



Welcome to the July newsletter!

July visit to At Birkhill House

If you'd like to come to At Birkhill House for two workshops on 19th July, please email edinburghguildwsd@gmail.com. The plan is as follows:

Birkhill have proposed a two part workshop for a maximum of 25 participants, with a minimum of 15. The visit would run from 10:30 - 2:30pm, on Saturday 19th July, with workshops in the morning (10:30 - 13:30), and time for a tour of the facilities, meeting the animals, and packed lunch until 2:30pm.

Workshops from 10:30 - 13:30; lunch (bring a packed one!) and visiting the animals and facilities until 2:30.

Workshop 1 - eco-print a 4 x 28 inch piece of merino fabric

Workshop 2 - set up solar dye jar with two embroidery thread skeins (one BFL/silk and one silk). The embroidery thread can be used to later stitch into the eco-printed fabric - or for a different project altogether.

The cost per person will be around £20. Birkhill House is on Borders Buses route 51, with around a 5-10 minute walk from the bus stop. Car-sharing may be possible! Let us know if you need or can offer a lift.



June meeting

Our AGM was held at this meeting – please see attached for draft minutes. If there are mistakes, let us know!

Our thanks to Nikky for bringing some of John's stash, and to members for their donations to MSF.

We also enjoyed a talk from Jackie Grant and Sylvia Davidson, two of the contributors to the Golden Thread tapestry. If you missed the talk and seeing the tapestry, it will be on display at Stockbridge Library during July 2025.



Royal Highland Show Success

Member Penny Skett won two first prizes at the Royal Highland Show last month!



Alpaca Day

Bobcat Alpacas and Marie Curie have again invited the Guild to demonstrate at their fundraising open day on 31st August, 10am – 4pm. This event has less strict rules on numbers of Guild attendees, but please still let us know if you would like to be there (for the whole day or a part of it) so we can let the organisers know who's coming, and make sure you get in!



Broughton Gathering

A quick reminder that the Broughton Gathering takes place on 16th August, at Broughton Village Hall, Broughton (near Biggar), 10am to 4pm. Entry is £4, which includes refreshments (but not lunch, so bring a packed one!).

The Gathering includes the Chrissie Anne competition – anyone can enter something they've made since the last Gathering, which contains an element of hand spinning. Bring it along on the day to enter!



Association AGM

On 7th June, the Association of Weavers, Spinners and Dyers had their AGM which I attended over Zoom. The Edinburgh Guild is a member of the Association, which means that our members have access to Association educational resources and events such as:

- [Summer School](#)

- [National Exhibition](#)
- [Conference](#)
- [Stuart Groom Memorial Library](#)
- [The Journal for Weavers, Spinners and Dyers](#)
- [Foundation Course in Spinning](#)
- [Certificates in Achievement in Weaving, Spinning, Natural Dyeing and Synthetic Dyeing](#)
- [Certificate in Advanced Textile Studies](#)

Our Guild as a whole also benefits from access to their Speaker's List and their Public Liability Insurance.

News

- Foundation Certificate in Natural Dyeing being introduced Autumn 2025
- Summer School 2027 will take place in southwest England
- National Exhibition 2026 will take place in October in Shropshire
- Affiliation fees will be increased from £5/member to £5.50/member



Contributions

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