



## CLWYD WEB

February 2009

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Completed Programme for 2009

Jan 17	Making Cords (for split ply braiding etc) and Dream Catchers
Feb 21	Using Drumcarders and Colour Blending. Bring any carding equipment you want to demonstrate or get advice on using, and lots of fibre!
Mar 21	Soft Basketry with natural materials with Averil Otiv (Booking required)
Apr 18	Guild Friendship Day. Llandegla Village Hall
May 16	Dyeing synthetics (canteen)
Jun 20	Fancy Spinning
Jul 18	Board Weaving – Hats and scarves without looms.
Aug	At Homes
Sep 19	Flax spinning Workshop with Riitta (booking required) Riitta Sinkkonen Davies is a textile artist based in Pembrokeshire in south-west Wales. In addition to selling work from her own workshop / gallery, Riitta has exhibited in numerous national and international exhibitions. She has also been commissioned to produce work for many private clients, several national museums and the ordination of the Archbishop of Canterbury. <a href="http://www.rasdavies.co.uk/">http://www.rasdavies.co.uk/</a>
Oct 17	Locker Hooking
Nov 21	AGM and Christmas Meal
Dec 19	Escape from Christmas

**Annual Subs (unchanged at £15, joint membership £20) due now.**

Our February meeting is on colour blending and carding. It is a chance for us to share expertise and give people an idea of how to use all the different pieces of equipment that are available. You can try the pricier bits of kit and decide whether they truly worth the investment. Or see what you can do with a pet comb and patience. We will bring in the group drumcarder(s), and please bring along any interesting equipment for combing, carding and blending that you have. I'll bring my drumcarder, some truly vicious combs and a small hackle as well as handcarders. If you could also bring along any coloured fleece or tops that you have, we can experiment with mixing colours and blending them in different ways.

**Please note that member led workshops are free (to members) but booked workshops are still £10.**

We are holding a **Guild Friendship Day in April**. Invitations have gone out to all the local groups and to the online guild, but if you have any friends from other groups that we may have missed - perhaps visiting spinners from further afield, please let them know. Rather than bringing in a big supplier, we have decided to showcase smaller local suppliers (details later, when we have confirmations), and to highlight the work of guild members. We hope that Lynn (buttons), Barbara (natural dyeing/shawls/cardweaving) and Jane J (jewellery) can put on a show. I will try and get some more baskets made and we will try and have a general Guild table where members can sell items or fibre (anyone got good fleeces to sell?). Guild sellers will pay a commission on sales. We are also asking for donations for a "bring and buy" stall and will probably put together a table to sell surplus books from the Guild library. These will be available to members first though.

It's a long way ahead, but we need all the time we can get! The "All Wales" exhibition is on the 3<sup>rd</sup> October, and so, by the September meeting we need to have enough material to fill an A1 display board on the theme "Second Time Around". We need ideas!

Even further ahead, **this years challenge** is to produce something from a fibre swap. We're asking everyone to try and put together a goody bag containing approximately 100 gms (4 oz) or interesting and varied fibres by the June meeting. There will then be a draw, and you'll have to see what you can make from the bag you win. Please keep to clean, natural fibres.

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*Adverts to check out for the spring and summer (brochures available at the meeting):  
Fiona Nisbet has organised a set of spring workshops. They include felt making (at the Gateway in Shrewsbury) and rainbow dyeing, dyeing with Indigo and woad, and natural dyeing, with spinning and rigid heddle weaving to follow at her studio near Whitchurch. For details phone 01948 871618 or email [fionanisbet@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:fionanisbet@yahoo.co.uk)*

*Katja recommends looking out for handwoven Gobelin tapestries from La Mere. They were exhibiting at Tatton and will be at the Chelsea Flower Show or perhaps you could see them if you visit Almere Haven in the Netherlands. <http://www.tapestries.nl/>*

*Skylark holidays have sent me their 2009 Programme of scheduled holidays. They are based in South Derbyshire and feature weaving and spinning and dyeing courses led by Alison Daykin (and also walking, photography, painting, astronomy and miscellaneous!) More details at <http://www.skylarkholidays.co.uk>*

*Dancing Phoenix Crafts have sent me details of two **summer craft fairs** that they are running in Wrexham. If anyone wishes to pay for a stall, or offer to demonstrate, contact Judith Morris [www.dancingphoenixcrafts.co.uk](http://www.dancingphoenixcrafts.co.uk)*

*All Saints Gresford Craft Group are holding a **Festival of Crafts** June 16th -19th 2009 and have invited the Guild place exhibits at the above event.*

*If you think the Guild should be represented at these or any other events (or wish to represent the guild yourself) please let the committee know so we can add it to our list of summer events for consideration.*

*It's been a while since you got any astronomy from me, so here's a possible object of interest for this month. Comet Lulin should be JUST naked eye visible and better with binoculars in a good dark sky. Its at its closest and brightest around the 24<sup>th</sup> of February, sitting (probably just as a faint fuzzy blob) next to Saturn. In the late evening look east, toward Leo rising with its distinctive backward question-mark shape. Bright Regulus marks the bottom of that question mark in Leo and brighter Saturn is positioned at Leo's back heel. The comet will start east of Saturn and move a little farther west each night. It's moving very fast at this point and will start to fade as it moves away from us. More information and star maps at <http://www.jodrellbank.manchester.ac.uk/astronomy/nightsky/>*

*And lastly a tale about my husband's new underwear (this IS suitable for family reading J )*

*Saturday is shopping day and DH went out to his annual clothes shop.*

*Hankies, socks and knickers (a man's gotta do what a man's gotta do!)*

*Now, when it comes to knickers DH doesn't read labels much.*

*If they're*

*a) from M&S*

*b) dark or black*

*c) much the same as last year*

*d) mid price (we don't want to be cheap and he's discovered that expensive ones can be tad ... errr... frivolous!)*

*He returns with a pack of men's briefs with ... wait for it...*

*"Climate Control" featuring "Outlast Adaptive comfort" and certified "Space Technology" - registered trademark of the Space Foundation, an initiative of the aerospace industry and NASA.*

*Wow! I wonder if I dare put these in the washing machine, or should they just be jettisoned in space after use.*

*I looked at the label with fear and trepidation (and a magnifying glass, it's very small print)... content 95% cotton 5% elastane... and that's it!*

*Ok they're cotton undies with a bit of stretch ... what's new?*

*Maybe when you get hot, they go baggy and let the draughts in .... or could it just be the advertising media saying what we always knew - cotton makes comfortable underwear :- ) ... and NASA has trademarked it!!!*

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