

EDINBURGH GUILD OF WEAVERS, SPINNERS & DYERS

Newsletter June 2023

Here is the June edition of our monthly newsletter. Next month's newsletter will be circulated about the date of our July meeting (Saturday 15th July) which will be a visit to Ashfield in Edinburgh.

If you have any photos or links for inclusion in next month's newsletter just email them to pennyskett@gmail.com.

June Meeting

This month's meeting is on Saturday 17th June in the Centenary Room at Craiglockhart Church. It is the date of our AGM which will commence at 11am and will be followed by the Incorporation of Websters. After a break for lunch Erika Hollingdale will be telling us about her inspiring textile visit to Assam in north east India with Anna-Louise Meynell and showing us some of the wonderful pieces she brought back.

Last Month's Meeting

Last month Cynthia Thickpenny gave us a fascinating talk about her work researching 'Women Textile Makers in Early Medieval Ireland and Britain'. Cynthia is a Leverhulme Early Career Fellow and her research is funded by the Leverhulme Trust. Her excitement and enthusiasm were inspiring and she highlighted how highly regarded the work of the women textile makers of the time was. It was possible that it was the intricate patterns created for textiles which inspired the work of stonemasons and others.



July Meeting

Next month there will not be a meeting at Craiglockhart Church as we have a visit to Ashfield at 61 Melville Street, Edinburgh EH3 7HL from 11 am to 2pm which has been organised for us by Katrina Balmer. Ashfield houses the artefacts relating to the Incorporated Trades of Edinburgh of which, as the Websters, we are part.

More information about Ashfield can be found at <https://edinburghtrades.co.uk/who-we-are-and-what-we-do/ashfield/>

Don't forget to sign up for the visit if you are interested in joining it and if you want any further information contact Katrina at katrina@ewsd.org.uk

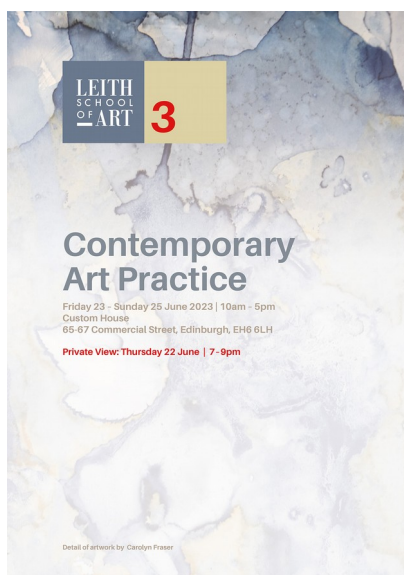
Under the Influence Exhibition 2nd-29th June

Trisha Gow has a tapestry included in the Scottish Regional Members of the British Tapestry Group Exhibition at the Dunblane Museum which opened on 2nd June and runs until 29th June.



More details of the exhibition can be found at <https://www.thebritishtapestrygroup.co.uk>

Trisha has also been involved in a Contemporary Art Practice programme at Leith School of Art and her work for the programme can be seen as part of an exhibition in Custom House, 65-67 Commercial Street, EH6 6LH which runs from Friday 23rd to Sunday 25th June from 10am to 5pm.



Hopetoun Crescent Garden Community Day 18th June

Kitty Johnstone and Frida Bleakley will be spinning at Hopetoun Crescent Garden's Community Day on Sunday 18th June from 11am to 1pm. There are also a number of other activities planned for the morning including a talk about Flax by Jon Ennis.

Sunday 18th June

11am - 1pm in Hopetoun Crescent Garden



ACTIVITIES INCLUDE:

John Ennis's talk on Flax

Meet other growers / gardeners, see stalls

Slides / handouts on Climate Change in the gazebo

Bees and Beekeeping Activities, an invited beekeeper

Taste nettle soup and garlic mustard pesto

See what's growing, what birds, butterflies insects and animals live in the garden? - free bees nesting in a tree.

Contribute to gardening work

Sit in a wooded atmosphere - bring food / drink



www.hopetouncrescentgarden.org.uk



An approximate timetable for the morning is

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| 11.00am to 11.20am | TALK on FLAX by John Ennis. |
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| 11am to 11.20pm plus | 11.30 to 11.50am SPINNING DEMOS |
| 12.00 pm to 1.00pm | CLIMATE CHANGE discussion/ leaflets |
| 11.00am to 1.00pm | BEE KEEPING with LUCASZ of Aura of Eden. |
| 11.00am to 1.00pm | COMMUNITY GROWERS STALLS |
| 11.00am to 1.00 pm | TASTING OF HERBAL RECIPES |
| 11.00am to 1.00pm | MUSIC |
| 11.00am to 1.00pm | ART ACTIVITIES, NATURE HUNTS, TREE RUBBINGS |
| 11.00 am to 1.00pm | GENERAL HELP WITH COMPOSTING |

Craft, Culture and Agriculture of Northeast India

Anna-Louise Meynell who led the tour which Erika joined (and will be speaking about at this month's meeting) is coming to Edinburgh this summer and will be giving a talk at the Nomads Tent on Friday 7th July. Erika says that Anna-Louise is an expert in her field, having recently completed her PhD on silk weaving in the region, and that her talk should be very interesting.



CRAFT, CULTURE AND AGRICULTURE

A glimpse into the living heritage of Northeast India



The Nomads Tent invites you to a presentation about the life, craft, culture and wildlife of Northeast India by Anna-Louise Meynell, a Scottish researcher and textile designer and Champak Deka founder of Native Northeast, a tour company in Assam.

on Friday 7th July 2023 at 6.30pm

The Nomads Tent

21-23 St Leonard's Lane, Edinburgh EH8 9SH

Tickets £6. To book www.nomadstent.co.uk/events

Looms for Sale

Sheila Dall has contacted the Guild to say that she has two looms for sale. One is a 4 shaft countermarch loom which has 8 pedals and comes with two reeds (8dpi and 12 dpi). It has a weaving width of 108 cms and also has a home made raddle. Sheila is asking £180 for this loom. She also has a Dryad rug loom which is a 2 shaft loom with a weaving width of 80cms. She is suggesting £100 for the Dryad loom.

If you are interested in either loom contact Sheila by email at dallsheila1@gmail.com



Countermarch loom



Dryad loom

Next Month's Newsletter

Next month's newsletter will be circulated at about the date of our July meeting on the third Saturday of the month, 15th July).

Do keep sending photos of your craft projects and links to items of interest to pennyskett@gmail.com