

The Threshing Barn

Craft Workshop

News and Calendar Autumn & Winter 2011

I'm a Grannie!

My first grandchild has been born in Sydney, Australia, a little girl called Flora Dorothy. Thank you to so many friends for the beautiful baby clothes and blankets. We'll all be able to meet her as mum and dad are bringing her back for Christmas. I've started a new felt advent calendar for her. I shall also make her a Christmas angel every year.

Christmas Gifts

We have some wonderful items ideal for gifts, mismatched cotton socks in wild jazzy colours and patterns. "Herdy" products inspired by Herdwick sheep from mugs to money boxes to aprons etc. Mugs and tea towels from a new small company called "A Farmers Daughter", based on a Staffordshire Farm. To keep you warm this winter we still have stock of our pure wool blankets woven for us in Wales.

Christmas Craft Supplies

Just arrived seasonal cotton fabric, rustic wire hangers and metal shapes, wool felt kits, card accessories and lots, lots more.

Schacht Spindle Co.

A large shipment has just arrived, so at long last we have managed to build up stock for immediate delivery. Schacht spinning and weaving products are the Rolls Royce of the industry. It is good to come and see the quality and try the equipment either at our workshop or as hundreds of you have at the years shows. Their new "Sidekick" is scotch tension, portable, fold up wheel with the drive wheel turned 90° so your feet are positioned either side of the wheel. We also have additional whorls and a bulky flyer kit.

Sheeps Wool Insulation

We are agents for Second Nature selling their complete range of wool and recycled polyester insulation. Reduce your heating bills by insulating your loft, under floors and walls etc. Thermafleece is their best selling product made from pure wool.

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Saturday 1st - Felted Jewellery

Using dry needle felt and wet felt methods create a selection of jewellery from necklaces, bracelets, earrings and corsages. Further embellish with beads and embroidery.

Sunday 2nd - Ashfield Guild Hospitality Day

Bring your spinning wheel, small loom or just knitting. All welcome. 10.00am - 4.00pm, The Brunts School, Off the Park, Mansfield, NG18 2AT. See us there with our supplies.

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Saturday 8th - All Wales Event

An exhibition of work from all the Welsh Guilds of Spinners, Weavers and Dyers, and a suppliers market. See us there. Minerva Arts Centre, High St., Llanidloes, Powys, SY18 6BY - all welcome.

Sunday 9th - Arts Baskets

Tah, a very talented craftsman, creates stunning modern baskets from split rattan, cane incorporating recycled materials. Come and make your own unique art basket.

Tuesday 11th - The Colours of Autumn

Weave a large leaf shaped table centre with wool and Wensleydale curls. You will use our Gaywool dyes to dye your wools and fix in the microwave. Using a peg loom learn a selection of weaving techniques.

Saturday 15th - Wyaston Day

An Ashbourne Embroidery Guild Event at Wyaston Village Hall, Nr. Ashbourne, Derbyshire, DE6 2DR. Exhibition, mini workshops and sales tables. See us there.

Sunday 16th October - Beginners Crochet

A good introduction to crochet by Anne. Explore the use of different materials and learn all the basic techniques to make a selection of "grannie squares" and flowers. Crochet is an excellent way to use up all your scraps of wool and yarns.

Tuesday 18th - Autumn Seed Heads

Be inspired by my photographs taken on my travels of dry flower seed heads. Create several sculptural stems from wire, beads, sequins and angelina fibres which will look stunning in a tall vase.

Thursday 20th - Autumn Glory

Our complementary spinning afternoon from 1.30 to 5.00pm. Spin a medium core of hand dyed texel wool and then triple ply with fine threads trapping small felt leaves. Booking essential.

Saturday 22nd - Fantastical Fabric Birds

This workshop has been transferred from September. Beautiful sculpted birds made from a framework of wire covered in fabric, beads and buttons. Chris will inspire you with his wonderful wacky flock of birds.

Sunday 23rd - Angels

Create an angel that can become a family heirloom. The body is made from white prefelt, the hair is our Wensleydale curls. Pam will show us how to embroider a dress made of an even weave fabric using a hardanger technique in either silk or gold threads. Wings will be stiffened fabric with embroidery and tiny seed beads.

Tuesday 25th - Felted Slippers

Get ready for winter by making a pair of warm wet felted slippers. Using bright coloured merino wool, blend your own variegated choice of colours and decorate with prefelt shapes or Wensleydale curls.

Friday 28th and Saturday 29th - East Sussex Guild

Off on our travels again to Lewes Town Hall to their Guild open day.

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Thursday 3rd - Beads, Buttons and Baubles

Come and make a selection of Christmas tree decorations heavily embellished. Velvet fabric is used to cover polystyrene balls, commercial felt is cut into shapes and hand stitched and wire is wrapped into circular baubles and then all decorated with beads, buttons and sequins.

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Saturday 5th - Christmas Fairisle and Intarsia Knitting

Have fun learning these knitting techniques from Anne whilst creating several colourful tree decorations. Your knitted samples will be stitched up to make a small Christmas stocking, a bauble or a sachet full of our seasonal pot-pourri.

Wednesday 9th - Star of Wonder

A selection of stars will be made to hang in the windows, on the tree or used to decorate parcels. Stars will be made from natural willow, wire and angelina fibres, folded papers all decorated with tassels and embellished with sequins etc.

Saturday 12th and Sunday 13th - Christmas Shopping Weekend

The premier Peak District shopping weekend at The Dome, Derby University, Buxton. Come and do your Christmas shopping in this stunning location, 10.00am - 4.00pm

Tuesday 15th - Christmas Trees

Make your own forest of Christmas trees using an interesting selection of techniques such as pierced strips of willow, dry needle felting, wrapped wire, plaited knitting wool wound round empty wool cones etc. You can choose whether to suspend them or we will have bases so your trees can be used to decorate window sills or above the fireplace.

Wednesday 16th - Yarns for Parcel Wrapping

Our complementary spinning afternoon. Come and have fun carding bright coloured merino wools with angelina fibres, tribal nylon and sari silk fibres. Spin into thick cords ideal for parcel decorating. Booking essential, 1.30 - 5.00pm.

Saturday 19th - Get a Hat Get Ahead!

Pauline returns to take this crochet workshop. You have a choice between 3 designs of hats or beret, one of which will be featured in issue 24 of "Inside Crochet" due out the beginning of November. Learn how to crochet the base and work in the round. Decorate with a crocheted flower.

Sunday 20th - Wrapped and Charmed

Using crochet and wrapping techniques make a stunning woollen wide watch bracelet. Your watch strap will be embellished with small charms and beads. All materials and watch face included. No excuse for being late!

Thursday 24th - Vintage Woollen Decorations

I have hand dyed old woollen blankets for you to make these traditional blanket stitched decorations embellished with patchwork shapes, ribbons and buttons. Cut the blanket into small pieces and thread onto wire wreaths and trees.

Saturday 26th - Bakewell Farmers Market

See us there with our winter wools, woollen blankets, hats, scarves and shawls.

Sunday 27th - Advent Calendar

By popular request come and make a wet felt advent calendar ready for the beginning of December. Using our resist method create small pockets decorated with pre-felt shapes such as santas, snowmen, candy canes, bells, etc.

Tuesday 29th - Bubble Scarves

Be amazed at how you can create unusual felted scarves with large bubble wrap. Our post comes with a red rubber band around it (mostly bills and junk mail). So I keep all these rubber bands and use to create 3D textured felted surfaces ideal for decorating the bottom of scarves.

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Saturday 3rd - A Natural Country Christmas

This workshop is always one of our most popular Christmas days. Using natural cones, pods, cinnamon sticks, dry fruit, berries, spices and natural raffia create a selection of tree decorations and swags.

Sunday 4th - Christmas Stockings

Make a selection of bright coloured merino stockings by a wet felt resist method. Using prefelt spots, stripes, stars etc. decorate your wet felt. Make a woollen woven braid on a lucet to use as a hanger and tie a bow. Make colourful pom-poms to put on the bow.

Thursday 8th - Christmas Figures

Dry needle felting is an ideal way to make festive figures. You could make a Father Christmas, a fairy for the top of the tree, a snowman or nativity figures. We will use our hand dyed Texel wool for needle felting.

Saturday 10th - Christmas Party

Our festive party open to all. The last 2 years has seen heavy snowfalls so 3rd time lucky it will be a beautiful day. If in doubt phone to check weather. Complementary decorations to make.

Tuesday 13th - Bah Humbug!

Fed up with all the hype and commercialism of Christmas like Ebenezer Scrooge a character created by Charles Dickens, then come and have a relaxing day learning a new weaving skill. You will spend the day learning how to warp a rigid heddle loom, basic stitches and patterns created by warp and weft floats produced by pick up sticks. We use 2 contrasting humbug colours!

Thursday 15th - Christmas Bunting

Our Christmas complementary afternoon. No spinning wheels just a drop spindle. We will create festive bunting from a core of wool bundles of net, tinsel and pom-poms plied in. Bring a plate of party food. Booking essential.

Saturday 17th - Bakewell Farmers Market

Come and stock up on all your Christmas food and gifts.

*Have a wonderful Christmas
and Happy, Productive Crafting
in 2012.*

Regular workshops on days suitable to yourself.

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OPEN DAILY (Closed Monday) from 9.30am to 5.30pm



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