

#Who we are....

The Mid Essex Guild is one of over 100 Guilds throughout the UK, which form The Association of Guilds of Weavers, Spinners and Dyers. There are also associated Guilds in Northern Ireland, Eire, South Africa, France, USA, New Zealand, Yugoslavia and Japan.

The Aims of the Association are:

- ◆ To encourage and maintain integrity and excellence of craftsmanship.
- ◆ To encourage a sense of beauty of material, texture, colour and design.
- ◆ To promote opportunities for exchange of information through lectures, library facilities, conferences and exhibitions, both locally and nationally.
- ◆ To further co-operation between member Guilds and liaise with other Guilds and Societies with like aims.

The Guild meets once a month in White Notley Village Hall unless otherwise stated. The talks and workshops include a variety of allied crafts as well which can inspire and take us down other avenues. We also display and demonstrate at various craft events and fairs.

Where we meet...

The Guild usually meets on the 3rd Saturday of each month except Dec. –please check the dates on back of this leaflet or our website www.midessexguildwsd.org.uk. The meetings are held from 10.30 am – 4pm.at the Village Hall in White Notley, as shown on the map below. It is situated SE of Braintree. The post code is CM8 1RH



The Mid Essex Guild welcomes new members and visitors any time, whether beginners or with many years experience. BUT you do not have to be a spinner or weaver to join our guild! You may become one eventually but just an interest in textile crafts is enough.

The annual membership fee is £24.00, which includes a copy of our quarterly newsletter. You may come as a visitor though and the fee is £5 for the day.

How to contact us...

If you would like to find out more about us, visit us, or join our guild please contact:

Guild contact:-telephone:
01787 462172

Or visit our website at
www.midessexguildwsd.org.uk

If you live in the SE of the County, you may like to contact the Southend Guild:
tel. 01702 713105 or email:
joanne.cliffe@hotmail.co.uk

There is a new Weavers & Spinners group in Colchester ring 07801 756 940 for details.

If you are over on the west, bordering Hertfordshire – try the **West Essex & Herts. Guild** - weehguild.swd@gmail.com

If you are not local to Essex, you can find your nearest Guild by visiting the **Association** website at: www.wsd.org.uk
And now there is an **online guild** for anyone anywhere in the world!
www.onlineguildwsd.org.uk

This can be done at your local library if you do not have internet access at home.

More about us...

A list of our meetings and speakers is overleaf.

We have a 'shared lunch' at certain meetings; Members bring a plate of something delicious and it is amazingly varied. See programme for details.

As well as the library, we have a sales table at most meetings.
Tea and coffee are provided free.

We now have a list of mentors who are prepared to help beginners in our basic crafts, at our meetings or at classes, which could be arranged privately.
We also have a good range of equipment which members can borrow.

Some of our members are prepared to give talks and demonstrations to schools, colleges and groups. For more details please contact our secretary as described overleaf.

These basic crafts can be a source of lifelong enjoyment and the therapeutic value of using hands and minds is immeasurable.

It is surprising the wealth of work and creativity that can emerge from the minimum of equipment – a drop spindle, a piece of card or some weaving sticks and some left over yarns.

Programme 2019

- Jan.19th** A.G.M am. Show and tell pm. Cakes from the committee.
- Feb.16th** Anna Crutchley; Experiments with Cord spinning. Talk 11. am.Talk. Workshop pm.
- Mar 16th** Pam Austin; 'Why Long Draw?' Talk 11 a.m, demo and Workshop.
- April 13th** * Enid Tivey Award and weave-in workshop. Shared lunch.
- May 18th** Art Van Go; 11 am.Talk and demos using dye and other things on textiles.
- June 15th** Heidi Lichterman; Ikat Warp dyeing, talk and demo from 11.15am.
- July 20th** Friendship Day Grange Barn, Coggeshall 11am – 4pm, visitors welcome.
- July 21st** **Dye/Spinning day at Trisha's house.**
- Aug.17th** Members Day ; Weaving competition and shared lunch.
- Aug 18th** **Dye/Spinning day at Trisha's house**
- Sept. 21st** Amanda Sutherland; 'My Creative Journey'. Talk 1.30pm
- Oct. 19th** Michele Turner; Eco printing on Silk. Talk 11.15 followed by Workshop.
- Nov.16th** Lyn Scott; 'My Journey with Alpaca fleece.' Talk 1.30pm
- Dec.14th** Christmas party; Competitions and puzzles. Shared lunch and raffle.

***Please note – April meeting on the second Saturday to avoid Easter.**

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