



CLWYD WEB

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SUBSCRIPTIONS (£15 single/£20 joint) FOR 2006 ARE NOW DUE

2006 Programme

Jan 21	Spinning Techniques & Show and Tell We will also bring in the Library and have a sort out of the books (surpluses to be sold)
Feb 18	Braiding, Bobbles and other finishing ideas
Mar 18	Lofty Spinning and knitting with beads with Freyalynn (Booking required)
Apr 8	Felting, wet and dry – Note date!
May 20 & May 21	Wingham wool visit and Spinning workshop (Booking required)
Jun 17	Guild Anniversary - Talk, promises auction, bring a plate (or 2!), reunion. Venue probably Cilcain Village Hall
Jul 15	Visit to the Wool Board at Portmadoc (TBA) -all the fleece you could ever want!
Aug	At Homes (to be arranged)
Sep 16	Workshop from Dot Seddon (Synthetic dyeing) (Booking required)
Oct 21	Inkle weaving
Nov 18	AGM and Christmas Meal (Bring a Plate)

AGM Notes from Janet Major

Treasurer's report – last year membership reached around 45. Committee proposal is that a grant is not applied for this year and that workshops are charged for. The fee will be £5.00 for members for restricted workshops and £10 for non guild members if places are not filled. (The £2 visitors fee for other meetings and workshops remains) After a few static years, next years subscription will be £15 single and £20 couple. A token will still be paid for demonstrating at shows. There is a healthy bank balance. (The Audited accounts will be available at January's meeting. Auditor of accounts for next year – Emma Fieldgate
Chairman's report

Myra noted what a great year this had been for the Guild. The membership is healthy and we have several new members. We have had a varied and enjoyable programme with many workshops by leaders of national and international repute as well as running several 'in house' sessions. The following list is not a full detail of what we have enjoyed but gives a flavour!

External speakers:

Michael Compton with Tapestry Weaving & Priscilla Lowry with silk spinning workshops; Mandy Coates (with help from Chris Jordan) with Basketry & David Jones from the Wool Board

In-house:

Ann Prince (Nuno felt making); Jane-Janet & Joyce with fine and fancy spinning; Myra with natural dyeing – in gold

Show & tell meeting in July when an inspiring range of members work was seen & discussed

Erdigg exhibition – our first 5 day exhibition since 1986 – lots of visitors & lots of lovely comments (many thanks to all for their time , particularly in demonstrating to Chris & her loom & Sylvia for her caring cups of tea and all the spinners and peg loom weavers and especially to those who set it all up and dismantled it!)

Lysfasi Open Day – which was only a few days later & again was very busy.

(Thanks go to Joyce for sorting out the shows & for the gazebo)

Myra also mentioned her own extras: The Broughton Exchange Artisan Exposition – trip to Toulouse; visit to Whitemere; the Summer School (3 members attended); Janet & Myra fine & fancy tuition with Ruth Gough at Wentworth; visiting the Gaffney's; Fiona Nisbet and the wheel Doctor; the All Wales Exhibition with Joyce and a trip to 'man' the National stand in Dublin and noted that many of us had similar offshoots! Thanks to all the Guild (Doris being noted for always carrying a pint of milk & Janet Strivens for going to get one when needed!) and gave thanks particularly to the committee (especially Chris for doing 2 jobs & Rosemary for all she has done & continues to do) .

Election of new committee members: All existing members to re-stand

Chairman-Teresa; Vice-Chair-Joyce; Treasurer- Janet Scrivens; Newsletter- Chris; Jane – receiving correspondence; Programme Secretary : Rosemary & Myra; activist- Janet . 3 new members – Betty, Barbara & Elizabeth

Proposed: Sandra seconded Sarah

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Programme out soon and there will be fixed number workshops for members for which booking forms are included. Please return to Myra putting preferences in order:

March: Freya Close Heynsworth – Lofty spinning and beaded knitting.

May: Wingham Wools weekend – There will be a spinning workshop on the Sunday with a limit of 10.

Sept: Dot Seddon synthetic dyeing

Notices

A coach has been organized for a day trip to the Wool Fest on Friday June 30th June. There will be pick up points at Oswestry, Wrexham and Chester. There will be more details about bookings later in the year.

We decided that the 2006 guild challenge would be something – (anything!) with a 21st birthday theme for the guild's Anniversary. So... keys, number 21's (colours, stitches, threads, yards) or something really obscure. BUT THE REAL CHALLENGE is to have it ready by June!

There's a new Nantwich Knitting Group starting up. The first meeting was Tuesday 10th January 2006 - in The Coffee Lounge above Nantwich Bookshop from 9.15 -

The Back Page

Janesent me a link to a Lego knitting machine – I quote: Tom's Knitting Machine page includes [a gallery of images](#) in addition to a strangely ominous [Quicktime movie](#). Can a Lego-made scarf be far behind?"

The movie is definitely weird, but I'm not sure if any of the pictures will really convey the beats in all its err... glory.

(It's actually a mechanised French knitting machine – ie it does the same thing as a cotton reel with 4 nails in the top!).

The link for those who want to look further, is at

http://www.nextbrick.net/2006/01/tom_johnsons_working_technic_k.html



Something entirely different with a more serious side, the papers picked up on a knitting pattern for a prosthetic breast in Cotton Chenille.

The pattern is free from Crystal Palace Yarns at

http://www.straw.com/cpy/patterns/cot_chenille_boob.html and deserves a read for the strength of character of the designer, Beryl Tsang.

2006 Workshop Booking Form

Please put your order of preference in the 3rd box and return to Myra

March 18th	Freya Close Heynsworth – Lofty Spinning and Knitting with Beads	
May 21 st (Sunday)	Wingham Wool - Spinning and Wheels	
Sept 16th	Dot Seddon – Synthetic Dyeing	

Please Contact Chris (01606 47217) if you have anything of interest for the newsletter.