



## Dorset Guild of Weavers, Spinners and Dyers Outside Events 2023

Please note: all events are subject to  
confirmation that they will be going ahead

- 4<sup>th</sup> June**            **Thomas Hardy Victorian Fayre**
- 30<sup>th</sup> June - 2<sup>nd</sup> July** **Chickerell Steam Fayre**
- 8<sup>th</sup> - 9<sup>th</sup> July**        **Nothe Fort Victorian Weekend**
- 4<sup>th</sup> - 8<sup>th</sup> August**    **Dorset Arts & Crafts Association**
- 24<sup>th</sup> August**        **Melplash Show, Bridport**
- 2nd - 3rd Sept**      **Dorset County Show**
- 9 - 10<sup>th</sup> Sept**      **Sturminster Newton Cheese Festival**

All meetings held at  
Holy Trinity Parish Hall, Sunninghill Preparatory School,  
Culliford Road North, Dorchester, DT1 1QG  
from 10.30am - 4.00pm

For further information, please contact:  
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# 2023 Programme

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- 28<sup>th</sup> January** **SKILLS DAY** Come & try out different spinning, weaving & dyeing techniques\*
- 25<sup>th</sup> February** **SPINNING WHEEL CLINIC** with David Herring (am) and talk about **Rare Breeds** with Barry Graham (pm)
- 25<sup>th</sup> March** **NAVAJO PLYING WORKSHOP** (am) and **IDEAS FOR A DYE GARDEN** Some things practical things to consider with Nicky Footer (pm)  
**Competition:** Harold Woodrow trophy. Any item involving our crafts - open to any member who has not previously won a Guild competition.
- 29<sup>th</sup> April** **WEAVING OUTSIDE THE BOX** – all day workshop run by Frances Fletcher & Paulette Bjergfelt
- 20<sup>th</sup> May** **VISIT TO RAMPISHAM MILL** - a semi-worsted spinning mill specialising in the processing of sheep wool, fleece & fibre. Bring a picnic\*
- 24<sup>th</sup> June** **FLEECE DAY—Annual fleece sale** (am)  
“Spin Dating” (pm) bring your wheel and have a go on other wheels to compare and contrast \*  
**Competition:** Norah Whittaker Hall Memorial Trophy - For any loom woven article and Tapestry Weaving Competition - for any article of tapestry weaving

- 29<sup>th</sup> July** **INKLE LOOM WEAVING WORKSHOP** (am) and **TURNING OVER A NEW LEAF** - Talk on eco printing with Sue Jenkins (pm)
- 19<sup>th</sup> August** **CRAFTING TOGETHER** Informal meeting including coffee, cake & fundraising for charity\*
- 30<sup>th</sup> September** **OPEN DAY**—a day to show off our skills and invite friends and interested parties.
- 28<sup>th</sup> October** **LONG DRAW SPINNING WORKSHOP** (am) and **THE BEST OF PORTLAND FLEECE** Jo Nash, former member, who has been selectively breeding Portland Sheep to achieve better fleece (pm)  
**Competitions:** Fortescue competition: For a 25g (1oz) skein of hand spun yarn. Brenda Deakin Memorial Trophy: For an item made from hand-spun yarn and presented accordingly.
- 25<sup>th</sup> November** **PRE-CHRISTMAS MEET-UP** Bring and Share Lunch **AGM at 11.00** (TBC)\* Summer School Report  
**Competition:** Rendell Trophy - for any garment or item made by a Guild member, modelled as part of a light-hearted fashion show.

Provisionally, we are hoping to include some extra opportunities including a weekend of weaving for beginners and intermediates, a visit to The Schumacher College Dye Garden.

**SALES TABLE** available at all our meetings apart from those marked \*  
We will also have a presence at several events, listed overleaf.

### Dorset Guild of Weavers, Spinners & Dyers Committee:

**Chairperson:** Frances Fletcher

**Treasurer:** Gail Coldham

**Membership Secretary:** Ros Bates

**Secretary:** Nicky Footer

**Equipment co-ordinator:** Gaye Morton  
**AGWSD Area Rep:** Pene Blogg  
Mechelle Maidment, Sarah Rashley & Nicki Scott

If you wish to contact a committee member, please do so by emailing dorsetguildwsd@gmail.com and your message will be passed on.