



CLWYD WEB

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Next Meetings and Events

May 17 Guild meeting Llysfasi	Synthetic Dyeing – to be held in the canteen (the big brick centre block). See below for details of what to expect and what to bring.
Jun 10 Tues Ellesmere Town Hall	The North Shropshire guild would like to invite other local guilds to their Tuesday evening meeting on the 10th June starting roughly at 7.30pm. 'Hazel Bijok runs a small business selling top quality tops for spinners and felters. At the June meeting she will be bringing all her stock for people to look at, fondle and buy. www.fibremania.co.uk Usual visitor fees apply and there will be a small charge of £2 per person for a good sized bag of different tops for folk to sit and spin and generally play with. We look forward to seeing as many visitors as possible in June
June 21 Guild meeting at Llysfasi	Selections for the National Exhibition PLUS a show and tell for all your WIPS and UFOs.
June 26 (Thu)	N. Shropshire Friendship Day at Whitemere. "Bring a plate". (Contact Teresa).
Jun 27/28 (Fri/Sat)	Woolfest, Cumbria
Jun 29 SUNDAY	Janet Strivens' Open Garden Fund Raiser
Jul 19 Guild meeting at Llysfasi	In House Felting - again several types of felting to try.

May Meeting: Synthetic Dyeing

Following on from synthetic dyeing (2006) with Dot Seddon, which looked at the formal side of reproducing exactly the colour you want, we'll be investigating random dyeing techniques. We'll look at dyeing a ball of yarn with applied colours, random dyeing fleece and roving and perhaps dip dyeing. Please bring some samples, fleece, yarn or roving (**protein ie animal fibres only**), protective gear – apron, gloves, stirrer, bucket for taking wet fibres home. Also if you like, any of the following will be useful, though we'll try and have some available: small pan, microwaveable container (disposable or dedicated to dyeing), cling film (or a roasting bag), acid dyes, dye syringes and measuring containers. A few more electric hot plates or microwaves would also be useful. We should also have some spare white yarn (in balls) for the ball dyeing.

LLysfasi Open Day: Teresa reports that we had a good turn out of 8 spinners in the sheep shed at Llysfasi this year. There were also around 1000 kids plus accompanying adults! It sounds like a lively time was had by all, since the shearer was shearing (Denise got to see her first sheep shorn), yews were bleating and lambs yelling for their Mum's. (plus the tummy rumbles of 8 spinners with only 7 lunches). For additional entertainment the lambs organised a Great Escape with one jumping the 2 levels down and making off through the visitors with staff in hot pursuit and children parting like the Red Sea. Oh yes, and one small visitor said they thought we (spinners) were extinct – move over T. Rex!

Wonderwool Wales:

Some of the group managed to get to Wonderwool Wales at it's new time of year. This show has a different set of skills on display to the Woolfest, and also has more space for the stalls to spread out. Teresa said however that they could have done with more seating, and this year, the weather had made shearing so late that there were very few fleeces for show or sale. The SheepWalk was a great success though.

April Meeting: Ply Split Braiding with Julie Hedges

This must be the first time that I have heard such a quiet room. There were around a dozen of us taking this workshop, and for much of the time there was nothing to be heard but the grinding noises of over taxed brain cells (mine) and occasional cries of triumph or muttered curses (not just mine!)

Julie showed us examples of her work from camel girths made with goat hair to tough bags and shiny jewel like cotton pieces.



To save time, Julie had brought along a selection of cord and we all piled in selecting different colours and were shown how to make our first simple braid, (Except for Jane who was already familiar with the techniques and started a much more ambitious piece.

Julie supplied tools (Gripfids!!) and loaned copies of her excellent book for instructions.

After a lunch break, we had time to try our hands at twisting our own 4-ply cords, and to continue with slightly more complicated braids.

This was an excellent workshop, and I spent half the next day, trying cord twisting (they need about

twice as much twist as appears possible!) and even made a simple braid all by myself.

For those who want more information about Split Ply Braiding. Julie's Book can be bought through her web site at <http://www.juliehedges.co.uk> or phone 01743 340701 (Shrewsbury) for £12.99 + £2 P&P. Gripfids are available from Dave Budd (<http://davebuddknives.homestead.com/> Tel: 0776 474 2569 (Devon) for £9 and cord winders from Jenny Parry Jennie.parry@virgin.net

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For Sale: Sheila - Ashford Spinning Wheel+ 2 spare bobbins £70 (probably a Traditional).

2 bags of Black faced (?) sheep wool £5

Pair of carders £7

Lorna would like to hear from anyone who would be interested in joining a community crafts group in support of a school near Corwen. Tuesday evenings.

Joyce emailed to say she had no news about shows, but if anyone is interested, she is wanting to sell her Berlingo!...2lr diesel, bought as it has tremendous storage (spinning wheels and no lip to negotiate (Hmm... maybe the group should get a commission if this advert sells it J)

Cute or what!(a colleague at work took this picture a couple of weeks ago in the Peak District)



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