



CLWYD WEB

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Meetings

REMEMBER there's more than just the listed workshop at Llysfasi. An informal get together for spinning, knitting, wheel fettling, help to new members and a multitude of other activities, carries on every month.

Mar 17	<p>Weaving a bag on a box. Here is the list of things needed for the weaving on a box from Joan:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • For those who are really keen can weave a box the size of a cornflake box, stronger the better. I use a Bonio box (approx size 9x12 inches). Beginners might prefer to make a smaller bag with a box about 5x6 inches. • The boxes need to be stuffed with newspaper to make them firm. Thin foam or padding as used in quilting, this is put around the box to make weaving easier. Polythene bag that will fit over the box when padded. If this could be done before the workshop it will save some time, but don't worry if it is not done. (I will also bring a few Bonio boxes in case some can not find a strong box). • Thread for the warp, I often use crochet cotton, or strong handspun wool. Those who have them, a weaving needle, a bodkin or large tapestry needle. I use a plastic child's needle, but they are not that easy to find. • Fork to beat with. • Finally wool to weave, Hand spun wool is ideal, the big bags need thick wool, and not nylon, although odd bits of fancy yarn could add to the weaving, I have used thick silk and fancy fibres but not ones that stretch. On small boxes I still use thick yarn but this is not so necessary, you can always use several threads.
Apr 21	<p>EXTRA MEETING to collect items for Threads exhibition. Local collections to Joyce (Ruthin/Mold area), Myra (Wrexham) and Chris (Cheshire and the Far East!)</p>
Apr 28 – May 2	<p>Threads Exhibition at Erddig. Volunteers needed for setting up, and during the exhibition itself. Don't forget your challenge sheep!</p>

Other Events

Share your Knitting with Others- Victoria and Albert Museum

Send us a picture of anything you have knitted that is not a garment, and explain a bit about it, and we'll add it to our knitting database below. To start sharing your knitting with others go to: <http://www.vam.ac.uk/collections/fashion/knitting/share/index.php>

Indigo: A Blue to Dye For

A major touring exhibition of indigo-dyed artifacts from around the world, ranging from William Morris chintzes to blue jeans, from West African adire cloths to installations by internationally renowned textile artists from Europe and Japan. Organised by Jennifer Harris and Jenny Balfour-Paul. 20 Jan. - 15 Apr. 2007 - The Whitworth Art Gallery, Manchester <http://www.whitworth.manchester.ac.uk/exhibitions/future/>

Miscellaneous

For Wingham Wool Fans:

"At Wingham we have always offered the facility of coming along and either sample spinning or felting, free of charge at our Wentworth premises. Now we can offer accommodation in our cottage in Elsecar just a mile away. Ideal for a small group to come and stay for a couple of days, or if you are traveling and want to break the journey with a short stay"

Skywatch – by special request from Lynn.

There'll be total eclipse of the moon visible on March 3rd. The eclipse lasts for over one hour with the moment of greatest eclipse at 23:20:56 UT (ie UK winter clock time). It will be visible over most of Asia, Europe and Africa, South America, and eastern North America. The moon starts to go into half shadow (penumbra) at around 20:20 (not very interesting), then starts to slide into full shadow at 21:30. It'll be in full shadow between 22:44 and midnight. The moon doesn't disappear during an eclipse but will darken and often go a blood red colour (this is from scattered sunlight through the earth's atmosphere – the same effect that gives red sunsets.)

For Sale

Table loom – 2 shaft Rugmaster. Inc. shuttles, heddles & sticks etc.
Maximum weaving width, approx 32 - 33" £50 Contact Wendy or Jane J.

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Katja sent me this link (My son 'stumped upon' this) :

<http://www.textually.org/textually/archives/2006/05/012493.htm>

If you want to see a sheep of unusual flock, check this out.

Jean-Luc Cornec's telephone sheep

Please Contact Chris if you have anything of interest for the newsletter.