

weaversbazaar

October 2015 Newsletter

Xmas is just around the corner



weaversbazaar has an established range of gifts on our website throughout the year. But with just a few weeks to go before Christmas, now might be a good time to see what is available if you are planning a special surprise for a textile-orientated person in your life – and if nothing in our gift range seems just right then perhaps a weaversbazaar Gift Certificate would be the solution (<http://tinyurl.com/p2yr7rg>). We will have additional one-off gift items available at three events before Christmas so do drop by

East Sussex Guild of Weavers Spinners & Dyers Exhibition and Sale, Lewes. October 23rd to 24th
www.esgwsdexhibition.wordpress.com

Weald and Downland Museum Christmas Market, Sussex. November 14th to 15th
<http://www.wealddown.co.uk/events/christmas-market-2015/>

Strawberry Hill House Art Fair, London November 14th. 11am – 4pm
<http://www.strawberryhillhouse.org.uk/events-by-type.php?ecid=1>

All our gifts are beautifully presented, just ready for the giving. Here is a flavour of what they contain:



Tapestry Bead N Fibre Kits
Intricate work but with a beautiful, wearable outcome.



Handwoven Greeting Cards
A delight to receive and treasure



Yarn Treat Pack
Lots of scope for including in other projects



Inspiration Pack
Design your own cards to send to those close to you



Children's tapestry Weaving Kit
A delightful way to introduce tapestry weaving to the next generation



Weavers Golden Gift Pack
This one has it all!

Call for Sponsorship 2016 Applications



Once again weaversbazaar invites individuals or organisations to apply for sponsorship of a particular project. The 2016 application form is available on our website at <http://www.weaversbazaar.com/about-us/sponsorship/>. The sponsorship is modest but can include funds, equipment, materials and other resources. In keeping with our aim of promoting weaving, especially tapestry weaving, we were keen to support initiatives which either

- engage a community in actively participating in weaving,

- support the development of novice weavers, or
- actively and practically bring weaving to a new group of people

The deadline for applications is 31st December 2015 and we look forward to receiving details of new and exciting ideas.

On our Sponsorship page you will also find details of previous year's awards and on our Facebook (<https://www.facebook.com/weaversbazaar/>) there are photos from two of the current sponsored projects: the **Creative Sark project** and the **Tees Valley Tapestry Weaving project**.

Coffee Break Moment



This is a lovely 15 min video of a 40 year project to restore a medieval tapestry; a project that has been overseen by the same two women! What is amazing is the extent of the damage that was uncovered on this tapestry and the painstaking way it has been repaired – but the unanswered question is why was it so damaged in the first place. <https://m.youtube.com/watch?v=Pf3usSyHVXs>

Artist Profile: Sola Fiedler



Sola Fiedler, simply known as Sola, is a senior Canadian fibre artist, best known for her large-scale tapestry tributes to the cities that have hosted the Olympic Games. Her work captures the architectural and spiritual elements of each city, at that moment in time. This article gives some insights into her work: <http://tinyurl.com/q84hn9z> and her own website adds more details; <http://www.solafiedler.com/>.

Is it possible to crochet with Nettle Yarn?



Well apparently it is as this lovely picture of a crochet bag for the bathroom created by Alison Taylor from Turquoise Nettle Yarn shows.

Courses

Tapestry Weaving and Creative Textile Courses, Lewes, East Sussex



Jackie Bennett is offering regular workshops on an Introduction to Tapestry Weaving on Fridays. In addition she holds courses on shaped tapestry, crewel work embroidery and design for textile projects in stitch, weave or felt. Details can be found on www.jackietapestry.com or by emailing jackietapestry@gmail.com or calling 01273 479511.

Charleston Farm House, Sussex

Caron Penney from Weftfaced will be giving at one-day course on Tapestry Weaving on 17th November. More details from the Weftfaced website www.weftfaced.com

Learn to Weave Workshop, Taunton, Somerset

Louise Cottey is running a beginners hand weaving course – she will show how to set up a table loom for the first time and introduce five different weave patterns. 4 days from 29th October to 1st November. For more details email loucottey@gmail.com In addition Louise is holding a Weavers Coffee on the 7th November in Axminster, Devon. It's a chance for weavers to gather and share ideas, solve problems and gain inspiration. Louise will be on hand to offer support, suggestions and signposts to further information. The morning starts at 10am and will cost £10, to include coffee and cake. Email for more information.

Calls for Submission



The ATA website has a page dedicated to calls for submissions to its own exhibitions and those of other organisations. Keep it bookmarked!

<http://americantapestryalliance.org/exhibitions/call-for-entries/>

Events

Milland Contemporary Crafts Exhibition and Sale. 21/22 November. Hampshire.



Pottery, jewellery, weaving, wood, sculpture and much more as well as an opportunity to meet the artists. Refreshments are available. Milland Village Hall, Milland, GU30 7NA. For more details go to <http://tinyurl.com/pgmosuo> , contact hilary@totallytextiles.co.uk or call Milland Pottery on 01428 741530.

'Ebb and Flow'. 6-22 October. St Leonards on Sea, TN38 OBU



21 artists exhibit their responses to the theme of 'ebb and flow' which may not be related in any way to the movement of the sea. Ebb and Flow a Hastings Art Forum Exhibition Curated by Claire Buckley, 6-22 October at 36 Marina St Leonards on Sea, TN38 OBU. Go to

www.hastingsartforum.co.uk for more information.

Found on the web

Suspended Growth Woven Tapestry



Recently posted on YouTube by Frances Crowe, this video, shot in 1988/89 records her weaving a huge triptych tapestry. <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=jBCQyfsZD7w&feature=share>

Bird's-eye view of a tapestry wash at Hampton Court Palace



Another great video, this time of the cleaning of a tapestry from Hampton Court Palace. Special water and detergent is used and the speeded up running of the video gives a wonderful oversight to what is a very slow and delicate process.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=o3xN3rqmfkk>

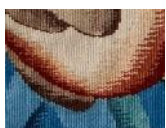
Wise words for new weavers



This comes from a quirky website called Heritage Spinning and Weaving. They write "This is a flier that every new weaver should read—whether they are weaving on a small loom or a multi-shaft loom. Permission has been granted for reproduction."

<http://heritagespinning.com/wp-content/uploads/2015/07/NewWeavers.pdf>

Sett Considerations in French tapestry



Elizabeth Buckley's Blog is always a great read, reflective and measured, she manages to impart complex information very clearly. Her latest posting is on "Sett considerations in French Tapestry". Find out more at <http://www.elizabethbuckleytapestryartist.com/blog/>

Stop Press: No more hanking charges!

weaversbazaar yarns now come in balls OR hank's for the same price! With our new powered hank winding capacity we have dropped the extra charge we had put on winding hanks, so now you can have the yarn any way you'd like

Happy weaving!