

weaversbazaar news

This month we are delighted to have had an article published in The Journal for Weavers, Spinners and Dyers on Worsted Yarn – ‘Why Worsted’ <http://www.thejournalforwsd.org.uk/>. We would like to thank [Janet Phillips](#) and her Masterclass for collaborating on this article.

We have also updated our logo to celebrate the arrival of summer!

Come and meet us at Fusion, West Dean College, Chichester

We are busily getting ready for the Fusion event at West Dean College. This is a huge and very exciting event including arts and craft demonstrations, entertainments, eating, drinking and shopping. weaversbazaar will have a full yarn and equipment shop there. In addition though



we will be selling completed Tapestries by a select range of Tapestry Artists. We do hope you can come and say hello. You will find us in the shopping marquee. All the details and advanced tickets can be found here.

<http://www.westdean.org.uk/Garden/News%20and%20Events/Fusion.aspx>

Sponsorship

weaversbazaar is proud to offer sponsorship awards to a limited number of novice and experienced weavers each year. Next month we will have an update on how our 2013 sponsorship winners are doing. But this month we want to give everyone an early alert on the opening of our 2014 scheme as last year we had feedback that we had not left enough time. An application form and all the relevant information can be downloaded here

<http://www.weaversbazaar.com/about-us/sponsorship> or we will post one if you call 0780 160 7286. The sponsorship scheme is open to individuals or groups.

Matty and Lin's Weaving



Matty and I do still occasionally get the chance to produce our own work so we thought we would share a couple of images with you. Matty's Tapestry (left) is a 3 dimensional work with wool warps and weft. My piece (right) is a commission for a new house owner who wanted to have a tapestry in her living room to reflect her beautiful wooded garden. It is woven in wool on cotton warp..



We are planning a gallery of work by others for one of our summer newsletters so please start sending us your images and a couple of sentences on your work and we will include as many as possible.

Found on the web



The Textile Blog is a comprehensive educational resource that gives regular insights into all aspects of the history of design, decoration and craft. It contains examples of weaving including Tapestry from the 12th to 20th centuries but also has sections for printed textiles, embroidery, lace, rugs and many more. A fantastically inspirational resource all put together by the dedicated John Hopper. In his words *'The Textile Blog was originally started in 2008 as an inspirational point of historical reference for practical designers, makers and students covering many aspects of creativity within design, decoration and craft. Since that date The Textile Blog has grown and matured and now sees itself as helping to find a means of maintaining a connection with the past, one that is inspirational, but not reverential. We should be able to learn from*

the past by using the work of previous generations as an inspirational starting point, but also to be able to understand, appreciate and integrate working practises of the past in order to re-use, re-imagine and re-integrate the best of these practises as we look forward to the rest of the twenty first century.

By looking to the past for inspiration towards creativity and better working practises, it should be hoped that we can foster a better world outlook to hand over to future generations. One that values the balanced, harmonious and holistic, that sees the positive aspects of both the natural and artificial worlds, understands the values inherent in both hand and machine production, limits the quantity and quality of waste, and celebrates the diversity of human creativity.' <http://thetextileblog.blogspot.co.uk/>

Coffee Break Video - This lovely video shows a collaborative cross-cultural community development project. Eight budding artists from refugee backgrounds (Karen and Afghan) together with a professional weaver create contemporary small tapestry works inspired by traditional knowledge and motifs. A new collaboration in the Emerald Hill Cultural Precinct between the Australian Tapestry Workshop (ATW) and Multicultural Arts Victoria (MAV) <http://vimeo.com/66540658>

Circular Rugs from Peg Looms - Enjoy reading about how the Llyn Guild of Weavers, Spinners and Dyers held a workshop on making circular rugs from peg looms. Who knew that could be done!
<http://lleynwsd.wordpress.com/2012/10/18/rugs-dont-have-to-be-rectangular/>



European Textile Network - support from the European Commission for the European Textile Network has resulted in this easy to use website to help find textile events anywhere in Europe. So whether you are travelling for leisure or work you can find interesting events nearby. It also covers the UK and lists large number of UK events by date. More detailed information is only available to members <http://www.etn-net.org/database/calendar.html>

Events

This is still a longer section than usual as there is so much happening this summer

Weaving to Dye For – Trisha Gow – Gairloch, Scotland

An exhibition of contemporary tapestry weavings by BTG member Trisha Gow who is a tapestry weaver and fungi dye artist. 'Weaving to Dye For' is on from **Saturday 22nd June – Saturday 27th July 2013** at the Gairloch Heritage Museum, Achtercairn, Gairloch Ross-shire, IV21 2BP, Scotland. Preview: Friday 21st June 7.30pm
<http://www.thebritishtapestrygroup.co.uk/weaving-to-dye-for-trisha-gow-22-june-27-july-gairloch-scotland/>

Open Days - Stroudwater Textile Trust - Gloucestershire

There will be a series of open days for the Weaving Shed at Gigg Mill and the other mills of the Stroudwater Textile Trust. These include demonstrations. <http://stroud-textile.org.uk/>

Reconnecting Threads Exhibition – London



Glammmamma and purpleclaire Textiles are holding an exhibition of textile art from June 9th to 15th at studio61, Lee Road, London SE3. Details and sneak preview here <http://purpleclaire.tumblr.com/> or call 0203 302 7376

Courses

Introductory Weaver Workshops – Inverurie, Scotland

Touched by Scotland is running a 3 day introductory workshop on design, planning and weaving on a table loom. June 14th until June 16th. For more details go to this Facebook page <https://www.facebook.com/events/241213649352623/>

Weaving Courses – Peak District, Staffordshire

Stacey Harvey-Brown runs weaving courses by arrangement from her studios. They include a refresher for returning weavers, short courses, 1 or 2 week long courses and an intensive 2 week Jacquard weaving course. For details contact Stacey via her website <http://www.theloomroom.co.uk/index.htm?id=index>

One week Tapestry Course - Edinburgh College of Art



The 21st Century Tapestry course is a short, intensive, week-long daytime course as part of the Summer Programme. It attracts students from all over the world so interested parties would certainly not have to be Edinburgh based. More details here <https://www.course-bookings.lifelong.ed.ac.uk/courses/E/art-and-design-studies/C2972/21-century-tapestry-intensive> or contact Sherrey Landles on 0131 650 4400

Spinning, Weaving and Dyeing - Peak District

Alison Daykin runs a variety of workshops and courses in the Peak District including evening classes. All the details are on her website <http://spinningandweaving.weebly.com/index.html>

Creative Woven textile Course - Yalberton, Devon

Susie Gillespie runs two day courses in a timber-framed studio near Totnes. Susie covers basic weaving techniques as well as unusual ideas in weaving. You can weave different textures on a linen warp, experimenting with wrappings, twill, looping, slits and tapestry inlay. You can also see Flax growing and how it is processed into yarn. All the details are here <http://www.craftcourses.com/course/creative-woven-textile-courses> or call Susie Gillespie on 07902 041 424

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Collection 20
Purple Passion



Collection 21
Fire

They can be found on this page <http://www.weaversbazaar.com/product-list/six-ball-collections> or call us on 0780 160 7286 to order.

Happy Textile Adventures!
