



THE ASSOCIATION OF GUILDS OF WEAVERS, SPINNERS AND DYERS

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Association Newsletter, April 2019

Association News

Survey of Guild Members

All members of guilds are asked to complete a National Survey of members of the Association of Weavers, Spinners and Dyers: <https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/AGWSDdevelopment>
The results of this survey will help inform the future development of the Association. A [PDF copy of the survey](#) is available to download and print from the Association website to be shared with members without internet access.

Annual General Meeting

The AGM took place in London on 06 April and was attended by representatives of 50 guilds. The meeting included addresses by outgoing president Dr Jenny Balfour-Paul and incoming president Jennie Parry. The draft minutes of the AGM are available on the [Web Information Point \(WIP\)](#).

National Exhibition 2020, 05-20 September 2020, “Coal, Cotton, Canals”

The 2020 National Exhibition will take place 05-20 September 2020 at Leigh Spinners Mill (WN7 2LB), organised by North West and On-line Guilds.

The theme is Coal, Cotton, Canals which the exhibition team hope will inspire you.

The theme of the open, un-juried section is Still Waters to be produced within a 6inch/15cm ring. They will need to be labelled with the name of entrant and their guild on the reverse.

The exhibition will coincide with the Bicentenary of the opening of the Leigh branch of the Leeds-Liverpool Canal, which will be celebrated during the Heritage Weekend.

More information is available on a [National Exhibition 2020 page on the WIP](#).

Colour - The Full Spectrum 2020 Guild Gathering

The 2020 ‘conference’ will take the form of a residential and non-residential weekend event at the University of Worcester on 19-21 June 2020.

The event will include keynote speakers, practical sessions, demonstrations, talks and a Saturday evening dinner.

More information is available on a [Guild Gathering 2020 page on the WIP](#).

Journal News

Has your Guild reached its 70th birthday this year?

We're aware that Somerset, Kent and Birmingham and District have all reached this milestone; if your Guild is celebrating too then do write and tell us, in up to 500 words, how your Guild was founded; we hope to publish interesting histories later this year.

Please contact chair@journalwsd.org.uk for more information.

Current Issue of the Journal

The current issue of The Journal, Spring 2019, includes articles on the following:

- Textile Art Marbling with Plants and Kitchen Waste, Aprina Murwanti
- Cornish Camels - Spin Local!, Amanda Hannaford
- What is Jacquard Weaving?, Belinda Rose
- The Silk Ribbon Weaving Industry in Coventry, Rosalind Lobb
- A Weave Glossary - Commonly used terms : Looms, Parts and Equipment, Jill Riley
- Colour and Contrast, Theo Wright
- Teaching Colour, Isabella Whitworth
- Colour and Landscape, Christina Chisholm
- Reader's Showcase : The Story of my Taatit Marriage Rug, Jessie McCaffery

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News from Guilds

Cheshire Guild will be holding their Guild Friendship day on Saturday 18 May between 10:00-16:00 at Frodsham Community Centre, Cheshire, WA6 7QN. Including visiting suppliers and free refreshments. (More information is provided in the flyer near the end of the newsletter, below).

Tynedale Guild's Annual Spinners Gathering is on Saturday 18 May at Stocksfield Community Centre, NE43 7HL from 10:00 to 16:00. Admission £2. Including visiting suppliers and homemade tea and cake. (More information is provided in the flyer near the end of the newsletter, below).

Somerset Guild will be celebrating their 70th birthday with a series of events including:

- 15 June 2019: Fleece Fair and Open Day 9.30 – 4.00, Hatch Beauchamp Village Hall, Taunton TA3 6AG
- 1 – 5 August 2019: Guild Exhibition of Work 10.00 – 5.00 daily, Red Brick Building, Glastonbury, Somerset BA6 9FT

For more information go to www.somersetguildwsd.org.uk

Elsewhere on the Web

- [10 craft exhibitions to see in May](#) via Crafts Council;
- There is lots happening at [Newtown Textile Museum](#), including a series of lectures and performances in the Museum. The first lecture on "The woollen industry of Brecon" will be given by sculptor weaver Sue Hiley Harris on 17 May;
- Theo Wright's latest project [Out of Synch](#) will be shown initially at Direct Art Action, Sutton Coldfield, 05 June - 27 July. It then moves to the Handweavers Studio & Gallery, London, 19 August - 28 September;
- Fashion and Textile Museum's next exhibition [Weavers of the Clouds: Textile Arts of Peru](#) runs 21 June – 8 September 2019;
- [World Textile Days](#) for 2019 have been announced:
 - South (Wickham in Hampshire) on Sat May 11th

- Central (near Banbury in Oxfordshire) on Sat June 1st
- Scotland (Bridge of Allan, near Sterling) on Sat June 15th
- East (near Thetford, Norfolk) on Sat September 7th
- North (Frodsham, Cheshire) on Sat September 28th
- West (Saltford near Bristol) on Sat October 5th
- The [Cordis Tapestry Prize](#) exhibition runs until 27th May 2019 at Inverleith House, Royal Botanical Gardens, Edinburgh. It showcases 16 tapestry artists from Scotland, England, Japan, Denmark, Sweden, Norway and Hungary;
- [The 2019 West Country Quilt and Textile Show](#) will be held for the fifth consecutive year at the University of the West of England Exhibition Centre, Bristol, BS34 8QZ, 29th - 31st August. Guilds can pre-book at a reduced rate (of £10) and get 1 free ticket with every 10 paid for, by purchasing online at www.westcountryquiltshow.co.uk/tickets using the code GUILD when prompted or by phone on 0117 907 1000;
- Spain's [ancient art of glass weaving](#);
- [Yarningham](#), Birmingham's Yarn Festival, will take place on 13 & 14 July 2019 at Uffculme Centre, Birmingham. Tickets and workshops are now on sale;
- [John Arbon Mill Open Weekend](#) in South Molton (N Devon) takes place over the weekend of Saturday 8th & Sunday 9th June 2019 (entry is free);
- The Quilters' Guild have announced their new Block of the Month Project:



BoM Project Press
Release Final 1403.p.

- [Hand In Hand: The Artistic and Spiritual Life of Dame Werburg Welch](#) opens at Ushaw College, Durham on April 6 and runs until September 2019. A collection of textiles and other artworks by a Benedictine nun, whose talent was hidden behind the walls of a secluded convent a century ago, is to go on display for the first time. At the heart of the exhibition will be a display of 18 vestments designed and embroidered by Dame Werberg and other members of the Order;
- [#GetCreativeFestival](#) will be taking place 11-19 May 2019. Last year over 1,400 events took place across the UK;
- 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

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



**Cheshire Guild
of
Weavers, Spinners and Dyers**

Friendship Day

Saturday 18 May 2019

10.00 am to 4.00 pm

at

Frodsham Community Centre, Fluin Lane, Frodsham, Cheshire, WA6 7QN

Visiting suppliers include:-

Ovis Yarns **Scandinavian Knitting Design**

Yarns From The Plain **Cathy's Felted Cases**

Chester Wool Company **Lottieknits**

We'd love to see you !

No entrance fee for visitors.

Free refreshments available throughout the day.

You are invited to join us for our usual shared lunch

Please bring a plate of food to share if you are able

RSVP 01606 46132 or cheshirequildwsd@gmail.com

The Tynedale Guild's Annual Spinners Gathering is on Saturday 18th May 2019 at Stocksfield Community Centre NE43 7HL from 10am to 4pm, Admission £2.



We have a variety of suppliers coming with a mixture of fibres, yarns, wheels and accessories, books, needles etc.

There will be something for everyone.

The Threshing Barn, Adelaide Walker, Natural Born Dyers, Sheepfold, Willo Fibres, Wensleydale Longwool, The Knitting Gift Shop, Freyalyn's Fibres, Eve Studd-Cornhill Crafts, Fellview Fibres

This year will also include a table dedicated to the sale of Marjorie Sparke's remaining stash of beautiful handspun yarn, Fibres and books.

Plus a table from guild members and a tombola.

All welcome. Teas and Coffees plus homemade cakes available.

The Centre is close to Stocksfield train station where parking is also available and there are buses that run from Newcastle upon Tyne.

There is disabled access.

We look forward to seeing you there.

Guilds Gathering



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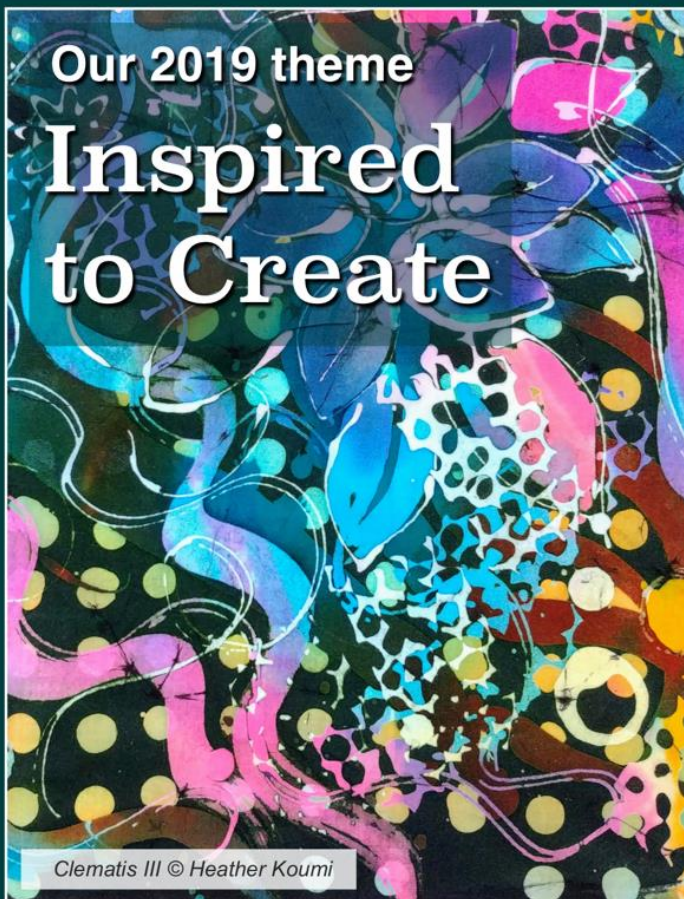
FREE entry

WORLD TEXTILE DAY **Central**

Guest Artist
Heather
Koumi

King's Sutton Millenium Memorial Hall
Astrop Rd, King's Sutton, Banbury
OX17 3PG

Exhibition of woven, printed and embroidered textiles



Our 2019 theme
**Inspired
to Create**

Clematis III © Heather Koumi

FAIR TRADE MARKET

From makers,
workshops and villages
around the world.

11 am

PRESENTATION

Heather Koumi:
Award winning
batik artist and teacher.
'Letting Go in Java'

2 pm

SHORT TALK

by one of our experts

WEAR & TELL

You're invited to wear
and discuss your own
world textile garment.

£3 per session.

Or £5 for both.

Tickets at the door.

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