



NEWSLETTER



MARCH/APRIL 2012

Meeting Dates

Please refer to the diaries that were given to members for the forthcoming dates and planned events.

Just a reminder.....

- 12th May 2012 - Locker Hooking with Anne Lancaster in May only £20. Open to complete beginners as well as experienced ruggers.

Anne Lancaster will demonstrate the technique using light weight fabrics and yarns, both of which most of us have lurking in the backs of cupboards or drawers. Please contact Angela if you are interested - there are not many places left now.

YES WE HAVE A NEW COMMITTEE!!

Our A.G.M was very well attended and a new committee elected. The photograph above shows who now stands on the committee and includes 2 who are standing down this year. From left to right we have Anne Bush, Kathy West, Angela Gray, Jenny Barnes (outgoing Chairperson), Susan Jordan, Frances Owen (outgoing Secretary), Maggie Hague, Gill Barker and Margaret Hockey. Many thanks from all the membership to Jenny and Frances who have carried out such fantastic work for the group over the past few years. And a big thank you to those who bravely put themselves forward (or were they pushed?!!) for the new committee. If you have any ideas for the next year or you would like to cover anything in particular please do not hesitate to contact one of the committee. Ideas are always welcome.

After the election of the committee a swap shop was held and, as usual, there was lots of different materials to choose from. These are held regularly and always prove to be popular - what you don't want anymore will usually be taken by someone. Recycling at its best!

It was wonderful to see that some people have already completed their rug or wall hanging on the "Variations" theme. As usual it is so inspiring to see what people have done and to see how they are all so different. Many thanks to Jenny for putting the packs together and it will be great to see what designs people come up with over the next few months. The rug above is by SUSAN JORDAN and just one of the rugs brought in to the March meeting.



OTHER INFORMATION

From Angela Gray :

Angela and Susan are manning a stall at the Dutch House Spring Festival on Bank Holiday Monday 7th May. If anyone has any rugs, bags, wall hangings etc they would like to sell, Angela and Susan will collect them at the April meeting. Please label with price and name. Thank you.

VARIATIONS PROJECT

From Jenny Barnes:

I have been delighted at the speed with which the packs have been taken up and amazed at the speed with which the first pieces came back for viewing. Two brilliant takes on the Variations already!

My plan is that all these pieces are shown together at the open Studios 2013 exhibition, with the title and a short explanation of the basis of the project. Visitors can then enjoy not just admitting the pieces of work but finding the circles and lines in each design. Exhibitors will be able to set their own prices for their pieces of work.

I have made up some more packs in the three different shapes of hessian and Anne Bush has taken charge of these. Anne will make sure they are brought to the April and May meetings (when I won't be there). Anne will also take a note of any requests for more packs, especially if anyone needs a particular

shape of hessian. I can then produce what is required and bring them to the June meeting on my return.

SKILLS SHARING DAY

14th April

While many of the materials can be provided, it will be helpful if everyone who wants to try making button necklaces/bracelets or zip brooches could bring some raw materials with them please. Zips are especially needed so please bring some along one or more metal-toothed zips if you want to make a brooch. Thanks.

YORK FELTMAKERS

Just to let you know that York Feltmakers, a newly formed group, will be meeting at Dunnington Reading rooms from the 21st April. The meeting will be from 1.30 til 5pm. Please contact Jean Drysdale for more information on 07846189809.

WOOLFEST

This year Woolfest will be on Friday 22/6/12 and Saturday 23/6/12. For more info contact www.woolfest.co.uk.

JUMBLE SALE

Don't forget that there is a jumble sale at St. Luke's Church Hall on Burtonstone Lane at 6pm on 11/4/12.

Dates For Your Diary.

- 21/4/12 and 22/4/12 - Introduction to Hooky Rag rugs, a workshop led by Lewis and Louisa Creed at York Castle Museum. £8 per person for one day payable on the day. To book a place ring York Museums Trust on 01904 650333.
 - 21/4/12 - Vintage Bazaar at Christchurch in Ilkley. 10.30-4pm. For more info contact www.leedsvintagefashionfairs.com
 - 21/4/12 and 22/4/12 - The Hearth at Horsley Vintage Bazaar and Open Studios in Northumberland - 10.30-4pm. Contact www.thehearth.co.uk for more info.
 - 7/5/12 - Dutch House Spring Festival at Crayke near York.
 - 13/5/12 - Newcastle Vintage Fashion and Textiles Fair at The Royal Station Hotel, Neville Street, Newcastle. NE1 5DH. For more info contact www.newcastlevintagefashionfair.co.uk
 - 27/5/12 - Leeds Vintage Fashion Fair at Leeds Town Hall 9.30-4.30pm. For more info please contact www.leedsvintagefashionfairs.com
- (I seem to have collected lots of information this month about vintage fairs!!)

TYNE VALLEY MATTERS

Just to let you know that Jenny and Gill visited an exhibition held by this group in Wylam near Newcastle on March 31st. We have exchanged email addresses and information with the group and hope to keep in contact. There was some fantastic work on display and hopefully we can bring some photos to our next meeting to show you. If there are any other events we can share with other rugging groups we will let you know. And if any members hear of events please let the newsletter editor know so it can be included in dates for your diary.

REMEMBER TO PAY YOUR SUBS ASAP!!