



NEWSLETTER

April 2010



Dip-dyed strips of wool drying on the line in Fiona's garden

April's meeting was held at Fiona's house and there was no need for the polytunnel as the weather was gorgeous! Those who attended had a great time experimenting with food and natural dyes. It did take me back to my chemistry lessons at school - the only thing missing was the bunsen burners! Mind you we managed to always have a pan on the boil using a camping stove. Using wool fabric was most successful as this seemed better at holding the colour. Onion skins gave a wonderful yellow but the dandelion roots and tree bark didn't make much of an impression. We ground up some berries from Fiona's tree ivy and that gave the wool a lovely

olive-green colour. A whole range of different mordants i.e colour fixants were used and included washing soda, bicarb, salt and vinegar so it was a whole sensory experience! As you can see in the photo over, Heather brought an example of a rose made with a "dip-dyed" piece of wool. We did try and get the same effect on some of our pieces and, hopefully, at the next meeting we can see if anyone managed. Many thanks to Fiona and Heather for leading the meeting and to Fiona for also hosting and providing ice-cold drinks! We may look at a dyeing workshop again in the future.

Meeting Dates

1st May 2010 - morning workshop to be run by Lewis and Louisa Creed with working meeting in the afternoon

5th June 2010 - working meeting. Please bring along something you have made which you would be happy to tell the group about.

3rd July 2010 - working meeting. Could someone who has attended Woolfest feedback to the group?

7th August 2010 - picnic. Venue ?

4th September 2010

2nd October 2010

6th November 2010 - Design workshop by Sally Coomer, an Ebor Ruggers member

4th December 2010

VOLUNTEERS S T I L L NEEDED!

Our Picnic in August is usually held at someones house. We are still looking for volunteers and we will need indoors/outdoors options as we will be reliant on the weather. Mind you, they do say we are going to have a good Summer this year. Let's wait and see! Don't think we have a venue as yet so don't be shy!

HESSIAN

Hessian is usually available at all meetings and do contact Kay if you need some sooner. Much cheaper than buying at the shops

MAY'S WORKSHOP

The morning workshop is going ahead on May 1st and will be starting at 9.30am. There was lots of interest for the workshop and another may be planned for next year. It will be great to see what everyone has done under the guidance of Lewis and Louisa Creed. Our working meeting will follow on from this and start at 1.15pm as usual. Perhaps a "show and tell" would be in order!

OTHER NEWS ITEMS

The Ebor Ruggers Web-site continues to be a topic of discussion. If you have any ideas about how the site should look and what info it should contain please let someone from the Committee know. Contact has been made with a web-site designer and we will keep you up-to-date with developments.

INFORMATION

If you get any information regarding exhibitions and demonstrations that you think other group members would be interested in please contact the Newsletter editor (is that too grand a term?!!!!) so it can be included in the next edition. Thanks to all those who have done that in the last couple of months. It makes the job a lot easier!



Rose made using a folded dip-dyed wool strip

Dates For Your Diary

☺ 30/05/10 - 13/06/10

10 York Crafters exhibition - Mainly Rag Rugs - includes some Ebor Ruggers members work. There will also be wall hangings, baskets, prints, knitting, spinning and pyrography. Open 10am-4pm daily and entrance is free. All rag ruggers are welcome to go and work with the crafters.

VENUE : York Cemetery Chapel

☺ 9/5/10 - 26/9/10

A Rough Guide to Rag Rugs - a celebration of the 21st birthday of the West Riding Ruggers. The group have an exhibition at The Red House Museum in Gomersal which should be well-worth a visit. The museum is on Oxford Road in Gomersal (BD19 4JP) . For more info contact the museum on 01274 335100. I hope to bring a flyer along to the next meeting.

JUMBLE SALES

The Deanne Gee Memorial Fund, which helps children with disabilities, holds fundraising events regularly and has a number of jumble sales planned for the rest of the year :

12/5/10
16/6/10
14/7/10
1/9/10

6/10/10

30/10/10 Christmas Fayre

3/11/10

These are held at St. Luke's Church Hall on Burton Stone Lane in York at 6pm. For more information please contact the Fund on 01904 655177. There are always lots of good materials for rag ruggers at VERY reasonable prices! Much cheaper than the charity shops! And they do welcome donations.

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