



THE ASSOCIATION OF GUILDS OF WEAVERS, SPINNERS AND DYERS

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Association Newsletter, October/November 2018

Association News

Summer School 2019

A reminder that booking for Summer School closes 31 December 2018.

The 2019 Summer School "A Textile Heritage" will take place 04 - 11 August 2019 at Askham Bryan College, York.

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 Association AGM 2019

The preliminary papers for the National Association AGM to be held on Saturday 06 April 2019 at Conway Hall, London, have been circulated to Guild Secretaries for circulation to members.

- Each Guild affiliated to the Association is entitled to send a Delegate to the AGM and may also send an Observer.
- Guilds are invited to submit formal propositions for consideration at the AGM. These should be accompanied by an explanation of the background and/or reasons for the proposition.
- Guilds are also invited to suggest points for discussion. These are intended for discussion at a more informal session following the formal AGM business.

Please note that all forms (Nominations, Proposals and Points for Discussion) must be sent to the Association Secretary by 12th January 2019. Please speak to your Guild Secretary if you are interested in attending, or wish to submit a proposition or point for discussion.

Pre-AGM Online Forum – Moderators Required

At the 2017 AGM it was agreed to set up an online pre-AGM discussion forum to allow a fuller and more meaningful discussion to take place in preparation for the AGM. This was deferred for one year due to the unavailability of adequate IT systems or resource to set-up a forum.

A forum is now available, specifically for discussion regarding proposals and points for discussion. The Association welcomes applications for Moderators for the forum; four Moderators from affiliated Guilds are sought to ensure coverage and to spread the workload between the volunteers.

Guidelines for the forum and the moderator roles, as well as an application form, are available via Guild Secretaries or the [WIP](#).

Knitting & Stitching Show

As in previous years, the Association will have a stand at the Knitting & Stitching Show, Harrogate, 22-25 November 2018. Thank you to Guild members who are volunteering on the stand. If you're visiting the show stop by and say hello (we'll be on stand Q4)!

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](#) contains lots of information relating to Summer School 2019. Visit 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

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

In Memory of Toni Wilson, a long-standing member of Coventry Guild who sadly passed away in August, Coventry Guild are having a **sale day in Coventry on Saturday 25 November**. The sale day is intended to ensure that Toni's equipment, yarn, fibre, etc. goes to people who will enjoy using it, at the request of her family. The sale will take place at Christ Church Hall, Cheylesmore, Coventry, CV3 5GT, between 13:00 – 16:00. Toni is sorely missed by the Guild as an excellent weaver and spinner, always willing to impart her knowledge to other Guild members.

Helena Timms, member of London Guild, has been busy, releasing a collection of knitting patterns [Board Game Knits Volume 1](#) with Lola Johnson, plus two patterns for John Arbon yarns [Whortleberry Jam Scarf](#) and [Devon Mariner](#), and the [Moon and Stars Cow!](#)

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.

Elsewhere on the Web

- [Textiles dyed with bacteria](#)

Current & Upcoming Events & Exhibitions

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

Night and Day: 1930s Fashion and Photographs, until 20 January 2019 at the Fashion and Textile Museum, London

The exhibition will explore the day and evening styles of the decade, complemented by photographs of the stars who championed them.

<https://www.ftmlondon.org/ftm-exhibitions/night-and-day-1930s-fashion-and-photographs/>

Anni Albers, until 27 January 2019 at Tate Modern, London

The first major exhibition of Albers' work in the UK.

<https://www.tate.org.uk/whats-on/tate-modern/exhibition/anni-albers>

Fashioned from Nature, until 27 January 2019 at the Victoria and Albert Museum, London

The first UK exhibition to explore the complex relationship between fashion and nature from 1600 to the present day.

<https://www.vam.ac.uk/exhibitions/fashioned-from-nature>

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<https://wsdss19.wordpress.com/>

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