

# DEVON GUILD OF WEAVERS, SPINNERS & DYERS

## 2017 PROGRAMME

All Guild meetings and talks are held at America Hall, de la Rue Way, Pinhoe, EXETER

**TALKS** start at 1.30 pm.

**WORKSHOPS** are held in the Sunnylands Room, America Hall from 10.00 am to 4.00 pm. Drinks are provided but please bring your own lunch.

### **PLEASE NOTE**

*The programme may be subject to changes so remember to check the website for up-to-date information and/or read the e-mail round-ups!*

#### **SATURDAY 14th JANUARY**

**Social Day** - recuperate from the excesses of the festive season and catch up with some spinning, weaving or knitting!

#### **SATURDAY 11th FEBRUARY**

**Talk:** "Weaving? Me? No way!" - an unplanned journey

Isabelle Jourdan, our very talented Guild member, will be sharing her unplanned journey in tapestry weaving

#### **SUNDAY 12th FEBRUARY**

**Workshop:** Tapestry weaving workshop with Isabelle Jourdan

All you need to bring is a pair of scissors, pen and paper to take notes. Frames will be provided (but feel free to bring your own if you have one); warp yarn and yarn for weaving will also be provided.

#### **SATURDAY 11th MARCH**

**Talk:** Shelley Tobin from the Royal Albert Memorial Museum in Exeter will talk about their textile collection, with particular reference to weaving, spinning and dyeing.

#### **SATURDAY 8th APRIL**

**Talk:** John Arbon will be telling us all about his Mill and the machinery and how it all came about. He will be accompanied by lots of fibre and yarn so be prepared to be tempted!

#### **SUNDAY 9th APRIL**

**Workshop:** Dyeing workshop with Barbara Spicer from the Somerset Guild. Details to follow

#### **SATURDAY 13th MAY**

**Talk:** Rebecca Hosking of Village Farm, East Portlemouth will talk about organic sheep, her breeding program for fleece and how environment affects fleece quality. She will also include how to choose a good fleece .

#### **SATURDAY 10th JUNE**

**Guild Skills Day:** a fleece and spinning day to include:

- selecting, skirting and sorting a fleece
- how to prepare fleece for spinning (carding, flick carding, combing with a dog comb or English combs)

- how to set up a wheel (adjusting tension, selecting the ratio to use, etc.)
- spinning straight from the fleece, from rolags, batts and rovings
- Navajo plying
- spinning with other fibres (e.g. alpaca, silk, soyabean) ... if there is enough time!

#### **SUNDAY 11th JUNE**

**Workshop:** Crochet workshop with Diane Stewart. More details to follow

#### **SATURDAY 8th JULY**

##### **Fleece and Fibre Day**

Once again, we will be welcoming our local farmers. Good quality fleeces will include Jacob, Texel, Exmoor Horn Merino, Portland, Poll Dorset, alpaca and cashmere and, of course, there will be lots of hand-dyed and blended tops available. Guests and visitors very welcome. Refreshments available.

#### **- GUILD EXHIBITION 2017 -**

We are pleased to announce that the next Devon Guild of Weavers, Spinners & Dyers Exhibition will be held on

**25th, 26th and 27th August, 2017**

We are looking forward to a new venue, the beautiful Medieval Guest Hall at **Buckfast Abbey**, Buckfastleigh, Devon, TQ11 0EE

#### **SATURDAY 9th SEPTEMBER**

**Talk:** Guild member Brenda Lawrence will be telling us about her work for her Certificate of Achievement

#### **SUNDAY 10th SEPTEMBER**

**Workshop:** Felting workshop – details to follow

#### **SATURDAY 14th OCTOBER**

**Skills Challenge Day and Talk:** Dunja Roberts from **All In A Spin** will be judging entries to the various categories and will also give a talk about her own projects.

#### **SUNDAY 15th OCTOBER**

**Workshop:** Dunja Roberts workshop: spin 17 exotic and unusual fibres and produce samples and notes to build a practical spinning reference library.

#### **SATURDAY 11th NOVEMBER**

**Members' Sales Day and AGM:** the AGM starts at 11.00am ... this is your opportunity to have an input to decisions which may affect you and the Guild - please attend if at all possible!

Visitors are invited to arrive *after* noon.

#### **SATURDAY 9th DECEMBER**

Christmas Activity (TBA) and shared festive lunch. Please let a member of the Committee know if you have an idea for the activity and/or are willing to run a mini-workshop.