



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

Broughton Gathering – 17th August

August is our annual Broughton Gathering at Broughton Village Hall, Broughton (ML12 6HF).

There is no public transport to Broughton, so if you need a lift, or can give someone a lift, please post in the WhatsApp group. If you're not in the group, please email and we'll see if we can connect you with someone!

The event starts at 10am – please don't arrive before, as this interferes with set-up! There is an entrance fee of £4, and this includes refreshments.

Vendors will include Hawkshaw Sheep, the Knitting Gift Shop, Lammermuir Wool, Rena Douglas Fleeces and Sealy MacWheely. There will be plenty of space to be social and spin or weave or other fibre craft, so bring your fluff!

The **Chrissie Ann Competition** will be open for entries at the Gathering. 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.

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



Summer trip – Selkirk Scrapstore

The Guild visit this year was to the Selkirk branch of Borders Scrapstore, and a number of members found excellent treasures to add to their stash. The rummage was followed by lunch in the Waterwheel cafe at the Phillippaugh Estate just outside Selkirk.



Royal Botanic Gardens Edinburgh Exhibition



The Botanic in Edinburgh is hosting a free exhibition called Fungi Forms, which includes a section on colours from mushrooms. It's in Inverleith House until the 8th of December. More information here: <https://www.rbge.org.uk/whats-on/fungi-forms/57484>



Bobcat Alpacas Open Day

The Guild has again been invited to demonstrate at the Alpaca Day in support of Marie Curie, at Bobcat Alpacas in Bonaly, on Sunday, 1st September, 10am – 4pm.

If you're interested in volunteering to demonstrate spinning or other fibre art (probably with some Alpaca fibre!), please send us an email!

The Guild has demonstrated at this event previously, and it has been very busy and very good fun, with a chance to see the alpaca up close (including the fluffy wee baby ones!).



Drum Carder

The Guild is now in possession of a Classic Carder drum carder, which will be at the September meeting for everyone to admire, and to have a shot on.

Hire fees and procedure for the drum carder are the same as for wheels, and information will be added to the website shortly.



Association Area Link

The Association of Guilds of Weavers, Spinners and Dyers is seeking an Area Link for Scotland. This person is a conveyer of information between the Association and the Guilds in their area, and hosts meetings via video conferencing with Guild representatives. If you're interested, please email sanio@wsd.org.uk directly.



Contributions

The next newsletter will be distributed at the start of September. 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!