

Edinburgh Guild of Weavers, Spinners and Dyers

**NEWSLETTER** 

February 2024

Welcome to the February newsletter, especially to our new members!

### **February meeting**

The next meeting of the Guild is on Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> February, in the Centenary (small) room at Craiglockhart Parish Church, from 10:30 until 3:00.

Due to changes in availability, Carmen Wright will be giving her talk on Ise Katagami at 11 o' clock.

John Palmer's talk on the use of computer software to draft weaving patterns is rescheduled to the March meeting.



# Spinning the Blues Away

A number of members took part in this fun exchange at the January meeting, and we were mesmerised by the range of fibres swapped. Some of the finished objects were shared at the end:



If you finished something after the meeting, or you've turned your spinning into something else, we'd love to see it!



### **Association News**

The Association of Guilds of Weavers, Spinners and Dyers AGM has been announced, and the notice is included in the email with this newsletter.

The Association is seeking nominations to the General Purposes Committee, and to the Journal Editorial Committee. These must be submitted by 10<sup>th</sup> February, though as the Association president mentions in her introduction to the newsletter, other avenues are open if interested parties should miss this deadline!

The Association newsletter is also attached to this email.



#### **Guild News**

The minutes from the **SGM** in December have been approved by the Committee, and accompany this newsletter.

The Guild has been invited to demonstrate at a number of **events** this year. If you would like to get involved with these, please email edinburghguildwsd@gmail.com or put your name on the list at the next meeting. We don't have final details on numbers of people we'll be allowed to bring to each event.

Currently the events are:

**Woolly Good Gathering**, 26<sup>th</sup> – 27<sup>th</sup> April; Summerhall, Edinburgh.

**Tangled**, 31<sup>st</sup> May – 1<sup>st</sup> June; Galashiels.

Scottish Smallholders Festival 2024, 19<sup>th</sup> October; Royal Highland Centre, Edinburgh.



# **Exhibitions and events**





Dovecot Studios are hosting an exhibition on Andy Warhol's textiles, with an array of events around it. The Exhibition runs from 26<sup>th</sup> January to 18<sup>th</sup> May 2024 at the Dovecot Studios on Infirmary Street, Edinburgh.

www.dovecotstudios.com/whats-on/andy-warhol-the-textiles

V&A Dundee's exhibition *Kimono: Kyoto to Catwalk* opens on 4<sup>th</sup> May 2024, and tickets are available to book now.

https://www.vam.ac.uk/dundee/whatson/exhibitions/kimono



# Contributions

The next newsletter will be distributed at the start of March. Items for inclusion can be sent at any time to edinburghguildwsd@gmail.com. Show us what you've been working on, share the name of the book or website your found really useful with everyone, tell us about really cool exhibitions or events you've been to or you've found out about!