of the Guilds in the East of England region to create another great summer school.

Summer School 2019

A video featuring snapshots of Summer School 2019 is now available on the Association YouTube channel: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=POEaSOi7A98>

Changes to GPC Membership

The following role changes within the General Purposes Committee (GPC) were agreed at their meeting on the 7th September:-

Acting Chair – Janet Crowther

Acting Vice chair – Janet Maher

Secretary – Mary England

These changes are effective until the AGM on 18th April 2020.

AGWSD Survey Results

The GPC would like to thank everyone who participated in the survey sent to Guilds in April 2019. The purpose of the survey was to seek feedback from members on key organisational issues for the Association so that the GPC can make informed decisions going forward. The questions in the survey concerned Summer School, Conference, communications between the Association and Guilds, and the Certificates offered by the Association. In addition to the tick box answers to the questions, members were invited also to make individual comments.

The GPC has done an initial analysis of the results, which has proved very enlightening, and would now like to go into more detail so that we can better understand your perspective. This will be done through the Regional Representatives and will give another opportunity for you to give us your

opinions. The GPC will then look at all of the findings and make a detailed report. A report will be made at the 2020 AGM.

Recent Graduates – Looms Wanted!

The recent university graduates who exhibited their work in the Summer School 2019 Graduate Showcase, and attended the Open Day, are looking for looms so that they can continue weaving now that they have left university.

Full details, including the required looms and contact details for the graduates, are provided in 'Wanted Ads' at the end of the newsletter.

A Message from Soo Coates, Former Association Secretary

Soo has asked us to pass on her thanks to guild members who have been in touch since she had to step down as Association Secretary.

"I have been truly humbled by the support and kindness shown to me by both guilds and individual guild members - some of whom I have never met in person - who took the time to organise and send flowers, cards, gifts, prayers and email messages of encouragement and support. I can't describe how touched I have been by such thoughtful gestures and feel that this display of positivity will help sustain me through the next, and somewhat gruelling, chemotherapy stage of my treatment. I feel blessed and lucky to have the support".

Journal News

Guild Highlights and Reader's Showcase

The Journal is seeking an editor for Guild Highlights and Reader's Showcase. This is an ideal opportunity to work with Guild members across the UK to bring interesting and exciting Guild activities to the attention of the Journal readership and to show off the very excellent work that members achieve.

You will need good computer skills using Google Drive / gmail, a good command of English and writing skills. The role involves liaison with Guilds and individual authors, editing text and selecting images. You will be part of a close-knit team working to a timetable. There will be a handover period to get the new editor settled in the role. You would be initially co-opted onto JEC and then stand for election at the next Association AGM. The JEC meets four times per year in Central London, travel expenses are paid, as are any necessary expenses associated with the job. All JEC members are involved in the production of the Journal, so it is a good way to become familiar with the publication process and there is considerable satisfaction of seeing all the pieces come together to produce a high quality publication four times a year.

If you are interested please contact Hilary Miller: chair@journalwsd.org.uk

In the Current Journal

- Spinning with Kevlar by Jean Thorn
- Woven Shibori with Natural Dyes by Catherine Ellis
- Theo Moorman Trust for Weavers Grants 2018/2019 by Jacy Wall
- Fibre Choice Today - Semi synthetics by Carol Leonard
- Weaving Origami and Abstract Doubleweave - An interview with Susie Taylor
- New Threads: Uncovering the Stories of England's Past Weaving Industry by Hanne Dahl
- Woven Gold in Kyoto by Carolyn Griffiths
- Reader's Showcase: Njál's Saga by Caroline Thomson

- Coal, Cotton, Canals: National Exhibition 2010 by Liz Carrington

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Summer School 2019: reports for the Journal

Did you volunteer to write a short report (approx 100 words) for the course you participated in at the Askham Bryan Summer School? We are still missing some reports. Please can any outstanding reports be sent to Hilary Miller (chair@journalwsd.org.uk) as soon as possible. They will be published in the spring 2020 issue of the Journal.

News from Guilds

- East Sussex Guild are presenting an exhibition, 'Captivating Colour', at the Town Hall Lewes (Fisher Street entrance) on Friday 25 October (10:00-17:00) and Sunday 26 October (10:00-16:00). Admissions is £4 (free for students & accompanied children). The exhibition will include trade stands, demonstrations, a raffle, sales & refreshments.

Elsewhere on the Web

- [Documentary series going behind the scenes at the V&A](#);
- [Oral and social history project](#) about nalbinding;
- The National Museum of Scotland is hosting 'Study Afternoon: Tartan' on Friday 4 October, 14:00-16:45, £10, £8 Members & Conc. Booking essential at www.nms.ac.uk/tartanstudy;
- 'The Breath of Colour', an exhibition of over 30 wall hangings by Eta Ingham Lawrie, capturing the light and moods of the hills and coastline of the Border region, Orkney and Snowdonia, takes place at [Bailliffgate Museum & Gallery](#), Alnwick, Northumberland, between 10th September – 3rd November 2019;
- [Wooldale Wool](#) are in the process of starting up a mini wool fibre mill in Yorkshire. Initially they will be carding clean fleeces, with a minimum of 20kg being accepted;
- Chiltern Open Air Museum will be holding their [Wild about Wool](#) event on the 12 - 13 October 2019.

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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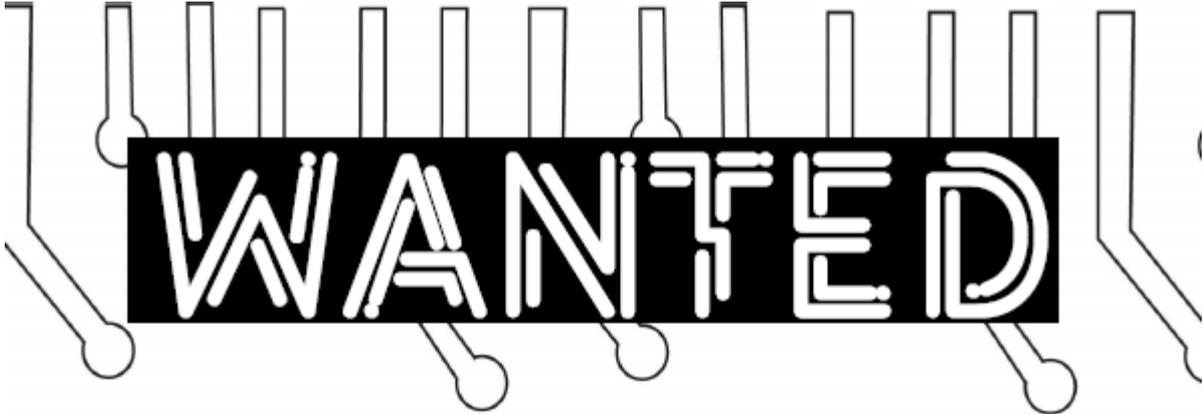
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WANTED

16 SHAFT TABLE LOOM

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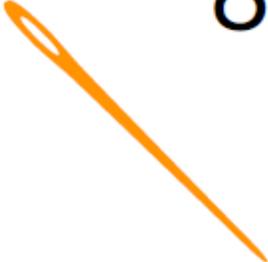


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SCAN ME

WANTED



8 SHAFT TABLE/ FLOOR LOOM

LOOKING FOR A LOOM BETWEEN 31"-39" WIDE

HOPING TO FIND MY FIRST LOOM TO GAIN FURTHER
EXPERIENCE IN WEAVING AFTER UNIVERSITY.

CONTACT:

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WANTED

Urgently

**24” Table loom,
8 or 16 shafts -
(can be either)**

by recent graduate

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East Sussex Guild of Weavers,
Spinners & Dyers present an
Exhibition at
The Town Hall Lewes
(Fisher Street Entrance)

Friday 25th October 10am - 5pm
Saturday 26th October 10am - 4pm

Admission £4.00 Students &
accompanied children free

CAPTIVATING COLOUR

Trade Stands - Demonstrations - Scarf Raffle - Sales - Refreshments

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