

weaversbazaar

Newsletter December 2012



Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year to all our Supporters



The Season of Goodwill

When we started weaversbazaar we had three goals in mind. To ensure all had access to good quality, beautiful coloured yarns for weaving and other textiles, to provide a hub for a community of people interested in tapestry weaving and to finding ways to facilitate the growth of tapestry weaving as a contemporary art form. With this last aim in mind we are inviting people or organisations to apply to be considered for funding from the weaversbazaar sponsorship fund. The sponsorship is modest but can include funds, equipment, materials and other resources. We are keen to support initiatives which either

- engage a community in actively participating in Tapestry Weaving,
- support the development of novice Tapestry Weavers, or
- actively and practically brings Tapestry Weaving to a new group of people

If you have an initiative or project you would like considered please write to Lin Squires at the usual weaversbazaar address or email info@weaversbazaar.com.

Featured weavers: Margaret Jones & Bibbi Bugg

Margaret Jones, a weaver and member of the British Tapestry Group has woven this beautifully atmospheric piece of work using a series of Teal colours which she had commissioned from us as a custom-dye. She says "The tapestry was woven on 3 epc on no 9 warp and it is 20 x 45cm. I used 4 strands of 18/2 yarn, the palest colour is ecru moving through the teal shades from 1 to 5. I wove from the bottom blending only 2 colours at a time but didn't use just one colour until I got to the darkest bit in the middle. After that I changed the blends to use 4 colours at a time which gives a much more speckled blend. The whole idea of this piece was to experiment with the different types of blending, going from a very smooth graduation to the more speckled appearance when using 4 colours." You can find more of Margaret's work here <http://www.thebritishtapestrygroup.co.uk/artist/margaret-jones/>



We have now combined the 5 shades of Teal colours Margaret used in these pieces into a new Colour Collection, number 18, which also includes the new Silver Grey. This collection can be found here. <http://www.weaversbazaar.com/product-list/collections/colour-collection-18>



We are also delighted to share with you a beautiful stole woven by **Bibbi Bugg**. Bibbi says "I bought some yarns from you two years ago. Since then changed my mind a dozen times as to what to do with it. I loved the colours and decided to weave a stole. Here is the result. It really looks gorgeous and hangs beautifully. I washed the finished stole in the washing machine on wool-wash and pressed it carefully. The result is a soft shawl with a 'crowfoot' appearance still retaining its shine. Most intriguing as I used a plain weave on my knitters loom." Bibbi used our 18/2 weight yarns for this lovely stole.

New Products

It is a small thing but we know that many weavers like to secure tape measures to the top and bottom of their looms to help with warping. We also know that a well-known Scandinavian furniture store has become the involuntary source of these. To help keep everyone's conscience clear we can now supply 24inch paper tape measures in both inches and centimetres for taping to your loom. These are just £3.00 for a pack of 10. <http://www.weaversbazaar.com/product-list/equipment/tape-sets>



Finding good images of the most up to date work of Tapestry Weavers can be difficult but in collaboration with the British Tapestry Group we can now offer a set of three, full colour catalogues, detailing recent British Tapestry Group exhibitions at the special offer price of £10.00 per set. More details can be found at <http://www.weaversbazaar.com/product-list/collections/btg-catalogues>



Found on the web

An amazing technique from Helen Hernmarck



This is a wonderful slideshow showing the unusual techniques used by Helen Hernmarck to weave translucent tapestries. <http://www.hernmarck.com/slideshow-technique.shtml> . Look for the unique materials she is using in the warp.

Prince Charles tries his hand at Tapestry Weaving



Prince Charles recently tried his hand at Tapestry Weaving during a trip to the Australian Tapestry Workshop <http://www.telegraph.co.uk/news/9657613/Sausage-fingers-Prince-struggles-with-weaving-in-Australia.html> . We wonder if he knows he didn't need to travel that far?

Community weaving



The Canberra Community Centenary Tapestry is an 18 month community arts project which will create a large scale woven tapestry to celebrate Canberra's 100th birthday in 2013. The project has been funded by the Canberra 100 Community Initiatives Fund, with support from the Legislative Assembly of the ACT and the Textiles Workshop at the Australian National University School of Art. They are inviting individuals or groups in other parts of the world to weave tapestries to send to Canberra which will then be exhibited with the centenary tapestry in 2013 in the Legislative Assembly for the ACT Gallery. These tapestries will be returned to their makers and will commemorate the Centenary in personal collections across the country/world.

<http://canberra100communitytapestry.com/2012/10/12/weave-your-own-canberra-centenary-tapestry/>

Courses

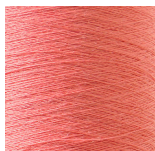


Cally Booker is a handweaver living and working in Dundee on the east coast of Scotland. She is running a series of weaving 'taster days' in 2013. Details can be found at <http://callybooker.co.uk/2012/11/weaving-taster-days/>

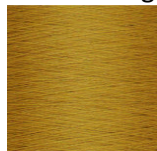
Let us know if you are running courses, workshops or weaving events in 2013 which you would like to have included in our newsletters.

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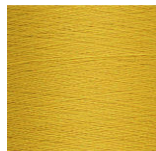
We have a limited number of 100g cones of the following colours available in 18/2 yarn at £8.00 per cone:



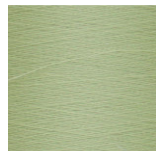
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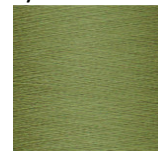
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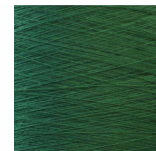
Sunflower



Soft Green



Emerald



Savoy Green

If interested please call Matty Smith on 07590 479192 or email info@weaversbazaar.com with the colours and numbers of cones you would like.



Happy textile adventures!