

Special Knitting Edition

Hello to everyone who came to see us at The Association of Guilds Summer School

We had a fantastic session at the Association of Guilds Summer School Traders Day in Carmarthen earlier this month. It was really interesting to hear all about the courses being taken and to personally meet customers known to us only through our website. Our next public event is on **Saturday 28th September** at the **Six Guilds "Colour and Creation" Day in Stratford-upon-Avon** where we will have our Pop-Up Shop. Details of this and other events this year for weaversbazaar can be found on our Diary page web page: <http://www.weaversbazaar.com/about-us/weaversbazaar-diary/>

Knitting

Worsted spun yarn, we know, is not suitable for all types of knitting but we are pleased to be able to share with you some of the knitting projects which have worked well with our worsted yarns.

Jane Colquhoun knits a great deal for her family. Here are some examples of her beautiful work with our yarns



6/2 Turquoise wool



Baby blanket knitted in cotton with wool detail



Detail of the baby blanket showing the cockerel

Janet Scotton is also an avid knitter, designing garments from scratch and re-engineering commercially knitted items if they don't quite suit. She has done a 'test run' on our three worsted yarns and has summarised her findings regarding best needle sizes, knitting tension and use, in a short report for us.

<http://www.weaversbazaar.com/knowledge-zone/knitting--crocheting/>

Found on the web

Rocking chair that knits a wool cap while you kick back and relax. No need to stop being productive with this rocking chair. Website includes a video of the chair in action. <http://tinyurl.com/ll7ffcd>

Clock that knits a scarf from time. Every day it knits a row – at the end of the year the scarf is 6.5 feet long <http://tinyurl.com/27fslrh>

A wind knitting factory. Here wind power is used to knit a tubular scarf <http://tinyurl.com/mm65qda> . A short video of the knitting factory is available on YouTube <http://tinyurl.com/msp8yc8>

Coffee Break Video – this short video from the Tate Made in Britain series looks at the woven textile design work of Jacqueline Poncelot working in collaboration with the Welsh Weaving mill, Melin Trewgwynt. Just lovely.

<https://t.co/Fdh94pUwm>

Crocheting a Coral Reef (plus a bit of maths on the side!). If you want to see how crocheting leads the way in defining mathematical concepts then check this out: <http://tinyurl.com/m6ajde>

A word on our 8/2 worsted yarn

We have had some feedback from customers that the level of twist on our 8/2 worsted yarn has become variable. Some colours are tightly twisted which some people like, some colours are loosely twisted which other people like – which gives us a bit of a conundrum. We are in the process of sorting this out with our suppliers but in the mean time we can provide anyone interested in buying 8/2 with a list of colours that are tightly or loosely twisted. Just email matty@weaversbazar.com or lin@weaversbazaar.com for a copy of the lists.

Events



Colourful Threads of Ormesby Hall, Middlesborough

This is the first Artist Residency to be held at this National Trust property and involves the textiles artist, Rachel Powell. Using interactive textile installations to record and reveal the hidden stories of the Hall, Rachel has become a Story Teller, Curator and Forager throughout the residency. There are currently two installations on site to explore and participate with, including a tree turned into a living loom. The community generated art work, "Interwoven" is a social record of the people of Ormesby Hall, with each thread representing their connections, memories and special moments from spending time in this unique environment. Hand dyed with natural pigments foraged from the estate gardens and woodland, including windblown horse chestnut flowers, hand picked snowdrops, windblown daffodils and sycamore wood chips, it is a unique visual record of the changing seasons told through the colours of nature. The residency is running throughout the open season until November and you can find out more through Rachel's website: www.rachel-powell.info

Exhibitions – Aberystwyth Arts Centre



Last chance to see exhibitions by **Dovecot studios** of contemporary tapestry weaving SLENDER THREAD, an installation of hand-woven, hand-dyed paper yarn by the Japanese artist **Seiko Kinoshita** and **Hillu Liebelt's** tapestry exhibition STILL MOMENTS. Aberystwyth Arts Centre, Wales - 30 July to 21 September 2013 <http://www.aberystwythartscentre.co.uk/exhibitions/slender-thread>

Creative Mindfulness Day – Anteros Arts foundation, Norwich

Led by meditation teacher Bernie Sheehan and textile artist Aviva Leigh, this day workshop will be held in the Anteros Arts Foundation, Norwich. Find fresh inspiration for your next creative project on an individual pre-threaded handloom using the ancient techniques of mindfulness. Suitable for all levels, including absolute beginners to meditation and/or weaving <http://www.slowstuff.co.uk/events/event/creative-mindfulness-day/>

Indigo Group Exhibition – Sevenoaks, Kent

The Indigo Group will be holding an exhibition of textile hangings, including tapestry, and flower paintings in watercolour and on silk. Now until September 5th at St Julians Club, Sevenoaks TH15 0RX.

Louise Oppenheimer – Tapestry Artist, Open Studio – Argyll, Scotland

As part of Art Map, Louise will be opening her studio from 23rd-26th August 2013. Brochures can be downloaded by going to www.artmapargyll.com and Louise extends a very warm welcome to all!

British Tapestry Group Exhibition - York



The BTG's latest exhibition of new contemporary woven tapestries, A Sensitive Art, opens on 6 September at the Quilt Museum and Gallery in York until 30 November. It features work by 48 members of the BTG. The diverse works in the exhibition explore the theme of a sensitive touch. Samples are provided for handling and some pieces have been specifically made to be touched. Weavers have explored many aspects of the brief in titles such as Stairway to Eternity, Insomnia –

by our very own Matty, Sea Secrets, S Cells and Touch Sensitive. More details

<http://www.thebritishtapestrygroup.co.uk/next-major-btg-exhibition-a-sensitive-art-york-6-september-30-november/>

Jane Frear-Wyld & Jenny Ferguson Exhibition - Rugby



Fibre Bytes is an exhibition of textile and paper artists designing with digital technology by Jane Frear-Wyld and Jenny Ferguson. 24th August to 5th September. Floor One Gallery, Rugby Art Gallery and Museum. . More details at

http://www.ragm.org.uk/site/scripts/documents_info.php?categoryID=1&documentID=3

Courses

Beginners and improvers Tapestry Weaving course – Angmering, Sussex



Jane Brunning is running this 2 day course. Over the weekend you will learn how to warp up a frame, how to stop and start a new yarn, make shapes, do simple colour blending and how to use a bobbin. Every student will weave a tapestry, cut it off and be shown how to finish it and mount it. 31st August & 1st September. More details here <http://www.janebrunningtapestry.co.uk/workshop/index.html> or by calling 01903 784413

2 Day Tapestry Workshop – Kirkcudbright, Scotland

Katie Russell is holding a 2 Day workshop at Solway Books in Kirkcudbright on the 12th and 13th September. Both days will be 10.30 -12.30. This workshop is aimed at beginners and those who have had some experience in weaving. Looms, bobbins, scissors, rulers, wool, etc. all provided. If you are interested, contact Solway Books on 01557 330635 <http://www.craftcourses.com/course/tapestry-weaving>

Tapestry Weaving - From Tradition to Innovation – Edinburgh, Scotland

This Textiles Evening Class with Fiona Hutchison where students will be encouraged to explore tapestry weaving. From 2nd September to 14th December on Monday evenings 18:30-21:00, 25 North Junction Street, Edinburgh, EH6 6HW. Enquires - enquiries@leithschoolofart.co.uk or phone 01315545761. <http://tinyurl.com/kzn4s83>

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We have added some new vibrant colours to our Nettle Yarn collection. Here is a taster



Red



Intense Red



Dark Yellow



Lavender



Teal

We also now have undyed balls in 100g, 150g and 200g as well as hanks but you can feast on the whole range here <http://www.weaversbazaar.com/product-list/nettle-yarns>

Happy Textile Adventures!
