



CLWYD WEB

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Programme

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| June 19th | <p>Bag on a Box with Joan Gilbert (Booking Required. Contact Teresa) You'll need: A BOX! Joan recommends that you don't go for a huge box - maybe make the largest dimension not much more than 30cms ie less than 12". If you go for something large, the base takes so long that you may miss on learning the techniques to finish the bag. A rectangular base is easier than a square base. The base needs to be stuffed with newspaper to make it nice and rigid. It is then wrapped in that thin polystyrene wrapping or vilene and finished with a wrapping of a tough plastic bag all taped down. You'll need a strong not too hairy yarn (wool is OK, avoid stretchy synthetics) for the warp, and a selection of yarns for the weaving. Rug yarns, handspun and maybe some fancy yarns to lift the finished bag will all be good. A large-eyed darning or upholstery needle with a rounded tip will be useful for doing the weaving. Joan recommends plastic needles if you can get them. Joan is happy to take a reasonable number for this workshop (£10 members) so if you want to join in and haven't managed to book, you should still be able to join in ... just bring a suitable box and some wool!</p> <p>This month, Yvonne has volunteered to help set up at the start and tidy up at the end. This doesn't mean that we all run off and leave her to clear up, it means that we know who to help!</p> |
| June 27 th | <p>Janet Striven's Open Garden - Llandegla Volunteers and Cakes required. Please contact Janet Janet kindly nominates the Guild as the recipient of any money raised by this event, so please support her.</p> |
| Friday 25 th - Saturday 26 th June | <p>Woolfest, Cumbria</p> |
| July 17 th | <p>Dyeing with Earth Hues natural dyeing concentrates</p> |
| August 14 th | <p>Montgomery Guild Friendship Day</p> |
| August 30 th Bank Holiday Monday | <p>Cilcain Show. Either in the Village Hall or the Church, so please contact Joyce if you can help.</p> |

Jane Jenkins writes: Perhaps you could put it in the newsletter that City & Guilds embroidery students from West Cheshire College exhibition is on at Voirrey Embroidery, Brimstage Hall, until 11th July. Yours truly has some of the results of 2yrs hard slog on show there!!!

Fleece For Sale: 3 Llanwenog rarebreed fleeces, second cut, 4 -5" staple, high Bradford count, soft, white, slight kink, non-sheen, unwashed.

More Fleece: Lynn knows of a flock full of fleece (either 12 or 20) about to be skipped unless anyone wants them. They are suffolk and texel or maybe suffolk/texel, both should be quite soft and bouncy wool. If you're interested, let her know as soon as possible.

For your holidays perhaps? I'm writing to tell you and the members of the Clwyd Guild about a festival we're running from August 8th -15th up here in bonnie Shetland! The week long festival which comprises a series of knitting and textiles workshops, concerts and cultural tours is a completely unique experience and aims to teach attendees the secrets and techniques of Shetland knitting. Chelsea Kappeler, Special Projects Assistant, Toll Clock Centre, 26 North Road, Lerwick, Shetland ZE1 0DE www.shetlandarts.org

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Extreme Knitting

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=VVRfVEONxJQ>
August 30, 2008 — Rachel John, Extreme Textiles, broke records by knitting with a 1000 strands simultaneously! This video shows the set up of the event and the event itself. This event took place at the Southhill Park Unravel Textiles exhibition in October 2006.

"It is a challenge for all of us to take the waste products that our society produces and to put it to good use."

(Gathering the 1000 threads)

The comments on this video have been an insight into how people view things when taken out of context. For instance - should I be knitting blankets for charity? I do much charitable work - I cannot increase the hours on this as I wouldn't have time to earn the basics for living. I am happy if this stimulates others to find waste and turn it into blankets for needy. Especially as - using my tools - you can make blankets in a twentieth of the time it takes to make one in squares. If you feel there should be more knitting for charity, join your local group, set one up if there isn't one, and see what you can achieve. You may find a whole new community that brings you joy and a feeling of worthiness. I am one person with the same number of hours in my day as you and they are pretty full already.



No yarn was wasted in the making of this installation - the yarn will be put to good use when the piece has finished circulating as a 1st in the world example of taking multi strand to the limits. - - - - -

Over half the yarn in the installation was deemed as waste for shredding - this is normally made into felted pads which is then used in applications such as padding/stuffing for sofas, mattresses etc. - - - - -

The rest of the yarn was out of fashion yarn that was sitting on the manufacturers shelves. None of the yarn was of the good to best quality that stuff is kept for very practical purposes. - - - - - In the making of this we were taking the waste yarn and turning it in to a mattress without the need for reprocessing. - - - - -

We are very eco conscious and would never waste materials as a matter of course. All trimmings - no matter how small - are collected for use as filler for a variety of purposes such as cushions, so not even a centimetre of yarn is considered waste in this studio. - - - - -

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