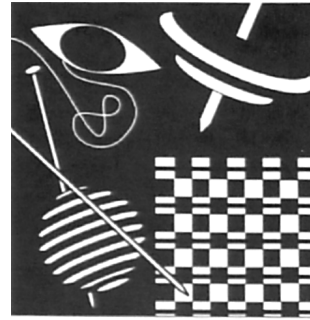


EAST SURREY GUILD CREATIVE FIBRES

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Spring 2013

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Recent Meetings

Saturday 9th March - AGM

The committee for 2013 is as follows:

Gill Blackmore - Chairman
Betty Newman - Secretary
Janice Russell - Treasurer
Norma Halder - joint Events organiser
Katrina McDonald - joint Events organiser
Jean Price
Jennifer Hughes

Saturday 23rd February - Creative Spinning with Amanda Eves



On 23 February eight members attended a workshop on Spinning Creative Yarn run by very experienced spinner Amanda Eves.

Amanda demonstrated how to make six different creative art yarns and all participants tried out the different techniques with varying degrees of success. Three of the techniques involved using a core yarn and wrapping differently prepared fibres around the core.

We prepared wild carded batts on a drumcarder using coloured wool and various different materials, such as silk etc to add interest to the batt. This was then pulled out into rovings and wrapped round the core yarn using the spinning wheel. We also spun a similar yarn using longwool locks such as Wensleydale to wrap round the core.

Amanda showed us how to spin supercoil yarn, again using a core yarn and wrapping coils of a second spun single round the core. This I really struggled with, especially the problem of the core yarn ending up like twisty wire. However I really liked the finished effect and if I ever got time to practise I think I would improve.

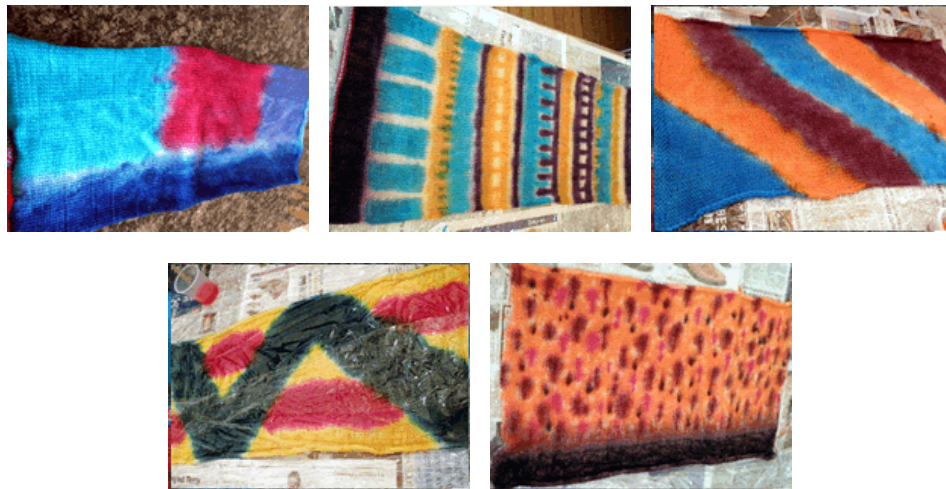
Also demonstrated were how to spin yarn using beads, stacked knots and how to spin cabled yarn using four singles.

I think by the end of the afternoon everyone who had participated had gained a lot from the workshop. I for one will be more confident about attempting to spin creative yarns in future.

Thank you Amanda.

Philippa

2012 Sock Blank Project



In 2012 some of our members, very ably led by Christina, took up the 'sock blank project'. In January the sock blanks were made by machine knitting a rectangle using the fine wool double. When all the sock blanks had been made they were then dyed using different coloured dyes in various patterns. Some of the dyed sock blanks are pictured above.

The socks were then knitted up. I couldn't master the technique of knitting 2 socks at the same time so I unwound the dyed rectangle into 2 balls and knitted the socks one at a time.

It was very interesting to see the pattern of the socks from the dyed blanks. Dyeing the socks this way meant they were a matching pair of socks with the colours and patterns in the same place for each sock.

This was a very enjoyable project and some of us made more than 1 pair of socks.



Thanks Christina for being very patient.

Janice

Welcome to our new as well as returning members:

Sharron Chapman, Katrina McDonald, Pam Fraser, Anne Rawden, Sue Peters, Patricia Butler, and Sharon Towe

Green materials for that final journey...

An interesting extract taken from an article in the WS&D winter 2012 Journal:

As interest in eco-funerals has increased so has demand for coffins made from 'greener' materials. Two British companies have joined forces to produce a coffin made from wool. Coffin manufacturer, J C Atkinson & Son, joined with textile manufacturer, Hainsworth, to form the company Natural Legacy. Each coffin is made from 3 wool fleeces, lined with cotton and supported on a strong cardboard frame.

For more information visit:

<http://tinyurl.com/gdian-woollen-coffins>

<http://tinyurl.com/teleg-woolly-coffins>

www.naturallegacy.co.uk

FUTURE MEETINGS

Saturday 27th April – “Ply-split Braided Bowl” with Sandy Jessett

There are still places on this tutored workshop. Please contact Janice Russell to book your place.

Saturday 15th June - general meeting.

Saturday 20th July - general meeting.

FOR YOUR DIARIES

22nd March - 29th June - Kaffe Fassett – A life in colour – London

Fashion & Textiles Museum, 83 Bermondsey Street, SE1 3XF

For more information phone 020 7407 8664 or visit www.ftmlondon.org

Until 21st April - Inspired by.....2012.....London

V & A Museum Cromwell Road, London

For more information visit www.vam.ac.uk

26th March - 28th April - Transitions Tapestry Exhibition

The Orangery, Knole, Sevenoaks, Kent

Textile artist Claire Buckley uses ancient weaving techniques for modern tapestry design. Open daily, except Mondays, from 10.30am – 5pm. Meet the artist days Saturdays 30th March, 6th & 13th April from 12 – 3pm. For more information phone 01732 462100 or visit www.clairebuckleytextiles.com

8th April - 21st April - The Huguenots of Spitalfields: Celebrating their Contribution
Huguenot Festival is to be held at Spitalfields in April 2013. The highlight is **The Big Weave** on Saturday 13th April at the award-winning Spitalfields Market. The organisers expect over 6,000 people to attend. Spitalfields Market is staging an international fair on Saturday 13th April. From 8th to 13th April, a week-long programme of walks, talks, visits and events has been arranged. Stitches in Time will be running a weaving workshop throughout Sat 13th April and a performing arts area is being planned.

website: www.huguenotsofspitalfields.webdesco.com

27th April - 28th April - Wonderwool Wales - Powys
Royal Welsh Showground, Llanelwedd, Builth Wells

For more information visit www.wonderwoolwales.co.uk

27th April - 26th May - Contemporary Textile Fair 2013 – Teddington
Landmark Arts Centre, Ferry Road, Teddington, Middlesex

For more information phone 02089 777558 or visit www.landmarkartscentre.org

26th May - Bead Fair at Dorking Halls, Dorking, Surrey

For more information phone 01737 841080 or visit www.beadwork.net

17th - 23rd June - Colours of Peru, Shapes of Japan, Denbies Gallery,
Denbies Wine Estate, London Road, Dorking, Surrey

An exhibition of contemporary tapestries from Peru by Maximo Laura and ceramics by Rob Dunster. For more information phone 01306 876611 or visit www.wovencolour.co.uk or www.robdunderceramics.co.uk

28th - 29th June - Woolfest - Cumbria
Mitchell's Lakeland Livestock Centre, Cockermouth

For more information visit www.woolfest.co.uk

18th – 21st July – Art in Action, Waterperry House, Waterperry, nr Wheatley,
Oxfordshire OX33 1JZ

For more information visit www.artinaction.org.uk

27th - 28th July - Fibre-East
Redborne Community College, Ampthill, Bedfordshire

For more information visit www.fibre-east.co.uk or www.redbornecommunitycollege.com

20th August - 15th September - A Field of Cloths, London Guild Exhibition, Crypt
Gallery, St Martins in the Field, Trafalgar Square, London

An exhibition of handspun & handwoven textiles echoing the designs, colours & fabrics of China, India and Africa. Open daily 11am - 6pm.

If you have any comments, tips or interesting items for future newsletters please send them to me,
(treasurer@creativefibres.org)

Janice