



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

September meeting

The next meeting of the Guild is on Saturday 21st September, in the Large Hall at Craiglockhart Parish Church, from 10:30 until 3:00.

This session is a de-stash – bring things you no longer need or want for sale or for swapping.

The Guild's brand new carder will also be in attendance, so bring along some fluff if you'd like to have a shot! We anticipate that quite a lot of people will want to hire the carder, so we will collect the names of everyone interested, and draw names from a hat to determine the order.



Membership

It's time to renew annual memberships!

A membership form is attached to the newsletter. If any of your details have changed, please complete the form and return to edinburghguildwsd@gmail.com.

If your details have not changed, then please pay your £25 annual fee by BACS to the bank details on the form, or by cash or cheque to Membership Secretary Sam Case at the next meeting.



Broughton Gathering (August meeting)

17th August saw the annual Broughton Gathering, welcoming people from across Scotland to Broughton Village Hall.

We had stalls from Sealy MacWheely, Lammermuir Wool, Hawkshaw Sheep and the Knitting Gift Shop, and the day also featured delicious home bakes and a raffle. 55 attendees spun, knitted, tapestry wove and showed off skills in other crafts, in including an impromptu kumihimo workshop.



Entries to the Chrissie Anne competition

The Chrissie Ann Competition was won by Gene How from Dumfries Guild. A huge thanks to all the members who volunteered their time, including and especially Katrina Balmer, Frida Bleakly and Kitty Johnston, as well as those who provided all the delicious baked goods!

Smallholders Festival

The Guild has again been invited to demonstrate at the Smallholders' Festival on October 19th, at the Royal Highland Showground, Ingliston. We have a very small allocation of spaces for this event, but please let us know if you would like to be part of it!



Guild email address

The Guild's email address is edinburghguildwsd@gmail.com. Please use this for any and all Guild business, rather than Committee members' personal email addresses – this ensures that your email doesn't get lost in all of our personal trivia!

It also makes sure that if you include any personal details – like a membership form – the Guild remains compliant with data protection regulations.



External events

The **National Museum of Rural Life** is offering a Natural Dying workshop to adults on 21st September. More details here: <https://www.nms.ac.uk/events/adult-workshops-natural-dyeing>

Journeys in Design are hosting **Flax Fest 24** with events throughout September in Fife. More information here: <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/o/journeys-in-design-6652164461>



Bobcat Alpacas

Six Guild members demonstrated at Bobcat Alpacas open day in support of Marie Curie. Despite the cooler weather, this was a lively day, and fun to interact with people of all ages interested in spinning!

Marie Curie have shared that the event raised £7,600, and that the alpacas were fed £1,200 worth of food!

Thanks to everyone who volunteered.



Contributions

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