



## THE ASSOCIATION OF GUILDS OF WEAVERS, SPINNERS AND DYERS

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### Association Newsletter, September 2018

#### Association News

##### Summer School 2019

The Brochure, Booking Form, and Bursary Form are now available for the 2019 Summer School "A Textile Heritage", which will take place 04 - 11 August 2019 at Askham Bryan College, York.

Booking for Summer School closes 31 December 2018.

The final date for receipt of bursary applications is 31 October 2018 Information here:

<https://wsdss19.wordpress.com/2018/09/04/bursary-for-summer-school/>

Full information is available on the Summer School website: <https://wsdss19.wordpress.com/> or alternatively from the Association Website, the WIP, or your Guild Secretary.

##### National Exhibition Video

A [video of the National Exhibition](#) 'Textile Creations' is now available, providing an opportunity for those who didn't make it in person to experience the exhibition, and a reminder for those who did.

##### New Guild (La Fibre Textile)

A warm welcome to the Association to members of La Fibre Textile, who are based in a number of locations in France (including Paris, Chinon, Tours, Limoges and Dieppe) and have been in operation for over 20 years.

A further welcome to recently formed Guilds and their members: Lavant Spinners in West Sussex, High Peak in Derbyshire, and Penwith in Cornwall.

##### Knitting & Stitching Show

As in previous years, the Association will have a stand at the Knitting & Stitching Show, Alexandra Palace, London, 11-14th October 2018. Thank you to Guild members who are volunteering on the stand. If you're visiting the show stop by and say hello!

##### GPC Regional Reps

Regional Reps have now been in touch with Guild Secretaries in each of the ten regions. Thank you to those Guilds who have responded, and do feel free to contact your Regional Rep with questions or with information about events or activities you would like disseminated.

##### Foundation Certificate in Spinning

The Foundation Certificate in Spinning is continuing to be popular with members, with 75 active students, plus 12 awards made this year so far. The Certificate has six excellent mentors, but is

looking for two more to represent the East and North of England. Please contact Janet Maher, Foundation Certificate Coordinator, if you are able to help: [foundationspin@wsd.org.uk](mailto:foundationspin@wsd.org.uk)

### **Foundation Certificate in Dyeing**

A Foundation Certificate in Dyeing is currently being designed, with the aim to pilot with a first cohort of students later this year. Janet Maher, Foundation Certificate Coordinator, is currently looking for eight Regional Mentors to support students, please get in touch if you can help or would like to know more: [foundationdye@wsd.org.uk](mailto:foundationdye@wsd.org.uk)

### **Association Website Guild Pages**

All Guilds are reminded to update their own pages on the [Association Website](#). Association Secretary, Soo Coates, has been in touch with all Guild Secretaries with full details.

### **Journal News**

#### **The Journal Blog**

The [Journal Blog](#) will feature various posts relating to Summer School 2019 in coming months. Look out for profiles of the tutors and their courses and projects. Contributions are also welcomed from Guild members; please submit these to: [blog@journalwsd.org.uk](mailto:blog@journalwsd.org.uk)

#### **Coming in your Winter Journal, published towards the end of November:-**

Colour Continues!

- The Practical Application of Colour Theory to Textile Craft by Sarah Pape;
- Interview with Naomi Robertson, Tapestry Studio Manager and Master Weaver, Dovecot Studios by Jill Riley;
- Art Yarn: How to Make a Bubble-Wrapped Core-Spun Yarn by Leonor Calaca;
- Discovering Textile Techniques for Baluchistan by Rosalind Lobb;
- Dyeing with Knitted Blanks by Debbie Tomkies;
- Spinning Space Dyed Tops by Amanda Hannaford;
- Different Approaches to Designing with Colour by Kate Horner, Jane Deane and Norah Ball;
- A Handspun Swagger Coat by Patricia Dyson;
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....along with Certificate of Achievement Reports, Guild Highlights, Book and Exhibition Reviews  
Lots to immerse yourself in on dark winter evenings!

#### **Current Issue of the Journal, the Colour Issue**

The current issue of The Journal, Autumn 2018, published in August includes articles on the following:

- Norwich Red - A Lost Recipe for Scarlet On Silk, Wool and Cotton
- Dyeing Fibre for Fractal Spinning - An Exploration of Colour
- For The Love of Indigo - My Journeys Through Indigo Past, Present and Future
- A Creative Approach to Colour in Woven Tapestry
- The Theory of Colour Perception
- Colours of The Sun
- Warp Faced Rep: Table Runner for 4 And 8 Shafts

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### **Recent News from Guilds**

**Susan J Foulkes**, member of Online and Durham Guilds, has published a new book [Weaving Pattern Bands: How to Create and Design with 5, 7 and 9 Pattern Threads](#). More information is available on [Susan's blog](#), and the book is available from the Handweavers Studio in London or from Amazon.

**Guilds Together Inspires**, Midlands Guilds will be holding a biennial event on Saturday 06 October in Coventry at Christ Church, Frankpledge Rd, Coventry, CV3 5GT. The event will include a talk by John Arbon on 'Great British Fibres' followed by sales, demonstrations, and exhibitions from each of the Guilds. Tea, coffee and cake will be available. £8 in advance or £10 on the door. Bookings or enquiries to [covwsd@hotmail.com](mailto:covwsd@hotmail.com) or 07840 520850.

Guild members are participating in **BritSpin**, an autumn team hand-spinning marathon linked to UK Wool Week, which will take place between 11 - 14 October 2018. The aims of BritSpin are:

- the promotion of handspinning (using a spindle or wheel);
- to support/help raise the profile of the Campaign for Wool and UK British Wool.

Further details about the event can be found on the BritSpin website <http://britspin.org.uk/about.html>

### **Elsewhere on the Web**

- "The Braid Society 25th Anniversary Exhibition" (09 October - 16 November 2018) takes place at The Gateway Education and Arts Centre, Shrewsbury.
- [The Textile Society's Annual Conference](#) will be held on Saturday 3rd November at the Wellcome Trust, London and will be exploring the theme of 'Inspired By...'
- [Weaving New Worlds](#) at William Morris Gallery (16 June - 23 September 2018). 16 international women artists combine traditional weaving techniques with contemporary imagery. Admission free.
- [Huguenot Festival](#) taking place October 2018 will feature over thirty events in and around the City of London, including a talk about the design process behind the sumptuous Spitalfields silks, and a skills day showcasing the crafts of the Huguenots.

### **Current & Upcoming Events & Exhibitions**

Visit [The Journal's Diary](#) pages for detailed event listings.

**Weaving New Worlds**, 16 June - 23 September 2018 (Wednesday to Sunday) at William Morris Gallery  
16 international women artists combine traditional weaving techniques with contemporary imagery. Admission free.

<http://www.wmgallery.org.uk/whats-on/exhibitions-43/weaving-new-worlds>

<p><b>AGWSD Summer School 2019: A Textile Heritage</b>, 04 – 11 August 2019 at Askham Bryan College, York <a href="https://wsdss19.wordpress.com/">https://wsdss19.wordpress.com/</a></p>
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### **Other Newsletters**

- [Crafts Council Newsletter](#)
- [Voluntary Arts Newsletter](#)

- [Craft & Design Newsletter](#)
- [Craft Industry Alliance Newsletter](#)

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# Guilds Together *Inspires*

6 October 2018

One day event

by Guilds of Weavers, Spinners & Dyers

## Great British Fibres – a talk by John Arbon

Sale of fibres, yarns  
and weaving supplies

Demonstrations of  
Saori Weaving  
Takadai Braiding

Exhibition of work by guilds

Book Stall  
Raffle

Tea/coffee, cakes supplied  
– bring your own lunch

Christ Church,  
Frank Pledge Road  
Coventry CV3 5GT

Doors open 10am

Tickets  
purchased in advance £8  
or £10 on the door

Bookings or enquiries  
covwsd@hotmail.com  
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