

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

July meeting – trip!

The Guild will be visiting the Borders Scrapstore in Selkirk on 20th July at 11am. Members are responsible for getting there themselves, but if you are able to share a ride with someone please feel free to put that in the WhatsApp. The Borders Scrapstore has new, used and scrap materials such as fabric offcuts, ribbons, cones of weaving yarn, beads and lots of other crafting things.

If you haven't signed up but would like to join us, please email! The Scrapstore is accessible by public transport via the X95 to Carlisle and a .6 mile walk

There is no other meeting in July.



AGM

Thank you to everyone who was able to attend our AGM last month. The minutes from that meeting will be sent out to the membership soon.

The Committee's proposal that the Guild work towards becoming a Scottish Charitable Incorporated Association (SCIO) was passed unanimously. By becoming a SCIO, the Guild will have its own legal personality, which will limit the liability of members and Trustees. There is more work to be done before becoming a SCIO, so if anyone is interested in helping out, please email.

Important! No one at the AGM stepped forward for the Treasurer position. Our current Treasurer, Nicola Stock, will be stepping down in September for a well deserved rest after serving in the role for several years. ***The Guild needs a Treasurer, or we cannot continue to exist!*** If you have any interest in the role, please contact the Guild. The position is not onerous, and the Committee will help the incoming Treasurer ease into their role.



August meeting – Broughton Gathering

Each August, the EGWSD organises the Gathering in Broughton, a small village near Biggar. This is a chance for neighbouring Guilds to come together for a social event. The event will be held from 10-4, and the entrance fee is £4, cash only. There will be several vendors, including Hawkshaw Sheep, the Knitting Gift Shop, Lammermuir Wool, Rena Douglas-Fleeces and Sealy MacWheely.

The Chrissie Ann Competition will also take place at Broughton this year. Any hand made textile that has an element of handspun and was made since last August is eligible. In the interest of fairness, please do not include anything that identifies the maker or enter an object that you've shown to others. The winner will have their name engraved on the competition quaich and be presented with a prize.

Broughton is not accessible by public transport, so anyone that needs a ride or can offer a ride, please contact the Guild.

If anyone is interested in volunteering to help out at the event, bringing home bakes or donating items for the raffle, please contact Katrina Balmer at katrina@ewsd.org.



Programme 24/25

The Committee has assembled the following programme for 24/25. We hope it meets with your approval!

We are seeking suggestions for workshops. Let us know what you're interested in – broad topics or specific people – and we'll see what we can make happen!

September 21st De-stash

October 19th Workshop

November 16th Talk

December 21st Christmas event

January 2025, 18th Spinning the Blues Away

February 15th Workshop

March 15th Talk

April 19th No specific theme

May 17th Workshop

June 21st AGM

July Visit

August Broughton Gathering

Workshop spaces are limited, and subject to charge. On days where there are workshops, members not taking part continue to meet for a general craft-and-socialise. Talks are open to everyone.

The Braid Society Exhibition

The Braid Society is bringing its 30th Anniversary Exhibition to Borders Textile Towerhouse, from 22 June – 13 July 2024. This exhibition showcases the work of the Society's members from around the world and the wide range of braiding and narrow band weaving techniques that their members enjoy.

Borders Textile Towerhouse (1 Tower Knowe, Hawick, TD9 9EN)

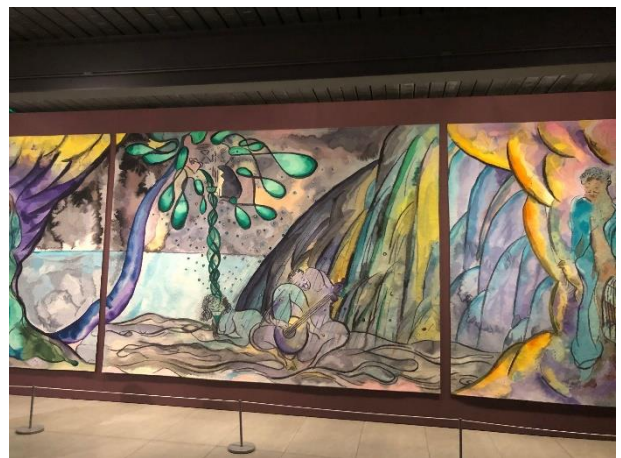
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Chris Ofili: The Caged Bird's Song

I've just been into the Director's talk on the opening day of the Chris Ofili: The Caged Bird's Song exhibition at the Dovecot. I saw the tapestry when it was just finished and exhibited at the National Gallery in London in 2017 and was blown away by it then so I was keen to see it at the Dovecot. The exhibition details the whole process from the original commissioning of a tapestry by the Clothmakers Guild, the decision to ask Chris Ofili to produce a painting for the tapestry and the making of the tapestry itself. –

Penny Skett



The Caged Bird's Song will be on display at the Dovecot Studio from 28 June to 5 October 2024. You can learn more on their website [here](#).



WhatsApp

If you would like to be a part of the guild WhatsApp group and are not already, please email edinburghguildwsd@gmail.com with your phone number and we will add you! This is a casual group for members to share about events, what they have been working on, and ask questions or crowdsource inspiration from other guild members.



Contributions

The next newsletter will be distributed at the start of August. 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 you found really useful with everyone, tell us about really cool exhibitions or events you've been to or you've found out about!