

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

October meeting

The next meeting of the Guild is on Saturday 19th October, in the Centenary Room at Craiglockhart Parish Church, from 10:30 until 3:00.

Isabella Rossi will be talking on *Textile Conservation: Caring for Historic Objects* at 11am.



Membership

If you haven't renewed your membership, please remember to do so. Membership gives you access to hire of Guild equipment, and allows you to use the Guild's membership of Borders Scrapstore.

If your personal details have not changed since last year, the easiest way is to pay your £25 annual fee by BACS.



September meeting



The de-stash at the September meeting was very successful, with lots of resources finding a new home with other members.

The meeting was also the debut of the new Guild Drum Carder, with a number of members producing amazing blended batts.



Venue bookings

The hall was again double booked at the September meeting, and the Committee are working with the Church administration to find solutions to this issue.

Alongside this problem, we're aware that, in some aspects, our current venue no longer meets the needs of the Guild, especially as we grow in size! For this reason, the Committee are considering other venue options. We are clear that these must present a definitive improvement on current accommodation. If you have a suggestion for a venue that might work better for the Guild, please let us know!

Smallholders Festival

Due to a lack of volunteers, the Guild will not be able to demonstrate at the Smallholders Festival.



GWSD Summer School 2025

The Association's Summer School will be at Queen Margaret University, 3-10 August 2025. The Summer School features week long courses on weaving, spinning and dyeing as well as socialising with your fellow crafters. 2025 will have courses for beginners and experienced individuals on topics such as weaving double twills, spinning fancy yarns, natural dyeing, felting and more. If you are interested in attending the Summer School but are concerned about the costs, the Association also offers bursaries. Make sure to look at the Summer School 2025 Brochure for more information about courses offered, costs, bursaries and registration.

The brochure accompanies this email, and a hard copy will be available for consultation at the next Guild meeting.

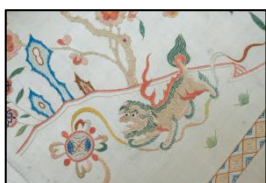
AGWSD National Exhibition 2024

The Association is also hosting their National Exhibition this year with the theme 'Battles, Borders, Books'. The exhibition will be held between 14-27 October 2024 at Hay Castle. Two of our members, Trisha Gow and Penny Skett, have had items accepted in the Selected Category. It's a bit of a trek for us in Edinburgh, but if anyone can go, please send photographs for our next edition of the newsletter!



External events

Devon Weavers Workshop have a number of courses coming up over the coming year, including for beginner and advanced weavers. More information here: devonweaversworkshop.org



Dovecot Studios' next exhibition is a collaboration with the National Trust for Scotland. *Stitched: Scotland's Embroidered Art* runs from 25th October – 18th January, and tickets can be booked at dovecotstudios.com



Contributions

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