



Welcome to the February newsletter!

February meeting

The next meeting of the Guild is on Saturday, 15th February 2025, in the Centenary Room at Craiglockhart Parish Church halls. We have no specific theme; but it would be great to see your Blues Away spinning or other recent project you're particularly proud of!



January meeting

In January members swapped fibres, and spun it during the meeting.



Spinning by (clockwise from top left): Dhileas, Judith, Erika, Gerda, Margon and Sam.

Bereavement notice – John Palmer

The Guild received with sadness the news of the death of member and weaver John Palmer. John was a kind and enthusiastic member of the Guild, and our thoughts and condolences go to his friends and family, and especially Nicky, Eliot and Tom.

John's funeral will be on Tuesday 11th February at 2pm at the Main Chapel in Mortonhall Crematorium. The family has requested that no flowers be sent, but there will be a collection for the Oxfam/Gaza appeal. A reception will be held afterwards at the Braid Hills Hotel.

Haddington Spinners and Weavers Open Day

Haddington Spinners and Weavers annual open day is on 1st March, 10am – 4pm, on the top floor of the Poldrate Granary in Haddington. Entry is free, The Border Mill will have a glorious selection of fibres for sale, and everyone is welcome!



Loom for sale

Dryad loom, in good working order. Height 175cm, width 108cm, depth 74cm. Collection from Dumfries. Price: £150. Erika shared this information in the What'sApp group, along with more information about contacting the seller. If you're not in the What'sApp group, or can't find the information, email edinburghguildwsd@gmail.com and we'll put you in touch!



Events and courses

National Museum Scotland has two workshops coming up: Hand Embroidered Stories (9th March) and Sustainable Statement Jewellery (1st March). Information here: <https://www.nms.ac.uk/whats-on>

Fibreshed Scotland "is a growing community of producers, makers, consumers, and educators who work with and promote locally produced wool, linen, leather and natural dye products." They have workshops and talks and WhatsApp groups. Connect with them at www.fibreshed-scotland.org

Devon Weavers Workshop have new courses on offer, including A Weekend of Colour, and beginners' weaving workshops. More information here: www.devonweaversworkshop.org/courses



Fibres in podcasts!

Longstanding podcast *No Such Thing As A Fish* mentioned flax and hemp in an episode! Episode 515 discusses the use of hemp for ship sails (29:44, if you want to skip to the relevant bit).



Guild demonstrations

The Guild is considering whether we have capacity to demonstrate at a number of events this year – please see the separate email for details!



Contributions

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