

The Threshing Barn Craft Workshop

News and Calendar Summer to Winter 2013

On the Move

We have decided to sell the farm and move on to the next exciting adventure (watch this space). The Threshing Barn will be coming with me, so don't panic you'll still be able to get your supplies.

So would you be interested to follow your dream of running a small holding of 36 acres with the workshop? You could live in a beautiful upgraded Grade 2 listed farmhouse full of old features. In the courtyard are the buildings we have used for the craft workshop with business use planning on. Then there's the original Threshing Barn ready for conversion subject to planning permission. There are 2 new agricultural barns and secure workshop.

We have lived here for nearly 16 years running our vision for a sustainable farm and associated craft business. My children live in Australia, Hong Kong and London and now being a grannie I want to spend more time with them and this is not possible with livestock. Contact us for details of our agents.

New Website

With the growth of our mail order business the website has been rebuilt on a more user friendly, more informative basis. You still need to phone or email with your questions and orders. The glitches are being ironed out and I thank Pete our website guru for his patience. He now knows the difference between a stick shuttle, a boat shuttle and an end delivery shuttle!!! It has been a marathon on his part, literally as he crippled himself last week whilst running a half marathon, so he's had time to recover working on our website.

Ply Magazine

I am so excited to be the exclusive U.K. distributor of this new American spinning magazine. The editor is the very creative Jacey Boggs, many of you will know her from her books, DVD's and workshops. The first copy has now arrived.

New Arrivals

- Schacht's new Zoom Loom is a light weight square loom for weaving on the go.
- Our own design mixed hanks of novelty yarns, wool and mohair all colour co-ordinated, ideal for free form, knitting, crochet or small weavings.
- Resin drop spindles, buttons and pendants all containing summer pressed flowers.
- Cover your own fabric button blanks and kits.
- New countryside greeting cards.
- A stunning series of landscape photographic cards from Ian Lawson. His book I had for my birthday "From the Land Comes the Cloth a Journey to the heart of the Hebrides" is the most beautiful, awe inspiring, breathtaking, inspirational, emotional book I have ever read. Visit Ian's website for details of his books. His new book in the pipeline is about Herdwicks, my favourite sheep. These books are a must for all textile and landscape lovers.

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3rd Wednesday - Silk Beads

With a selection of our hand dyed silk tops, hankies, cocoons and carrier rods create beads, corsages, pendants, embellish with embroidery and seed beads. A variety of techniques will be used from gluing, cutting, rolling and stitching.

6th Saturday - Summer Scarves

We provide the delicate floaty scarves which you decorate with variegated thread embroidery, felt flowers, handmade tassels and beading. The plain scarves are silk and the patterned scarves are cotton. All materials provided.

12th Friday - Beginners Spinning

Have you always wanted to learn to spin? Then this day is for you! We cover all aspects from type of sheep, qualities of wool, fleece preparation, carding, how a drop spindle and spinning wheel works. You'll take away a folder of our printed notes and a hank of plied wool.

17th - Wednesday - Fabric Stash Flowers

A great day to show you how to use up all your cotton patchwork fabric remnants. Make frilly, layered and looped flowers in 3 different styles. Stalks and leaves are made with heat bond and wire, or turn your flowers into corsages. In the evening I shall be at Cheadle Flower Club making these flowers.

20th Saturday - Landscapes in Silk

With our vibrant coloured sari silks and ribbons lay down tiers of fibres onto heat bond, decorate with sewing machine stitching. Further embellish with hand stitching and beads. Explore another method of laying down layers of silk organza, chiffon and cutting down through the layers with a soldering iron.

21st Sunday - Summer Handmade Papers

Produce a variety of floral papers using several methods ideal for cards, wrapping soaps, small gift bags, mounting photo's etc. Using re-cycled papers that are shredded, pulped and sprinkled with flowers, petals and herbs make sheets of paper using a mold and deckle, before pressing in our 200 year old paper press. We will also make silk paper with pressed flowers.

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23rd Tuesday - Sea-side Weavings

Beautiful water inspired shimmering weavings will be created using glittering yarns, Wensleydale curls, rolled cling film, shiny fabrics etc. Learn a wide selection of tapestry weaving techniques on a long wooden frame. Hang your weaving on a piece of driftwood and decorate with sea shells.

27th Saturday & 28th Sunday - Fibre-East

A celebration of British wool and natural fibres. Redbourne Community College, Ampthill, Bedford.

31st Wednesday - Oxford Summer School

St. Gregory the Great School, Cricket Road, Oxford. We will be here Wednesday and Thursday at The Traders Market and exhibition.

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3rd Saturday - Card, Comb and Create

A fun day for spinners to explore making batts and rollags from our drum carders, carders, carding board and combs. Play with a wide range of different wools, natural and man made fibres. Explore trapping in bits of knitting wool, sparkle fibres and silk threads. Learn how to use a diz to make small clouds of fluff for spinning.

6th Tuesday - Pin Looms

Our pin looms are hand made in Scotland, they are a square with pins round the edge. Using a continuous length of yarn put on the warp and wefts in 3 layers and weave together with the final layer. This creates small squares of our hand dyed yarns. These squares can be sewn together to make a lavender sachet. Explore different wrapping methods to create a variety of patterns.

9th Friday & 10th Saturday - Guild of Weavers, Spinners & Dyers - Summer School Suppliers Market.

Trinity College, Carmarthen. See us there with our supplies.

14th Wednesday - Felt Aquarium

A holiday special felt day for children and families to come and make a fun felt under water picture. Using our pre-felt fabric cut out tropical fish, sharks, dolphins, turtles, sea horses, etc and place onto layers of merino wool. Wet soap and roll to felt.

17th Saturday - Needle Felted Doll

Learn how to construct a needle felted doll with moveable joints using our hand dyed farm produced wools. Clothes are made from our sheets of pre-felt wool, needle felted and hand stitched. Wild curls of hair are from locks of Wensleydale wool.

20th Tuesday - Button Up

This has been a very popular workshop I've done with guilds all over the U.K. So I've been asked to repeat it at home. Make a selection of wire, fabric covered, Dorset, Dorset high tops, knitted and Leek death's head buttons.

24th Saturday - Implement to Prose

Using iron wire, we will create a 3D wire drawing of a vintage kitchen implement. We will embellish the implement with stitch, laminated written excerpts from "Haslucks Recitations for Ladies" and old Sunlight year books.

29th Thursday - Sunflowers

Make a panel inspired by these stunning summer flowers using rag rug techniques. The fabric will be cut into petal shapes which will be prodded through the canvas. The centre of the flowers will be hooked, the stalks and leaves will be Locker hooked. You will also receive a complementary bunch of sunflowers grown on a local farm.

31st Sunday - Bakewell Farmers Market - We will be there with our summer yarns and craft kits.

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1st Sunday - Decorative Glass

Make sheets of silk paper and cut into flowers and leaves. These are glued onto glass containers and covered in more fine silk fibres. As a variation use delicate pieces of lace, postage stamps and pressed flowers. Choose to decorate vases, bowls or small containers ideal for tea-light candles.

3rd Tuesday - Bark Inspired Felt

With a variety of techniques manipulate hand dyed wool into felted panels, drawing inspiration from gnarled wood and bark. This workshop will involve making pre-felt, stitching, folding, re-felting and slashing to reveal hidden fabrics and yarns.

7th Saturday & 8th Sunday - British Wool Weekend - Hall 2, Yorkshire Event Centre, The Great Yorkshire Showground, Harrogate.

12th Thursday - Into the Forest

Working on a fine peg loom create a web of entangled tree trunks using tapestry weaving techniques. With our hand dyed textured yarns weave yourself a walk through the trees. The tree trunks will be intertwined by crossing over the wooden pegs and the tree tops will be large loops of mohair.

15th Sunday - Let There Be Light

A creative day making an unusual knitted lampshade on circular needles with a selection of novelty and hand dyed yarns. Learn how to put on beads with a crochet hook and decorate the base with a knotted and tasselled fringe. All lampshades and materials provided.

21st Saturday - Leicester Guild - I shall be running a workshop for the guild and selling my goodies.

22nd Sunday - Ancestral Spectacle

We will create a modern version of a Victorian miniature. Using a photograph of a relative or someone close to you (facial image to be 1" in diameter). You will transfer the image with stitch onto fabric. Decorate with wires and antique spectacle lenses to re-create a Victorian inspired miniature as a brooch.

24th Tuesday - Fields of Lavender

A celebration day for the harvesting of fragranced lavender. You will make a wet felt cushion decorated with sprays of lavender cut from pre-felt and knitting wool, then filled with our farm wool and dried lavender. The cushion will be stitched together with lavender coloured threads. Then you will make a lavender glycerine soap and a flower filled sachet. A complementary bunch of lavender will also be given at the end of a very fragrant, calming day.

28th Saturday & 29th Sunday - Yarndale - An exciting new event at Skipton Auction Mart in the stunning Yorkshire Dales.

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5th Saturday - "I'm a Little Autumn Tea Cosy"

Come and have fun knitting this Autumn themed tea cosy out of our chunky hand dyed wool. Decorate with delicate hand knitted or pre-felt embroidered leaves. Ann is a great teacher so this workshop is suitable for beginners to intermediate knitters. All wools provided.

6th Sunday - Ashfield Guild Hospitality Day

Brunts School, Mansfield, NG18 2AT. All welcome - a great day to meet like minded textile folk. We'll be there with our supplies, looms and wheels.

10th Thursday - Improve Your Spinning

Come and understand more about your wheel, different drive methods and ratios. Explore how a variety of different fleeces need to be prepared and spun from fine crimped Polworth, Bond, Merino to Lustre wools such as Wensleydale and Teeswater. All wool provided.

12th Saturday - The Glory of Autumn Leaves

Make a silk batik painting inspired by the shapes and colours of autumn leaves. "I can't draw" I hear you say - no problem! Place real leaves directly onto the stretched silk and paint around the edge using our batik tjanting tools. Paint with iron fix silk paints, iron out wax and re-apply another layer of wax to create a stunning picture.

15th Tuesday - Penny Rugs

Dating back to the 19th Century the name came from the use of coins as templates to make panels for tables, bed covers, etc. by the early American settlers. Old clothes and fabric was cut up and hand stitched onto a backing cloth. We will make our Autumn inspired version, using leaf shapes cut out of wool felt and bonded onto a felt backing before decorating with embroidery on the edges.

19th Saturday and 20th Sunday - Bakewell Wool Gathering

A great local event at the Bakewell Agricultural Centre, a must for wool enthusiasts. See us there.

22nd Tuesday - Scumbled Bowl

Combine plain, hand dyed and novelty yarns together to knit a base for your bowl in a short row circle. Change your needles to circulars, pick up stitches around the edge and start knitting. Increase gradually until desired height, swapping your yarns to create interesting patterns. Now decorate the outside of the bowl by picking up the knitted stitches with a crochet hook and meander around the bowl with crochet stitches.

25th Friday & 28th Saturday - East Sussex Guild

Lewes Town Hall. Exhibition of members work, displays, competition and traders market. All welcome.

30th Wednesday to 2nd November - Sutton Coldfield Creative Stitchers

The Trinity Centre, Church Hill, Mill Street, Sutton Coldfield. 30th - 2:00 to 4:30pm; 31st & 1st - 10:00am to 4:30pm; 2nd - 10:00am to 3:00pm. An exhibition, demonstrations, mini workshops, traders and refreshments. All welcome.

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3rd Sunday - Knitted Poppies

Ann will show us how to knit ourselves a unique woollen poppy to wear in remembrance of someone special or for Remembrance Sunday. We will give you a choice of colour in case you would just like to knit a different coloured flower and leaves. The Threshing Barn will donate £5 per person to the British Legion as perhaps you won't be buying a paper poppy.

6th Wednesday - www.winterwonderlandweaving

A good introductory rigid heddle loom weaving workshop. If you have always wanted to weave or you would like to explore more pattern creation then this day is for you. Work in a winter palette of white, grey and sparkles of gold and silver.

9th Saturday & 10th Sunday - Christmas Shopping Weekend

The Dome, Buxton. Over 70 stalls with everything you want for Christmas shopping.

14th Thursday - Creative Spinning for Christmas

A fun day to make shimmering yarns perfect to use as decoration on your tree or for wrapping parcels and making swing tags. Push your spinning skills to new levels with these beautiful textured yarns using fleece, angelina fibres, sparkling nylon, metallic threads, etc.

17th Sunday - Pre-felt Christmas Decorations

Make a selection of hand dyed felt decorations. Cut the pre-felt into strips and weave together, attach to a backing fabric with heat bond. Sew the woven felt into Christmas stockings, hearts, trees, etc. Embellish with buttons, cords and beads.

19th Tuesday - Needle Felting for Christmas

Come and make your own jointed Father Christmas figure from our own farm reared dyed wool. The hair and beard will be Wensleydale curls. Or if you prefer you could make an angel or nativity figures. You could also decide to make needle felted tree decorations from robins to Christmas puddings.

23rd Saturday - Willow for Christmas

Using our buff steamed soaked willow make a selection of Christmas ornaments to decorate. We will make plaits, wreaths, stars and crosses. With all our off cuts of brown barked willow make a stunning 3D willow tree mounted on a rustic wooden base. All these decorations can be kept simple with raffia bows or dressed up with ribbons, buttons and beads.

24th Sunday - Scented Delights for Christmas

Frankincense and myrrh and other Christmas fragrances will be used to make cold pressed soaps, glycerine soaps, bath bombs and other scented gifts. Decorate with raffia, ribbons, cinnamon sticks, dry fruits, etc.

28th Thursday - Welcome Wreath

Produce a rustic Christmas wreath for your front door. Working on a willow wreath make bunches of dry flowers, glue gun on with a selection of cones, pods, dry fruit and decorate with raffia and ribbons. Decorate the edge and handle of a small basket with the same materials around the edge. Use this country style basket for seasonal pot-pourri, nuts or oranges, etc.

30th Saturday - Bakewell Farmers Market

Come and stock up on your knitting wools and choose craft kits as presents.

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1st Sunday - All That Glitters

A beautiful selection of sparkling Christmas tree decorations will be made from luxurious fabrics, silk ribbons, sparkling threads, wires, sequins and beads. We will work on polystyrene balls, rings, wire frames, etc.

5th Thursday - Country Fabric Decorations

Make a selection of Christmas country style fabric decorations or if you prefer can be made in non Christmas colours. A rag rug style wreath will be made on a large metal ring. Simple shapes will be cut out with pinking scissors and hand stitched together, before decorated with raffia, ribbons and buttons.

7th Saturday - Advent Gathering

The Staffordshire Moorlands Guild will be hosting their annual Christmas get together of local guilds at Cheddleton Community Centre. See us there.

8th Sunday - Christmas Tree

Knit yourself a Christmas tree with Ann running this workshop. A selection of evergreen dyed wools and novelty yarns will be knitted together. With fine crochet hooks attach beads and sequins onto your knitting. Decorate with pom-pom trimmings and ribbons. Makes a lovely table centre or as a window display.

11th Wednesday - Felted Slippers

Come and make yourself a cosy pair of slippers. These are made round plastic shapes created by drawing round your feet, then after gently felting the plastic is removed before putting onto your feet and finishing the felting process. We you give a pair of suede soles to stitch on the base of your slippers.

14th Saturday - Winters Harvest

Make a selection of scented fir cone Christmas gifts. Fir cone firelighters are made with setting cones into scented wax. Make a fir cone candle wreath to surround a hand rolled beeswax candle you will make. Tree decorations are made with ribbons and dry flowers. Finally make a fireside swag combined with fruit, cinnamon sticks and festive ribbons.

20th Friday - Complementary Christmas Cracker Day

We provide all the materials for you to make a selection of Christmas crackers, you bring the small gifts to put inside.

21st Saturday - Bakewell Farmers Market

Your last chance to come and buy our winter woollen gifts and stock up on local food.

*Happy Christmas and thank you for all
your support this last year.*

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For sale of supplies and finished crafts