



CLWYD WEB

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Programme for 2008

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| Mar 15 | Tapestry Weaving – Victoria Green. See below for details. NEWI Science Fair! |
| Apr 19 | Split Ply Braids – Julie Hedges. Please return booking slips by the March meeting. |

Tapestry Weaving – Victoria Green

I will be demonstrating my preferred method of warping to those who would like to use it and don't know it but if people prefer to warp up in advance they are equally welcome. I'll bring some frames along and a selection of things but it would be a good idea for people to bring:

Their preferred means of holding the yarn ie bobbins, needles, shuttles.

A beater or fork.

A pencil and plain paper.

I will also bring a selection of yarns but if anyone wishes to bring their own that's fine.

Mainly though bring along an experimental approach and a readiness to Enjoy! I'm sure we will! I look forward to meeting you. Vicky

AGWSD National Exhibition – this is rushing ever nearer so here's a reminder about the categories that we can submit items in... they need to be ready for the June meeting where we'll hold the selection.

The theme of the exhibition is "a world of textiles in one city" echoing the theme for Liverpool in its year as European Capital of Culture. This should offer plenty of scope for interpretation even, if you wish, taking inspiration from some aspect of the city of Liverpool itself. The title of the exhibition plays with the theme of the student workshops this winter: create, recreate, fabricate. The students will be encouraged to make creative and innovative use of reclaimed materials, and you may wish to explore this approach as well. Exhibition guidelines: Weaving, Spinning and Dyeing should be the predominant skills of any work submitted for Association exhibitions. The work may be traditional or innovative and should embody one or more of the 3 crafts. Other crafts may be used to augment the work. All work submitted must justify the materials and techniques used in that they should enhance the form, design and impact of the item, which will be assessed as a complete and finished object. All items must support the objectives of the Association in demonstrating work of the highest possible standard of quality and craftsmanship. The overall aim is to maintain and improve the standard of the items exhibited.

Sample pieces: Each item should be accompanied by a sample (no larger than A4) of the technique used, and, perhaps a small skein of the hand spun yarn if appropriate. This will be displayed with the exhibit for members of the public to handle. We also ask that 1 or 2 good quality digital photographs of the submission are included in the package as a record and for an image bank to be used for publicity and archive purposes. No item will be rejected because it does not have this sample piece or digital photos.

Special categories: This year for the first time there are two special categories which are non-selective:

1. Miniatures – an exhibit not to exceed 3cm (approx 1") in any dimension 2D or 3D
2. "A response to a song" – to be submitted in a clear CD case.

There is no limit to the number of items per member in these two categories.

(For other pieces there is a limit of 2 per member, with a guild limit of 1 piece per 6 members - so we should be able to submit 6 or 7 pieces)

Other News

Fiona Nisbet is holding 2 workshops in April. On the 1st, Feltmaking in her workshop (between Nantwich and Audlem) and on the 3rd, Crochet in Shrewsbury.

On Easter Sunday there will be an Open Day at the Moral Fibre Feltmaking Mill, Ludlow with hands on 'Nuno Feltmaking' sessions. www.moralfibre.uk.com (they also run courses throughout the year).

Crafts in the Anglican Cathedral, Liverpool 17, 18, 19 April. An invitation from the Merseyside Guild who will be displaying and demonstrating.

N. Shropshire Guild. On April 8th the guild is having a talk from Lee Price who will talk about about Wonderwool and also the Bowmont Yarn Project. We meet at Ellesmere Town Hall at 7.30pm.

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E-charkha – from the online charkha support group:

“In Mumbai, I visited the KVIC office and got to spin on an e-charkha. You might think e- stands for electronic, but not this one-it generates electricity! You could spin and charge your cell phone at the same time. Or the spinner in the village could hook it up to a battery so she could store enough energy for her kids to do their homework by lamplight at night, or she could listen to a radio, or?”

Did the earth move for you?

Manchester Earthquake Appeal

An Earthquake measuring 5.2 on the Richter scale hit Greater Manchester on Wednesday morning. Casualties were seen wandering aimlessly saying "bang out of order" "mental" and "sorted". Some are still confused that something interesting actually happened in Beswick! Some residents of Middleton were woken before their 'giros' arrived and it caused quite a panic!

The earthquake decimated half of the Salford area causing in excess of £17.55 worth of damage. Several priceless collections of mementos from Ibiza, Corfu, Rhyl and Blackpool were damaged beyond repair including a cute little donkey that 'broke wind' when you clapped your hands. Preserved areas of historic importance were destroyed and many piles of scientifically significant litter were disturbed.

One resident of Moston, Miss Kylie Davies a 15 year old mother of four said "It was such a shock, little Chardonnay-Destiny came running into my bedroom crying; my hands were shaking that much I could hardly concentrate on Jeremy Kyle".

The British Red Cross has so far managed to send 4000 crates of Red Bull to the area to help with the crisis. Rescue workers are still searching through the rubble and have found numerous "Elizabeth Duke" sovereign grills, benefit books and Poundstretcher ornaments.

How can you help?

This appeal hopes to raise money for food and clothing parcels for those unfortunate enough to be caught up in the disaster. Clothing is most sought after. Urgently needed are Lacoste tracksuits, white socks, Burberry caps, Beanie hats and Rockports. Food parcels are also needed. They include McCain oven chips, Aldi Beans, Monster Munch, Hollands pies and Iceland pizza. Alcohol is also in short supply, especially White Lightening Cider and Special Brew.

Cash donations are also needed. 22p buys a 'signing-on' biro, £2.50 buys a pie and chips, £20.00 buys a fake MOT and £16.00 buys 200 Regal ciggies from the back of Tomo's lorry. Your help is appreciated.

NEWS FLASH – Alpaca eats camera!



At a recent visit to one of our telescopes (at Pickmere near Northwich), I stopped to take some photos.

I have a new camera and was concentrating on the fiddly little buttons to adjust something, when I looked through the viewfinder again...

and realised that

I didn't really need

ZOOM any more!

