



THE ASSOCIATION OF GUILDS OF WEAVERS, SPINNERS AND DYERS

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National Exhibition 2012 - Update December 2011

As you know, next year's exhibition will be held at the Weald & Downland Open Air Museum, Singleton, near Chichester. It is a very popular place and we are working closely together to make the exhibition a really special event for both organisations. We are really excited at the prospect of enabling a wider audience to see our work during one of the Museum's busiest periods.

During our dialogue with the Museum a number of issues have emerged, which we are handling, and my purpose of writing to you now is to bring you up to date.

Timetable

There are a number of key dates which we must keep to, they are:-

18 th May	Final day for advice and payment of rings
2 nd June	Final day for entries for selection to arrive
7 th & 8 th June	(to be confirmed) The selection will take place
16 th June	Advice to Guilds of which entries have been selected
12 th July	Final date for rings and exhibits to arrive at the Museum
13 th - 15 th July	Setting up
16 th July	Exhibition open to the public
21 st July	Official Opening
22 nd July	Rare Breeds Show (4000 expected), the Lyle Smart Trophy awarded
27 th July	Exhibition final day
28 th & 29 th July	Taking down and returning exhibits and rings.

Entry to the museum

At our first meeting the Museum kindly offered free entry to Guild members. It was assumed that all they would need to do would be to show their membership card. As not all Guilds have membership cards, and those that do, use different ones, the museum has asked us to prepare a design for a ticket. Consequently I have submitted a draft design to the museum and once agreed will send each Guild a sheet of tickets they can copy and distribute to members.

Labelling

I know how precious each piece of work is to its maker and I want to make sure that everything is returned correctly. So please make sure that everything, especially the rings, sent to the exhibition is adequately labelled.

As the site is large – covering 40 acres – and to avoid parcels going to the wrong place, I will be preparing labels for Guilds to use when sending rings and exhibits to the museum.

Finally!

A few days ago I wrote to let you know that Gwyneth Allen is coordinating volunteers and already a number of guilds have responded with offers of help. Thank you – and we do need more!

With best wishes for Christmas and happy spinning, weaving, dyeing, felting & knitting in 2012

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