



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

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AGWSD News, May 2021

Association News

Annual General Meeting 2021

A reminder that this year's AGM is being held online on Saturday 19th June, on Zoom, starting at 11:00 am. The deadline for either sending in the guild's postal vote OR for the guild delegate to register for the Zoom meeting is Sunday 6th June.

Summer School 2021 Update

Writtle University College, near Chelmsford, Essex, 15th - 22nd August 2021

There are now very few places left on a first-come-first-served, non-residential basis, so if you are thinking of coming to Summer School but haven't as yet booked, please contact me immediately on SS2021@wsd.org.uk. At the time of writing, places are available on: Designing Yarns, Inkle Weaving, Entrelac Knitting, Ply-Split Braiding, Spinning Exotic Fibres and Nuno Felting. If your dream course is not on this list, please let me know and I will add you to the reserve list for the course. There is also a reserve list for any campus accommodation which may become available.

All information is on the dedicated website page at www.wsd.org.uk/summer-school-2021, including the brochure giving full details of the courses, and the late availability booking form.

There are also a couple of vacancies for traders at the Trade Fair which will run on Friday evening, then again on Saturday, when Summer School will be open to the public (pandemic restrictions permitting, of course). If you are interested in applying, please contact me on SS2021@wsd.org.uk.

As soon as plans are finalised, details of the Open Day (21st August) will be available and circulated to Guilds and via the Newsletter. It is anticipated that short talks, workshops, and a chance to visit the classrooms and CoA exhibition will be available for visitors as well as students.

Christina Chisholm, SS2021 Convenor

Speakers List Update

Last year I hinted at a development of the Speaker's List as a web-based resource – and it is now available. Via your Guild login to the AGWSD website, you will find a new Speakers page which provides a list of all the speakers with a summary of their areas of interest. Selecting a speaker will reveal a lot more information about what they do, what they offer Guilds by way of talks and workshops, and how to contact them. In addition, the web-based list is searchable making it easier to narrow down the results. However, whilst this digital facility is now available there is still a printable version of the Speakers List both on the WIP and on the main web page of the Speaker's List.

The web address for the Speakers page is <https://www.wsd.org.uk/speakers-list/>, for which you will need your Guild login details. The openly accessible printable version is to be found on the WIP at <https://wipagwsd.wordpress.com/contents/speakers-list/>.

Laura Thomas is a new speaker on the list. She is an established woven textile artist, designer and maker specialising in producing unconventional textiles for contemporary spaces. Through both face-to-face and virtual delivery, she presents talks and workshops. More details can be found on the web Speakers page or through the WIP.

I would really welcome feedback on the web Speakers page so please take a look and then email me your comments.

Matty Smith

speakerslist@wsd.org.uk

Journal News

Summer 2021 issue

The Summer Issue of the Journal is out now - here's what you can read:

Prepare to Dye: A Beginner's Experience of Acid Dyeing, Penny Renn, p8

Dyeing a Colour Wheel using Acid Dyes, Linda More, p16

The Setting Dilemma, Lesley Willcock, p22

Weaving in the Netherlands, Selma Sindram, p24

Readers' Showcase: A Coat From Handspun Yarn, Pat Webb, p30

Online Guild Spinning Challenge, Cath Snape & Jo Finlow, p32

Mary Keer 1928 – 2020, p44

Graduate Showcase: Nancy Frail & Imogen Mills, p12

Plus all the usual items such as the Association News, Notebook, Diary, Book and Exhibition Reviews.

Remember to check the Journal website diary which is updated regularly.

www.journalwsd.org.uk

Please also think about contributing to the Journal. Share your experience via Readers' Showcase and Guild Highlights. They don't have to be perfect projects. Sometimes how you solved a problem really is helpful to others. Please contact the relevant editor:

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Volunteers needed!

The Journal Editorial Committee is still looking for volunteers to take up a number of roles, including that of Secretary. The work of the committee is varied and interesting and you would become part of an enthusiastic team committed to producing the Journal. Please get in touch to discuss the options and for more information: chair@journalwsd.org.uk

Hilary Miller

Chair, Journal Editorial Committee

Elsewhere on the Web

- Margo Selby is delivering the Turner Lecture for the Colour Group on 9 June 2021 at 3pm. [Tickets are free.](#)
- [John Arbon's Mill Open Day](#) will take place online this year, 04th - 06th June. There are lots of free events, as well as special offers available.

Current & Upcoming Events & Exhibitions

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

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