

# **Edinburgh Guild of Weavers, Spinners and Dyers**

## **NEWSLETTER**

### **December 2024**

Welcome to the December newsletter!

This month's newsletter has a basic format but the information is sound.

#### **December meeting**

We'll be having our usual fun social meeting on Saturday, 21st December, in the Centenary Room. Normal spinning/weaving/dying/other fibre craft activities continue, and in addition for those who would like to take part, the following will take place throughout the day:

##### Secret Santa

Anyone who wishes to take part please bring a wrapped, fibre-related gift costing no more than £5. These will be gathered into Santa's sack and redistributed among participants.

Distribution of gifts will follow the announcement of the results of the decoration contest.

##### Decoration contest

Bring along your hand-crafted decoration (suitable for hanging from a tree) to be judged by your fellow members. The winner (by popular vote) will receive the general praise and applause of the membership.

Please find Membership Secretary Sam Case to submit your entries. Voting will begin at 1:30, with the winner announced at 2:15.

##### Pot Luck lunch - from 1pm

Members are invited to bring something to share at lunch time - sweet, savoury, home made or shop-bought - all contributions welcome!

We will have access to the hot water urn and microwave, as usual.

Please share a list of ingredients with any contributions - this helps anyone with allergies or other dietary requirements!

#### **Triennial Exhibition**

Gracefield Art Centre, Dumfries.  
5th April - 10th May, 2025

All are welcome to this exhibiton of the Quilters, Spinners and Solway Embroiderers - there will be their usual sales area and raffle.

#### **Chrissie Anne Competition**

To be held at the Broughton Gathering, August 2025, Broughton. Information now so you can start preparing!

The competition invites entries of items which incorporate an element of hand spinning. Entries must be made on Saturday, 16th August, at the Broughton Gathering.

The winner is decided by popular vote, and announced at the Gathering.

The winner will receive the Quaich to keep and display for a year, and a fibre related prize.

Do

- Spin your yarn between Broughton 2024 and Broughton 2025.
- Make an item incorporating this yarn.
- Include a label identifying the fibre, the pattern if applicable and when the item was made.
- Bring your entry to the Broughton Gathering, in a bag and give to Katrina Balmer.

Don't

- Show item or yarn to anybody else.
- Tell anyone else what you've made.
- Include a label or anything that could identify you as the maker.

### **Dornoch Fibre Fest**

15th and 16th March 2025  
[www.fibrefest.org.uk](http://www.fibrefest.org.uk)

If anyone would like to see a hard copy of the programme, please let us know as they've offered to send us some if we ask!

### **Sixth International Conference on Braiding**

Cleveland, Ohio, USA from 15-21 June 2025

### **Ashford Rigid Heddle Loom for sale**

As new, 32", all accessories included; £100.  
Please email [edinburghguildwsd@gmail.com](mailto:edinburghguildwsd@gmail.com) for contact details.

### **AGWSD News**

Bookings for Summer School 2025 are open until the end of December, so send those in soon if you're interested in attending.

There are multiple open and soon to be open roles within the wider organisation including Chair, Vice Chair and Secretary. Please contact Janet Crowther at [chair@wsd.org.uk](mailto:chair@wsd.org.uk) if you're interested.

The prices of The Journal will increase starting in January 2025. The cover price will now be £8 each and £22 for an annual subscription with the Guild membership discount.

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