



# NEWSLETTER

## February 2011

### YORK OPEN STUDIOS (YOS) WORK FOR THE EXHIBITION

We are nearly there! April still seems ages away but in reality the exhibition date is coming up fast and we need to get organised to prepare for setting up.

The first thing is to collect in all the wonderful things you have been working on. It's important that we can clearly identify each piece, so here's what we need you to do:

#### • MAKE A LIST

Make a list of all the pieces you are bringing. The list can be typed or handwritten but needs to be set out as follows:

Your Name

Your contact details (phone, address, email if you have one)

Title of piece

Description of piece

Price

This will allow us to mark up what has been sold and who we need to pay the money to. Most important!

#### • PRICING

When deciding how much to charge for your work, please remember that whatever we take on the day will have 20% commission deducted when it is paid to you. This money

will go partly to York Cemetery Chapel for hire of the hall and partly to Ebor Ruggers' funds. So you need to add 25% to what you want for the piece. As an example if you want to 'take home' £80 for a rug you need to price it for sale at £100.

#### • BRING YOUR RUGS

Bring to the meeting on 5<sup>th</sup> March all the pieces you want to exhibit plus your list. If you can't get to the March meeting you can either drop them off to one of the working group OR call one of the group to collect them for you.

#### • LABELLING

At the meeting we will be asking you to label all your pieces. We want everything to be labelled the same way to enable clear identification and to help with sales. We will have luggage-tag labels available for you to buy at the meeting. They are nice and cheap, costing £1 for 10. So please also bring a pen and if possible a large-eyed needle to sew the label tie securely through your rugs. We will have samples ready of how we need the labels written.

Small items such as necklaces, brooches etc will need to be labelled with two small tags. These will also be available.

### Meeting Dates

12-30 4-30pm at Dunnington Reading Rooms  
Church Street, Dunnington YO19 5PW

- 5th March - Working meeting and collection of work for York Open Studios
- 1/2/3rd April - York Open Studios, Cemetery Chapel
- 9th April - Working meeting and open day
- 7th May - All day Workshop - Ali Rhind - Ali will be talking about using rag rug techniques for 3D work e.g. cones and for cushions, seating, pouffees and stools. Please contact Gill Barker for more info. More details in the next newsletter (no room in this one!) There will be a working meeting in another of the rooms for those not attending the workshop.
- 4th June - Working meeting
- 2nd July Workshop - Jane Jackson and Margaret Kenny - details to follow and there will be a charge for this.

### WORKING GROUP FOR YOS

Gill Barker

Jenny Barnes

Angela Gray

Heather Lamborn

Kay Pearson

**WE NEED ALL PIECES IN BY 21<sup>ST</sup> MARCH AT THE VERY LATEST.**

**AND** it's not too late to make something if you haven't already!

At the meeting there should be some copies of the brochure for YOS for members to distribute. A little dickie bird has told me that we have a FULL page in it!

**ALL SUBS** must be paid by the end of March if you want to continue receiving the newsletter. Please bring £12 to the next meeting or contact Angela Gray (Treasurer).

## COME AND HELP AT THE EXHIBITION

The exhibition is over three days - Friday 1<sup>st</sup> (evening), Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> (all day) and Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> April (all day)

We need volunteers for the following:

- Stewarding (chatting to visitors, keeping an eye on the rugs)
- Demonstrating (working at the demo table, explaining what we do, helping people to 'have a go')
- Sales/wrapping
- Tea making (for the workers)

None of these is exclusive, and people will no doubt move around to do any or all of the above, but we DO need to make sure that we have everything covered. We won't expect anyone to do more than a 2-hour turn anywhere (unless they want to!) so we need people to sign up for one, or more, slots. It doesn't matter if you are brand new to rugging, every offer is welcome and nobody will be left on their own to cope with queries. This is a good chance to get involved if you have not done this sort of thing before - exhi-

bitions are usually great fun with lots of interested people coming along to see what we do.

Therefore, at the meeting on 5<sup>th</sup> March, Jenny Barnes will be collecting names for 'slots'. Offers of help for setting up/ clearing are also welcomed. Let Jenny know at the meeting if you are able to attend or please contact her (details below).

## OTHER NEWS

The meeting in February was well attended and we had a few new members join the group at the meeting. I think all were in agreement that the room was big enough and that the facilities were good. We even had more room to show peoples work! There were some lovely cushions and rugs. As the meeting was longer there was time to socialise and to do some work as well! The AGM was held. There are now some new members for the Committee and some members have taken on other roles. Thank you. More details in the next Newsletter. Not enough space in this one!! Sorry there are no photos - no room!!!!!!

## Dates For Your Diary

- 6/3/11 - Antique Textile Fair at the Armitage Centre in Manchester
- 1/3/11 - 15/4/11 - York Open Studios Taster Exhibition at Gray's Court (behind the Treasurer's House) in York
- 28/2/11 - 1/4/11 - Tales from the Sock Draw at York College
- 16/3/11 - Jumble sale at St Luke's on Burton Stone Lane, York 6pm
- 13/4/11 - Jumble sale at St Luke's on Burton Stone Lane, York 6pm
- 16/4/11 - Sheriff Hutton Jumble sale at the village hall 2-4pm
- 25/6/11 - Woolfest. Kay Pearson is organising a coach trip to this fantastic event which is held in Cockermouth. It will cost £16 (there is also a £6 entrance fee). The coach will leave Askham Bar park and ride at 8.30am and leave Woolfest at 16.00pm arriving in York at approx. 18.30pm. A great day out. Bring lots of spending money!! Please contact Kay on 01757 703806 if you are interested.

## Committee Contacts

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