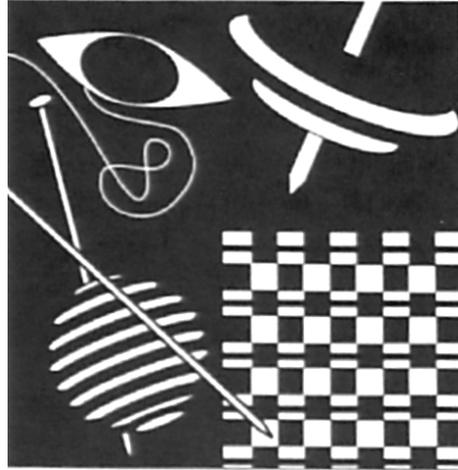


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**Recent Meetings**

**Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> April - Ply Splitting with Sandy Jessett**



A select group of us gathered at the April meeting to learn how to make a split ply bowl with Sandy. The cords had been made the previous month so we were able to get straight down to business. There were several samples to intrigue us and whet our appetites, and Sandy had prepared sheets of instructions so we did not forget what to do.

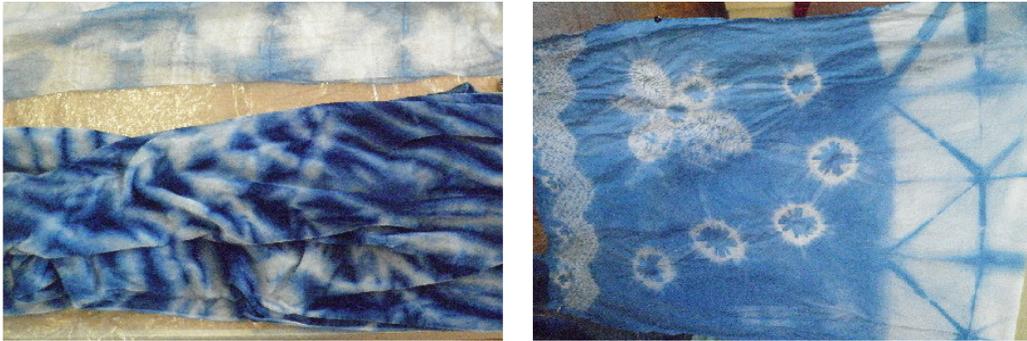
She began by showing us how to form the base of the little bowl, then how to add the pattern up the sides. The cords are split using a little piece of equipment called a gripfid (I love that name!). The technique was originally used to make camel girths, as it is very strong, which it would need to be on such a large animal.

Everyone was working with very different colours, and it was interesting to see how each one differed. By working hard all day, some of us had almost finished our bowl by the time we went home. However, I am still fiddling about with my edges and finishing off. With any luck it may just be ready by the next meeting!

*Jennifer*

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## Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> May – Shibori Dyeing with Jennifer Hughes



An array of colour and design greeted us when we arrived at Boxhill Village Hall on Saturday to take part in the SHIBORI workshop so expertly given by Jennifer Hughes.

She very clearly, with the help of practical examples, explained the different dyeing techniques and I was surprised to learn the many ways that design could be achieved especially with the use of beads, pebbles and even drain pipes !!!!!

We began by learning how to do a KAMOSAGE KNOT which is a form of slip knot to secure thread. It looked so simple when Jennifer demonstrated but was not as easy as it looked, well, for me anyway, but, eventually it clicked and all was well.

Then came the moment when we set to work to produce our masterpieces. With Jennifer's guidance we worked away and had a most enjoyable time.

The dyeing came next and we had choices of pink or blue dyes. Despite wearing rubber gloves I managed to go home with purple hands!

It was a most enlightening and enjoyable day and I recommend anyone to have a go.

*Katrina*



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## **FUTURE MEETINGS**

### **Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> July**

This meeting will be a general meeting.

### **Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> August – More Practical Buttons (Class I) with Felicity Jowitt**

There is 1 space left on this tutored workshop. Please contact Janice Russell ([treasurer@creativefibres.org](mailto:treasurer@creativefibres.org)) to book.

### **Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> September – More Practical Buttons (Class II) with Felicity Jowitt**

There is 1 space left on this tutored workshop. Please contact Janice Russell ([treasurer@creativefibres.org](mailto:treasurer@creativefibres.org)) to book.

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## **FOR YOUR DIARIES**

### **12<sup>th</sup> July – 31<sup>st</sup> August – Zandra Rhodes - Unseen – London**

Explore the archive, studio and creative processes of this designer.  
Fashion and Textile Museum, 83 Bermondsey Street, London SE1 3XF.  
For more information visit [www.ftmlondon.org](http://www.ftmlondon.org) or phone 020 7407 8664

### **13<sup>th</sup> – 14<sup>th</sup> July - Silk Mill Yarn Sale, Whitchurch Silk Mill, 28 Winchester Street, Whitchurch, Hampshire RG28 7AL**

For more information visit [www.whitchurchsilkmill.org.uk](http://www.whitchurchsilkmill.org.uk) or phone 01256 892065

### **18<sup>th</sup> – 21<sup>st</sup> July – Art in Action, Waterperry House, Waterperry, nr Wheatley, Oxfordshire OX33 1JZ**

For more information visit [www.artinaction.org.uk](http://www.artinaction.org.uk)

### **22<sup>nd</sup> – 28<sup>th</sup> July – A String of Pearls, Denbies Picture Gallery, London Road, Dorking RH5 6AA**

The 30<sup>th</sup> anniversary exhibition of East Surrey Branch of the Embroiderers' Guild with a talk by Sue Rangeley and traders on Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> July  
For more information email [joybuchan@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:joybuchan@hotmail.co.uk) or phone Joy Buchan on 01737 246036

### **27<sup>th</sup> - 28<sup>th</sup> July - Fibre-East**

#### **Redborne Community College, Ampthill, Bedfordshire**

For more information visit [www.fibre-east.co.uk](http://www.fibre-east.co.uk) or [www.redbornecommunitycollege.com](http://www.redbornecommunitycollege.com)

### **20<sup>th</sup> August - 15<sup>th</sup> September - A Field of Cloths, London Guild Exhibition, Crypt Gallery, St Martins in the Field, Trafalgar Square, London**

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

### **5<sup>th</sup> – 7<sup>th</sup> September – The Creative Craft Show, Sandown Park, Esher**

For more information visit [www.sccsshows.co.uk](http://www.sccsshows.co.uk) or phone 01822 617744

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

*Janice Russell*