

## Great news for dyers!



We have had very positive feedback from a number of customers about the suitability our worsted yarn for taking up colour. Hand dyers seem to get great results whether they are using synthetic/acid dyes or natural dye sources.

We recognise dyers need yarn in hanks. Up until now we have charged an additional winding fee for hanks but we are changing our policy in future we will keep 50g hanks of all three weights of our undyed yarn in stock and charge a flat rate of **£2 for each 50g undyed hanks**. We hope you find these an easier approach.

You can order these via the website ([www.weaversbazaar.com](http://www.weaversbazaar.com)) or contact us direct by email or phone to place an order.

As with all you create from our yarns, we love to see photos or samples of some of the colours you create so we can share them in this newsletter!

## weaversbazaar Pops Up in Cambridgeshire and West Sussex

Last month we were delighted to be invited to join the Cambridge Guild of Spinners, Weavers & Dyers at their annual practical session where members run mini-workshops. We arrived at the lovely Village Hall in Comberton and up popped our shop. The day was spent meeting old friends and making new ones; everyone was so



welcoming. We were delighted when Anna Crutchley, a member of the Guild, used our yarns to make a lovely cord (see right).



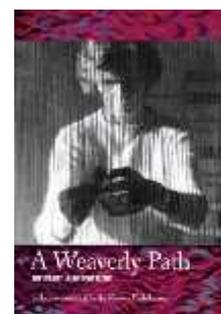
We had barely taken breath when were en route for West Sussex and the British Tapestry Group's South East Regional Exhibition at The Mill House, Angmering. Both of us had tapestries on show in the wonderful Mill Gallery (see left). Weaversbazaar Pop-Up Shop was laid out in the Studio adjoining the Mill House – again we were delighted to meet face-to-face many customers whom we knew online.

At both venues the interest and excitement caused by our yarns was fantastic – it was wonderful for people to have the chance to see and feel them. We especially enjoyed talking with you all; hearing your feedback and sharing with you our insights into how the yarns can be used. We are busy incorporating your thoughts into our next year's plans.

Our next stop is with the Oxfordshire Guild, on 19<sup>th</sup> May and then we have trips booked down in Farnham, Surrey with the West Surrey Guild of Spinners, Weavers & Dyers and in Sussex with the East Sussex Spinners.

## Tapestry Focus: Silvia Heyden

Silvia Heyden is an outstanding textile artist; now in her 80's she has woven over 800 tapestries in her lifetime, as well as many rugs. Born in Switzerland and educated in the Bauhaus tradition, Silvia's work is both innovative and exciting; her tapestries are intricate and inviting and demonstrate a mastery of technique that leaves one gasping. Although self-taught (or perhaps because of it), she is constantly pushing the boundaries of tapestry weaving – finding elegant solutions to achieving just the effects she wants to capture. To celebrate her work a documentary film, '**A Weaverley Path: The Tapestry Life of Silvia Heyden**', has been produced through which she articulates not only how she has developed as a weaver over the years, but how she approaches the design process and what inspires her to weave. This professionally made film lasts just over an



hour and has been shown at a number of film festivals in the United States. It is now available to purchase from the US.



In addition, Silvia has just published a highly illustrated book, **The Making of Modern Tapestry**, through which she has documented her evolution as a tapestry weaver, generously sharing with the reader how she developed certain techniques and what challenges she found that they answered. It is a very personal narrative but really enables one to 'get inside' her weaving.

Even more exciting is that the film and a limited number of **signed copies of the book** are available from <http://aweaverlypath.com/> : follow the 'Buy the film' link and then select 'For Home Use'. Scroll to the bottom of the page and you will see a button that enables you to order this unique package.

## Found on the web

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**Ulrika Leander:** This American based-Swedish tapestry weaver has an interesting web site which includes a useful 'slide-show' highlighting the key stages in tapestry weaving – in this case on a vertical loom. <http://www.ctw-tapestry.com>.



**The Wednesday Group.** This group of committed tapestry weaver/designers meet on Wednesdays at the NY studio of internationally established tapestry artists, Archie Brennan and Susan Martin-Maffei. Initiated in 1993, the group represents diverse skill levels and backgrounds. The Gallery is a delight! <http://www.wedsgroup.com/>

## Tapestry events in Europe

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### Edinburgh, Scotland

**Vive la Tapisserie! 3 - STAR\* 4 May 2012 – 2 June 2012. The French Institute, 13 Randolph Crescent, Edinburgh, EH3 7TT.** Exhibition of miniature tapestries, featuring work by Sara Brenna, Amanda Gizzi, Linda Green, Alice Hannigan, Maureen Hodge, Stephen Hunter, Fiona R Hutchison, William Jefferies, Ellen Lenvik, Birgitta MacDonald, Jo McDonald, Susan Mowatt, Paul Penrice, Anna Ray and Joanne Soroka. More information at [http://www.list.co.uk/event/249452-star\\*-vive-la-tapisserie-3/](http://www.list.co.uk/event/249452-star*-vive-la-tapisserie-3/).



### Sophia, Bulgaria

**Amateras Annual Mini Paper Art Exhibition 2nd May - 2nd June 2012 Gallery Art. Alley, Sofia Bulgaria.** An amazing exhibition which pushes paper to new highs. Check <http://www.amateras.eu/projects/news.html> for details of this year's nominations and <http://www.amateras.eu/gallery/> for a flavour of what this extraordinary event offers.

### Silkeborg Bad, Denmark

**The European Tapestry Forum's Artapestry3** will open at the **Kunst Centret Silkeborg Bad, Gjessøvej 40 DK-8600. Silkeborg, Denmark on Thursday 17th May 2012** and will then tour to Finland, Sweden and France. <http://www.tapestry.dk>.

## weaversbazaar Diary – full details on our website

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**May 19: Oxford Guild of Spinners, Weavers & Dyers.** The Village Hall, Stanton St John. OX33 1HD

**June 6: East Grinstead Spinners.** St Mary's Church Hall, Windmill Lane, RH19 2DS – From 2.00pm

**June 16: Berkshire Guild of Spinners, Weavers & Dyers.** Charvil Village Hall, Charvil, Berks. RG10 9TR

**July 9: West Surrey Guild of Spinners Weavers & Dyers.** United Reform Church, Farnham, Surrey. GU9 7RP.

**November 19: West Surrey Guild of Spinners Weavers & Dyers.** United Reform Church, Farnham, Surrey.

**Happy textile adventures!**