

The Threshing Barn

Craft Workshop

News and Calendar Summer & Autumn 2011

Schacht Spindle Co.

Wow!! We took on distribution of their spinning and weaving products at the beginning of the year and cannot believe your response. There is a great market for products that are innovative, very high quality and come from one of the market leaders in the U.S.A. Their new SIDEKICK has arrived, the wheel is sideways therefore creating a different movement, it is compact and foldable. Come and try at the workshop or at the Wool Events this year.

Barbecues

We produce a good selection of burgers, sausages, chops and steaks ideal for barbecues or quick suppers. All meat is from our animals, red Dexters, Gloucester Old Spots and Berkshire pigs and Texel/Suffolk sheep.

Rosebud Preserves

We now stock this range of jams, jellies, pickles and chutney's made on Rosebud Farm, near Masham in Yorkshire. They are made principally by hand in small batches using the best available local ingredients where possible e.g. these include wild fruit and flowers picked from surrounding hedgerows.

New Products

- A stunning collection of Indian crocheted cotton floral jewellery sourced from a fairtrade not for profit organisation.
- Hand made buttons proudly made in Stoke-on-Trent the original home of the ceramic industry in the U.K.
- Solmate Socks very colourful patterned mis-matched recycled cotton socks in a range of 3 sizes.
- Sparkle yarns or hand dyed by myself in subtle pastel colours. Available in lace, sock and double knit weights.
- New collections of Fat Quarters and Jelly Rolls cotton fabrics ideal for patchwork, linings for felt, knitted and woven bags, cushions etc.
- Willow Kits to make a basic basket, flower or dragonfly.

Charity Boxes

We support 3 local charities and are always delighted when you make a donation either as your loose change or as a thanks for a tea or coffee.

1. The Donna Louise Trust offers palliative care for young children in Staffordshire and South Cheshire.
2. The Midlands Air Ambulance operates 3 helicopters with no Government or National Lottery Funding - £6 million is needed each year.
3. The Buxton Mountain Rescue Team of which David is a full team member. They work with the police and other agencies to locate and recover lost or injured people from remote places in the Peak District and surrounding areas. The Team relies completely on voluntary donations.

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5th Tuesday - Summer Lanterns

Beautiful glass lanterns covered in silks with an Indian inspiration of threads, mirrors, beads, wires and sequins. Ideal for summer barbecues, parties or even weddings, to use as candleholders or sweet containers.

10th Sunday - Scented Treasures with Summer Flowers

A pampering day to make yourself soaps and bath bombs with floral essential oils. Make milk and lavender sachets to float in your bath or hang under the shower. Finally produce a selection of handmade papers from recycled paper pulp and flower petals. Use these papers to wrap your soaps or use as small gift bags.

13th Wednesday - Floral Felt

Learn how to use our Gaywool Dyes onto white merino prefelt fabric, which can be fixed in a steamer or microwave. Using your prefelts cut into flowers, leaves and petals, decorate merino wool, laid over plastic resists. You will create large flowers shaped bowls and vases.

16th Saturday - Inkle Loom Weaving

Ever wanted to learn to weave then come and explore weaving on a Inkle loom. This is an open sided simple loom for making braids, belts and bands. Tracey will take you through the process of making string heddles and putting on the warp. Explore weaving with different yarns to create a variety of patterns.

17th Sunday - Over the Edge and Beyond

Jackie returns with an unusual knitting workshop concentrating on fancy edges and turning corners. For each attendee Jackie has prepared your own goodie box containing wool and pre-knitted squares ready for you to learn how to knit a wide range of different edges and finishes.

19th Tuesday - Herdy Spinning

Our complementary spinning afternoon using our freshly shorn Herdwick wool. Please book as places are limited.

23rd Saturday & 24th Sunday - Fibre-East

Scald End Farm, Mill Road, Thurleigh, Bedford, MK44 2DP.
An exciting new event.

27th Wednesday & 28th Thursday - Oxford Summer School

We will be there with our supplies.

30th Saturday - Bakewell Farmers Market

Find us at the market with our supplies and crafts whilst stocking up on all that delicious local food.

31st Sunday - Beginners Knitting

This would be an ideal course for older children, teenagers or adults to learn to knit. Ann has the patience of a saint to teach folk of all levels. You will cover cast on, several stitches, turning, joining and casting off. All needles and wool provided.

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2nd Tuesday - Summer Shawls

Explore a variety of weaving and felting techniques to create light weight, patterned, open weave shawls. Ideal to cover up your shoulders on cool summer evenings or for talking on holiday.

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4th Thursday - Childrens Weaving Day

A fun day to explore how to make simple looms from cardboard boxes, a rigid heddle loom from an old greeting card and a woven basket on a cardboard former.

6th Saturday - B & B, Bubbles and Bags

A background fabric will be constructed by sandwiching together dyed snippets of coloured fabric, Angelina, threads, bubble wrap, chiffon or shear fabric. These layers will be transformed by heat into a top transparent layer so fabrics underneath are visible. This fabric will be transformed into a beautiful handbag.

7th Sunday - A Day at the Seaside.

Create an atmosphere felt seascape. Lay down a woollen yarn warp and cover the top half with a base of merino wool. Decorate with blended merino, Wensleydale curls and silk fibres. Knot the remaining warp threads into a fishing net. Suspend your hanging onto a piece of driftwood and decorate with sea shells.

10th Wednesday - Family Paper Day

Come and have fun making a selection of hand made papers, decorated with flowers, tea, sawdust, hay etc. We will use different techniques to make double sided papers, positive/negative shapes using pastry cutters.

12th Friday - Core Spinning

Our complementary spinning afternoon, to discover the art of core spinning, e.g Alpaca onto a core of wool. Booking required.

13th Saturday - Needle Felted Sculptures

Carol creates the most fantastic detailed needle felted figures and sculptures. So I have persuaded her to give us a workshop in how she constructs these figures.

16th Tuesday - Bouquet of Roses

A celebration of the rose in a variety of techniques and mediums. Small French fragranced rosebuds are made into round rose pomanders. Knit a crimped wire rose which can be made into a corsage. Make silk roses from sheets of hand dyed silk paper that you made.

20th Saturday & 21st Sunday - Fibre Fest

A textile event every 2 years, now to be held at Bicton College, East Budleigh, Devon.

25th Thursday - Kansashi Flowers

Beautiful flowers are made by folding, manipulating and stitching cotton fabrics. This is a Japanese craft producing many petalled flowers, ideal for corsages, decorating bags, headbands, and is even made into wedding head pieces.

27th Saturday - Bakewell Farmers Market

28th Sunday - The Art of Drop Spindling

By popular request Marilyn returns to run this beginners drop spindle day. It is an excellent inexpensive way to get into the art of spinning. Explore different weights of spindles, yarns and finally learn how to ply your yarn together.

31st Wednesday - Woven Tartans

Explore pattern creation on your rigid heddle loom. Using a limited range of colours learn how to weave your own tartan and how to tie in new colour warp threads. With our hand dyed pre-felts cut into strips and weave together, felt as a cushion cover panel or use as wall hanging.

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3rd Saturday - Altered Books

Kate will inspire us with her beautiful altered books filled with her personal treasures. Kate will lead us through the process of how to cut, decorate your chosen book before adding your own personal memento's e.g. photos, a piece of a special dress, a pressed flower, a ticket or a special poem. A book to treasure.

4th Sunday - Woven Boxes and Baskets

Interesting yarns will be created by navajo plying and tasselling on curls of Wensleydale wools. With this yarn you will weave on a pegloom to create a chunky textured basket. Decorate with beads and buttons.

6th Tuesday - British Wool Exchange

As part of British Wool Week, 5th-11th September, we are offering this complementary afternoon. Bring along unusual fleece you have to add to the collection for others to try.

10th Saturday & 11th Sunday - Lancashire Guild.

Off to run a workshop and sales of our supplies.

15th Thursday - Tree Bark

You will create a textile panel inspired by the colours, textures and patterns of bark. Using hand dyed silk fabric, as a base we will add painted heated Tyvek, silk carrier rods, wool and wooden beads, decorated with silk embroidery.

17th Saturday - Fantastical Fabric Birds

Beautiful sculpted birds made from a framework of wire covered in fabric, beads and buttons. Chris will inspire you with his wonderful wacky flock of birds.

22nd - 24th - 21st Anniversary

An Embroidery Guild exhibition at Audlem Public Hall. See us there with all our supplies.

25th Sunday - Miao Books

The Miao and Dong women from Guizhou Province in South West China make these beautiful paper folded thread booklets. Inside they store their embroidery threads, braids, ribbons, etc. Phillipa will show us how to construct these booklets and how they can be adapted to commemorate a special event. If you have small charms, photographs or poems you would like included bring them along. Price includes all materials and a project book.

Regular workshops on days suitable to yourself.

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OPEN DAILY (Closed Monday) from 9.30am to 5.30pm



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