

May continued

24th. Thursday - Rainbow Spinning

Our fun complementary afternoon. Using short lengths of bright coloured Merino wool, spin 2 bobbins before plying together. Every so often break the wool and re-tie leaving loose threads. Booking required.

26th. Saturday - Bakewell Farmers Market

Get there earlier for all that yummy food, fresh flowers, your lunch and local crafts.

27th. Sunday - www. Wool. Willow. Weave

Mally the basket maker from the Bakewell Farmers Market will come and lead this workshop. Using traditional basket making techniques we will incorporate a thick band of hand dyed wool into tassels, between the bands of willow. This basket would be ideal for storing your knitting, craft work or jewellery.

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2nd. Saturday - Daisy Chain Handbag

Create a light weight fabric handbag with your own handmade lace daisy shaped inserts and floral embellishments. Lisa will show you how to use our hand dyed silks to make your own lace fabric from water soluble fabric, organza and satins. Learn construction techniques to finish your handbag. Bring your own sewing machine.

8th. Friday and 9th. Saturday - Brecknock Guild

I shall be running a workshop for the guild on Friday and Saturday is a Friendship Day for the local guilds around Brecon.

13th. Wednesday - Domino Knitting

Ann returns to show us this very clever way of modular knitting with knitted squares and strips building on one another to form a large piece - just as in the game of domino's. Be inspired by Ann's fingerless mittens, to start your own. This technique shows up best with our hand dyed yarns.

16th. Saturday - Stafford Knot Spinners Open Day

See us there with our supplies.

17th. Sunday - Mermaids

Beautiful mermaids will be made by a variety of methods from needle felting to sewing with lurex fabric. Glorious hair will be our Wensleydale curls and decorations will be beads, sequins and embroidery.

22nd. Friday and 23rd. Saturday - Woolfest

The original celebration of all things woollen, from yarns, equipment, workshops, exhibitions, demonstrations and meeting the animals. Michell's Lakeland Livestock Centre, Cockermouth, Cumbria.

28th. Thursday - Flock of Sheep

Come and be a shepherd for the day and make your own creative flock of sheep by needle felting. Choose between using natural fleece to make a Herdwick, Wensleydale or a Jacob to making punky sheep from bright coloured hand dyed wools with spots, stripes or even a separate coat.

29th. Friday - Hawaiian Floral Spinning

Our fun complementary spinning afternoon creating a garland of hand spun yarn festooned with flower petals. Booking required.

30th. Saturday - Bakewell Farmers Market

See us there with a selection of our crafts.

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For sale of supplies and finished crafts

The Threshing Barn

Craft Workshop

News and Calendar

Spring to Summer 2012

New Website

Our new website www.performancewools.co.uk should be operational soon. Inside you'll find a range of wool based products, from the fantastic Thermafleece range of thermal home insulation products to Smartwool Clothing including the long lasting and durable Smartwool Socks, all made from Merino wool. In the meantime you will find us via www.ecoarks.co.uk. A large selection of socks are available at our workshop.

New Arrivals

I had some more in lamb shearling Herdwicks for Christmas. Their mum's came from Cockermouth in Cumbria. They have come to join my few other Herdwicks who were feeling outnumbered by the other "white" sheep.

New Products from Schacht

The Cricket Loom will have a growth spurt and will soon have a 15" sibling. The Lazy Kate has been re-designed so will be able to be easily collapsed down for easy travel. We have 1 remaining Matchless Double Treadle spinning wheel in cherry available from a limited edition of 200 worldwide. Due to arrive February.

New Yarns

We have a new selection of Collinette Yarns available all dyed in Wales. To match we have their wool tops for spinning and felting, as well as a selection of kits and pattern books.

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18th. Wednesday - Into the Woods

Come and have fun making a needle felted scene from our farm reared hand dyed wools. A woodland floor is covered in leaves and acorns. We'll even make some toadstools and a doormouse all out of wool.

21st. Saturday - Beginners Tunisian Crochet

Ann will show us this needlework technique that borrows elements from crochet and knitting. With Tunisian crochet each row is a 2 step process and you never have a need to turn the work. There are lots of alternative names from Afghan crochet or stitch to Shepherds knitting. Enjoy using our multi dyed yarns.

24th. Tuesday - Go with the Crimp

Our complementary spinning afternoon. Explore spinning a range of different fleeces with a variety of crimp counts. Understand how to read your fleece and spin accordingly. Booking essential. 1.30 to 4.30pm.

28th. Saturday - Bakewell Farmers Market

See us there with our wools for felt, knitting and crochet, plus our warm winter blankets, hats, gloves and scarves.

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5th, Sunday - In the Round

Explore circular weaving techniques on a peg loom to create a corsage and a handbag. Use our beautiful hand dyed yarns and incorporate Wensleydale curls, tassels, beads and buttons.

11th, Saturday - Love Hearts

Aileen will run this special patchwork day with a heart theme for Valentines day. You will make 4 panels from our colour coordinating cotton fabrics, 2 with a log cabin design, 2 with hearts and make up into a cushion panel. As a souvenir make a Harris Tweed lavender heart sachet.

16th, Thursday - Macclesfield Embroidery Guild

We will be here with our sales, giving a talk and demonstration.

18th, Saturday - Nuno Felt Vessels

Be inspired by our pictures of stunning sunsets to recreate these by blending rich, vibrant, colourful Merino wools. Using a plastic resist place your blended wools onto delicate fabrics which will be trapped inside the vessels.

25th, Saturday and 26th, Sunday - Unravel

A wonderful festival of knitting, handspun yarns, talks, workshops and lots more. See us there with all our goodies. The Maltings, Farnham.

29th, Wednesday - Year of the Dragon

Our complementary afternoon to celebrate the Chinese New Year. Bring along a selection of thick handspun yarns that will be woven on finger weaving sticks to create your own dragon. Booking required.

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4th, Sunday - Broomstick Lace

This technique is created using a crochet hook and a large knitting needle. The broomstick lace is a vintage crochet stitch that creates a nice lacy effect. It is also known as the peacock stitch, the Peruvian stitch and jiffy lace.

7th, Wednesday - Mohair Bouclé

An advanced spinning workshop to create your own looped bouclé yarns. These yarns are at their best using our hand dyed mohair fibre to give defined, lustrous loops. Also learn the technique of core spinning using alpaca fibres and mohair.

10th, Saturday - Spring Bunnies

Natalie will truly inspire you with her adorable wool felt and floral cotton Easter bunnies, bears and spring birds. These small figures have moveable limbs, are hand stitched with our variegated threads, and gently stuffed with our sheeps wool. You will now have a month to make lots more ready for Easter.

14th, Wednesday - Woollen Art Baskets

Using beautiful colourful thick textured yarns and wools, create 2 free form baskets by weaving and crochet. Decorate with pre-felt flowers, needle felted onto your bowl and richly embellished with beads.

16th, Friday and 17th, Saturday - British Alpaca Futurity

The premier event for all the U.K. Alpaca industry. A new feature this year is a Fibre Arts Village for hand spinners, weavers, knitters, crochet and felt makers. See us there with our supplies. N.E.C. Birmingham.

24th, Saturday - Open Day

Chelford Embroidery Guild hold their exhibition, demonstration and sale of supplies. See us there at Chelford Village Hall, Chelford, Cheshire.

25th, Sunday - Splash, Flick and Splatter

A very creative workshop by the inspirational, bubbly Alison. Come and explore having fun with paint, dye on fabrics, silks and paper. You will use brushes, sponges, splatter tools and stamps. You will then be inspired using your work for embroidery, patchwork, quilting, collage and card making.

30th, Friday - Jacob Marl

Our complementary spinning afternoon exploring the colour range that can be created from this wonderful fleece. Keeping in with a natural theme we will learn an easy technique to add in wooden beads. Booking required.

31st, Saturday - Bakewell Farmers Market

This is the U.K.'s 2nd biggest market so I am thrilled to be part of the day.

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4th, Wednesday - Felted Sewing Accessories

Make your own sheets of wet felt incorporating pre felt flowers. Stitch your felt with our variegated cotton threads and create a needle case booklet, a pin cushion and a scissor holder. We'll even give you the needles, pins and scissors to put in your cases.

7th, Saturday - Jewelled Mini Treasures

You will weave small panels of our exquisite, shimmering yarns and threads using a range of tapestry techniques. Our looms will be made from a cardboard frame which you will have made. These weavings will then be embellished with tassels, embroidery, beads and sequins before finishing as brooches or mounted onto a canvas frame.

10th, Tuesday - Floral Cushions

Come and explore different rug techniques to create a cushion cover inspired by flowers such as pansies, sunflowers and daises etc. Petals will be created by prodding and prodding, flower centres by hooking and the background filled with locker hooking. These techniques can also be used on floor rugs.

13th, Friday. 14th, Saturday and 15th, Sunday - Quilt Show

A large local show at Uttoxeter Racecourse. There will be exhibitions, demonstrations and sales of textile craft supplies. See us there with a big stand of our goodies.

20th, Friday - Cornwall Guild

shall be running a felt workshop for spinners and weavers, drawing inspiration from the sea. I will also bring my supplies to sell as well.

24th, Tuesday - Buttoned Up.

Our complementary afternoon, but for a change I'll show you how to make Leek Deaths Head Buttons. Booking required.

28th, Saturday and 29th, Sunday - Wonderwool Wales

It's your chance to enjoy a fantastic range of Welsh and British artisan products and an opportunity to meet the wonderful people who made them. There will be exhibitions, workshops, talks, fashion shows and so much more. Builth Wells.

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2nd, Wednesday - Beginners Crochet

By popular demand Ann returns to run this introduction to crochet. Ann has the patience of a saint and will happily get you all started. Anyone who knows the basics but wants to learn more techniques you are also very welcome. All yarn and hooks provided.

5th, Saturday - Flying the Flag

Get ready to fly the flag for U.K. for the Queens Jubilee Celebrations and the Olympics. We start by making a felted Union Jack or Olympic rings cushion to make your chair comfy while watching the T.V. Then have fun making bunting and cards with fabrics, lace and ribbons.

12th, Saturday - Shetland Lace

Marilyn truly inspires us all with her magnificent lace shawls. You will use our lace weight yarns to knit a selection of different patterns. The patterns have wonderful names such as strawberry, mouse paw, lozenge, diamond etc. If you are already a lace knitter but need help with patterns, edges etc. you are also very welcome.

13th, Sunday - Royal Spring Fairies

This flower fairy heralds the return of bud and blossom, prepares the earth to absorb the suns rays and promises the return of longer, lighter days. This is a family day to have fun making a selection of flower fairies.

19th, Saturday - Tynedale Weavers, Spinners and Dyers

Off on our travels up north to this wonderful 'Friendship Day' at Stocksfield Community Hall in Northumberland.

20th, Sunday - Cinderella's Slippers

Make yourself a special pair of slippers using our cotton patchwork fabrics. The slippers are softly padded and the soles lined with felt. A fabric decoration is added for detail embellished with beads and buttons. Sewing machine required.