



CLWYD WEB February 2012

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Meetings and Events

<p>Feb 18th</p>	<p>Fleece, Flowers and Rings (a workshop in search of a snappy title!)</p> <p>The ideas that we had for this month's workshop have come together to make what should be a really interesting meeting. Last month we discussed producing 6" rings for the Association's Exhibition, and Rosemary proposed that we did a series of rings featuring various breeds of sheep. Even if rings aren't submitted, they would make an interesting piece for when the Guild puts on a display. We've sourced a dozen rings to get us started (With thanks to Gill's other half) and Rosemary will show us how to start a ring off. (Note: the submission for the exhibition can be 3D if you like so there are a lot of possibilities here).</p> <p>Meanwhile.....</p> <p>There was an interest in felted knitted bags, and we thought that we could also look at this. In fact we would like to carry on the theme of sheep breeds and use the workshop to test out the different ways that different wools will felt. Gill and Chris will bring along a load of felting books and Gill will provide us with a pattern for a felted flower which will only take 10 mins or so to knit! Gill can also bring along a bag felted and unfelted to show how much it would shrink.</p> <p>So can everyone who wants to join this workshop, bring along large size knitting needles (size 10mm recommended) and WOOL.</p> <p>It would be really good to have a selection of wool from different sheep breed, so if you have fleece (washed please) or spun yarn from a known breed could you bring it along to try out. Chunky weight Yarn is needed but finer yarns can be doubled up. Bring your carders and spinning wheels too, and create chunky singles ready for knitting.</p> <p>To add to the mix, we could look at other animal fibre (alpaca, angora, mohair) and other commercial offerings such as the wingham blends. As long as you know for certain what the fibre or yarn is, please bring it along to try. If we pool all our resources we could come up with a really useful set of results for picking fleece and yarn for felting projects.</p> <p>See back page for my first test results!</p>
<p>March 17th</p>	<p>Crochet edges and Finishes with Isabel & Yvonne (in house)</p>
<p>June 18th-22nd</p>	<p>All Saints Gresford Craft Group - Festival of Crafts 2012</p>
<p>July 7th</p>	<p>The Shrewsbury Guild of WSD are hosting a Wingham Wool Fibre Day 10am - 4pm Local guilds are invited to come and join them for the day. Bring your spinning, weaving, felting, knitting etc. Don't forget that it's a shared lunch, so please bring a contribution! All meetings are held at the Lansdowne Methodist Church Hall, Lansdowne Road, Bayston Hill SY3 free parking adjacent to the hall (Visitors £3 per meeting which includes a free cup of tea/coffee and a biscuit)</p>

Now that Christmas is finally over, we'd love to have any "surplus" presents or other little extras that you could part with, for Raffle prizes. Over the last couple of years, Isabelle's work on the raffle has brought in that little bit of extra to subsidise at least one good workshop every year.

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Some online Freebies: Interweave Press (publishers of SpinOff) offer [A Guide to Spinning Wool: Learn How to Spin Wool from Rare Sheep Breeds and Other Wool Fibers](#) free "as a little thank-you—thank you for all you do to make this spinning community so strong, vibrant, and continually growing. Thank you for your interest in a diversity of fiber from so many different sheep breeds—that interest keeps our spinning wheels humming." Download from <http://www.spinningdaily.com/spinning-wool/?a=spe111031>

Scottish Fibres February Sale: we are delighted to offer you some great bargains from our on-line store for our February sale. <https://www.scottishfibres.co.uk/acatalog> Tel:0131 445 3899. Some of our **natural dyes** are on offer, Rachel John's extreme **knitting needles** are reduced by £3.00 per pair, the final **Brittany double pointed needles** are also down in price, bargains in the craft kits section with heart shaped **pompoms**, **pompom kits** and **hairpin lace tools** on offer, most of our books are reduced - some only by 50p but some as much as £10.00. Look out for our fibre of the month again - this month is seacell at £5.50 instead of £7.00.

Quick knitted Felt Experiment:

- a) Stripes of baby alpaca DK, Soay, Falkland carded fleece (from Wingham), Superfine Merino and Alpaca again
- b) Fine cashmere/silk (indigo), lambswool with cashmere, viscose and nylon (pale blue), Merino whit, merino dark.

Felted in the sink, I was surprised at how much the alpaca felted – more the merino! The Soay hardly felted at all. The merino felted easily, as expected. The coloured sampler was an idea for a skinny scarf, that would have a wavy edging, if the centre shrunk and the edges didn't. Needs more tests!



Before



After

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