**Devon Guild of Weavers, Spinners and Dyers**

**2018 PROGRAMME**

**Meetings:** 10.00am to 4.00pm in America Hall, de la Rue Way, Pinhoe, Exeter, EX4 8PX

**Talks:** 1.30 pm in America Hall

**Workshops:** 10.00am to 4.00pm in the Sunnylands Room, America Hall

*Drinks are provided but please bring your own lunch.*

***The programme may be subject to change so***

***please check the website for up-to-date information***

***or remember to read the e-mail round ups!***

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

**SATURDAY 10th FEBRUARY**

**Talk:** [Janet Phillips](http://www.janetphillips-weaving.co.uk/) – ‘Criteria for Design in Weaving’.

**SUNDAY 11th FEBRUARY**

**Workshop:** [Janet Phillips](http://www.janetphillips-weaving.co.uk/) – ‘Summer and Winter’.

**SATURDAY 10th MARCH**

**Talk:** [Terri Bate](http://www.tutleymutleytextiles.com) and her exciting adventures cycling to Australia.

**SATURDAY 14th APRIL**

**Talk:** **Paulette Furnival**; talking about attaining her Certificate of achievement in Tapestry Weaving.

**SUNDAY 15th APRIL**

**Workshop**: Sue Borrett – ‘Natural Dyeing’.

**SATURDAY 12th MAY**

**Guild Skills Day:** a fleece and spinning day to include: selecting, skirting and sorting a fleece; how to prepare for spinning (carding, combing, etc.); setting up the spinning wheel; spinning straight from different preparations (fleece, rolags, etc.); Navajo plying. If there is enough time: spinning with other fibres.

***Visitors are very welcome (11.00 am onwards) - see if we can tempt you to try***

***something new and maybe even join the Guild!  Refreshments available.***

**SATURDAY 9th JUNE**

**Talk:** [John Arbon](http://www.jarbon.com) – ‘The Mill and Machinery’.

Andrew Bowman (wool agent) will be available to chat about the (sometimes very unusual!) fibres he sources and John and Juliet will have lots of fibre to sell.

**Saturday 14th July**

**FLEECE AND FIBRE DAY – FREE ENTRY!**

Once again we welcome our local farmers and their good quality fleeces (Jacob, Teeswater, Exmoor Horn, Merino, Portland, Poll Dorset, alpaca, etc.). There will also be hand-dyed and blended tops from sheep, cashmere, angora, mohair and alpaca. Guests and visitors very welcome. Food available.

**SUNDAY 12th AUGUST**

**Members’ Dyeing Day:** Run by Sheilagh Robson; "The members dye day is a natural dyeing day (not chemical).  I have mordanted @+ 170gms per person divided into 14 small skeins, and will provide 7+ dye pots, notes, cards for samples and all dyes fresh and extracts.  I also use some gas burners so use gas cylinders which provided it is dry can be used outside with a wind break.  All participants need to bring are rubber gloves, aprons, something to identify their skeins eg brightly coloured acrylic yarn (it doesn't take up the dye) and some scissors, notebook and pen and lunch. they will be able to dye in single dye pots, overdye, dip dye and paint skeins (cook in the microwave).   I aim to blow their socks off!

£15.00 (to cover equipment mentioned above). cheque to 'Devon Guild of Weavers Spinners and Dyers' or cash.....payable by July meeting latest.

**SATURDAY 8th SEPTEMBER**

**Talk:** Gill Burbridge; Fine and applied art of felt making – a heritage wrap.

**SUNDAY 16th (CHANGE OF DATE) SEPTEMBER**

**Knitting Workshop:** Terri Bate – ‘Making i-Cord Gloves’. NOTE: this is to be held at the house of Amanda Trick; if signed up for this workshop please contact the Guild secretary for her address.

**SATURDAY 13th OCTOBER**

**Skills Challenge Day:** Judge: [Sue Hiley-Harris](http://www.suehileyharris.co.uk).

**SUNDAY 14th OCTOBER**

**Workshop:** [Sue Hiley-Harris](http://www.suehileyharris.co.uk)– ‘Silk Spinning’.

**SATURDAY 10th NOVEMBER**

AGM and Members’ Sales Day – the AGM starts at 11.00 am and sales will take place afterwards.

**Members:** 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 12.00 noon.

**SATURDAY 9th DECEMBER**

Christmas Social Day.