



## CLWYD WEB

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### Next Meetings and Events

June 21 Guild meeting at Llysfasi	Selections for the National Exhibition PLUS a show and tell. We have a special theme for the show and tell this year, UFOs (UnFinished Objects) and WIPs (Works in Progress). The idea is to bring us your problem pieces and disasters to see if the combined expertise of the group can suggest solutions.
June 24 (Tue) from around 10am till 4pm	North Shropshire guild would like to invite you to Whitemere near Ellesmere for our annual get together. This year will be a different format, we would like everyone to bring a plate of food to share. Because of this the visitor fee will be reduced to £2 per person. Please let us know if you will be attending (contact Teresa).
Jun 27/28 (Fri/Sat)	Woolfest, Cumbria
Jun 29 SUNDAY	Janet Strivens' Open Garden Fund Raiser – help needed –see below for details.
Jul 14 -Jul 20	Helping Myra with National Exhibition submissions (see below)
Jul 19 Guild meeting at Llysfasi	In House Felting - again several types of felting to try.
August At Homes	We have no formal meetings during August, but try to organise some get togethers in people's houses. Details later

**Open Garden Fund Raiser - proceeds to guild funds!** For those who can't come on the day, any freezable donations of cakes/scones will be most welcome, plus any spare plants they can donate for the plant stall (ideally labelled!). You can bring these along to the Saturday meeting. For those who are able and willing to come for any part of the time, I will bring a rota and people can sign up for what they prefer, spinning or helping with the food or both, and for how long. We thought we would have three two-hour shifts for the food, and think we will need around four people a shift (serving, collecting cups, washing up) but that includes several friends and neighbours who have offered to help. Also, we may have enough already but anyone who has a gazebo we could borrow, could they bring that along too? We want to try and have outdoor cover for spinners, food and plant stall, although spinners could use the small conservatory at the back at a pinch.  
**Contact Janet for directions**

**National Exhibition Submissions** We hope you'll have some good pieces to submit for the national Exhibition which is in Liverpool this year. There is now no limit on the number of submissions for each guild, but there is a personal limit of 2 items (except for the miniatures and CD covers which have no limits. Myra, is one of the `receiving` centres for the guild selections. So, including ours she will have parcels arriving from about 15 guilds, and she would like a couple of members to open, record, preserve packaging etc. She'll look after everyone well and keep them well fed and watered!! Last submissions will be received on the 14th and they have to be taken to Liverpool on the 20th for selection so we would need to meet up between those dates at a mutually convenient time.

**Ty Mawr Open Day (Teresa)** On the last Thursday in May, Myra and I (Teresa) went to Ty Mawr Country Park's "All things Woolly" afternoon. Ten of the park's sheep were sheared at 15 minute intervals to a huge audience of children and adults. They also had tractor rides around the park in a very large trailer which was very popular. We were in the adjoining shed spinning, accompanied by Liz, the Head Warden, who had 2 Louet wheels for the children just to treadle, this was popular. She showed how to card and spindle spin. We attracted a lot of interest and many questions, including "how do you make rope?"! There was another table with a lady teaching knitting. She had a lot of takers including several men! On a second table several of the wardens were very busy helping the children with "God's Eye" weaving. Some beautiful weavings were proudly taken home, as were some very best efforts. A 4 shaft loom with weaving on was on display, and another lady had brought her Peg loom and was weaving with fleeces. When one of the Jacob sheep had been sheared she used the fleeces, again very popular.

If you ever wondered if our demonstrations produced results we now have proof. The lady with the Peg Loom saw this at last year's day and was intrigued. She went home and found how to make one from the internet. The base came from a skip and she made the holes for the pegs. She bought some dowelling and drilled the weft holes and started weaving. If you wondered where the 10 fleeces went well she had 6 and Myra and I had 2 each!!!

I was talking to a boy and I asked him what he had seen on the tractor ride, his reply "Lots of Poo" After being

told at Llysfasi they thought we were extinct, I was told this time they thought we had died out long ago! I'm now off to my cave and attend to my dinosaur herd which is doing well.

### May meeting – synthetic dyeing

I dyeing days always seem eventful, in past years we have had a stropy tutor, who nearly provoked a walkout, a session were we tripped out most of the ground floor electrics, and this year was no exception – since I started a flood by suggesting the coffee machine be moved.

However, once the panic dyed (J) down we got to work, we random dyed fleece and wool roving, silk hankies, and yarn in skeins in the microwave and in pans on hotplates. We dip dyed for a progressive effect and injected balls with multiple colours.... and ended up with a marvellous array of bright and toned materials. Now all we need is a workshop on using random dyed wool. Many thanks to everyone who brought dyes and equipment and demonstrated different techniques – I hope you all enjoyed the day as much as I did.



### The Back Page



**For Sale: Ashford Chunky Spinning Wheel, with two HUGE (2lb capacity bobbins) £100**  
*I'll bring it along to Saturday's meeting if anyone is interested in seeing and trying it. Excellent for rug wool, lumpy bumpy wool. plying large amounts onto one bobbin, teaching (it runs at a slow steady ratio) I just bought a new (portable) wheel and my husband operates a one wheel in à one wheel out policy. Contact webmanager.*

**Isn't this astounding!**

**A working Glass Spinning Wheel by Andy Paiko**

*This is apparently a kinematical sculpture – but it does spin.*

*More pictures and information can be found at [http://andypaikoglass.com/sculpture/the\\_spinning\\_wheel/](http://andypaikoglass.com/sculpture/the_spinning_wheel/)*

*And a youtube video of someone spinning on it at <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=IzYB1o9YRUc>*

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