



CLWYD WEB

MARCH 2018

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**Welcome to the New Year – please note subscriptions (£18) are now due.
Please pay at meeting**

2018 Programme (Preliminary)

March 17 th	Basket Weaving with Chris. (See below)
Apr 21 st .	Shibori Dyeing with Krythia

**We meet at the Llysfasi Campus of Coleg Cambria, which is on the Ruthin/Wrexham road.
Our meeting starts at 10am and we need to leave by 4pm. Visitors are welcome, at a charge of £3 for the day. Tea and coffee is provided, bring your own lunch.**

Please remember to park in the car park to the left of the entrance, though we can use the area by the building to drop off and collect

March Workshop Bias Woven baskets and pouches, with Chris.

This workshop is about things you can make with bias weaving. We'll be making one (or two if you have time), little items to show the techniques, but it can be used for larger things as well.

Here are some ideas which we can try:



The first and perhaps easiest is a small pot with a square base made from folded strips of paper, the second, is a pouch made from cordyline leaves, and the final one is a pouch made from strips of suede. I also tried fabric strips but that wasn't too successful. If you want to join the workshop, you'll need to bring along something to weave with, good scissors (a disc cutter and mat are useful if you have these but not vital) something for poking things through small gaps like a fine knitting needle or crochet hook. Recommendations for weaving materials are paper. For the little pot, I used folded strips of paper from a good quality magazine (the weight of the paper rather than the content©) and I used 3 or 4 sheets about the same size as opened out radio times (or larger). You can also use card (A3) or cardboard. Lizzie recommends cornflake packets. If you want to try weaving with phormium (new Zealand flax) you'll need to have enough leaves make about 16 1cm wide strips at least 50cm long. My cordyline only gave 2 strips per leaf, but larger ones and phormiums might give 4 per leaf. Apparently you shouldn't cut phormium until close to when you use it, but the cordyline had been dumped in a cool place in December, you'll also need something like an old kitchen knife to scrape the leaves to soften them. I'll bring some spare paper (free) and some spare leather (small charge) and LOTS of clips

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The Association recently sent out a message about changes to the **Data Protection Legislation** which come into effect on May 25th. The Committee will be putting in place a Data Privacy Statement as recommended, but we'll need all members to see and sign up to having their data saved by the group.

The National Exhibition: the deadline for guilds to send in entries from their members is 14 April, to arrive by 21 April. If anyone feels inspired this year let me know and I can resend the details and submission form. Entry is by photograph plus a small sample of the work.

Craft Sisters www.craftsisters.co.uk

Have recently become Kromski dealers (Spinning wheels and looms) and write: I am pleased to be able to offer all Guild Members a 10% introductory discount on all weaving/spinning equipment and accessories, including fibres. If any Guild Members would like to accept the 10% discount, please enter Coupon Code "Guild" (without the apostrophes), upon checkout. It would be appreciated, if the Member could state which Guild they are associated with as a note on any orders.

Raffle prizes: We could do a couple of raffle prizes each month (but note that we can't store anything so not TOO many at a time ☺)

**Tea, coffee and biscuits available, but we ask for a donation in aid of cancer charities.
Please contact the web editor if you have anything of interest for the newsletter**