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## CLWYD WEB

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**November Meeting** - AGM 10:30 am  
See reverse for Agenda and your **FREE** ticket allowing you to nominate the member(s) of your choice to next years **COMMITTEE!**

Please bring a plate (of food) and a glass for the drink of your choice for an early Xmas meal. This will be followed by an activity afternoon making Xmas decorations which will be organised by the committee.

**August Meeting.** We had a very good turnout for last month's visit by the Falkland Islands Agency. We saw (just) some interesting videos of wildlife and of course sheep (many thanks to Rosemary for the blackout curtains), and many of us left with carrier bags of fleece.

**Footwear challenge.** Remember, whilst a pair of socks may be useful, a single sock is a

### **WORK OF ART!**

(and Helen Bendon would like to stress that submitting merino socks that you purchased at last month's meeting is not allowed)

**Majacraft International Competition For Innovation In Handspun Fibre.** Last year, the (other) New Zealand Wheel maker, Majacraft, ran a competition which was won by a UK spinner with a shawl that inspired my endless production of knitted autumn leaves. They've just announced this year's competition. Majacraft offer a major prize to the creator of the best garment, accessory or fibre art that in the

opinion of the judges epitomises the leading edge of the craft of handspinning fibre to create fabric. The emphasis will be on creativity, originality and innovation. Closing date 1<sup>st</sup> March 2003

Full details can be obtained at their web site at <http://www.majacraft.co.nz>. If anyone in the guild would like a copy of the rules please ask and I'll bring a few printouts along.

**Knitting Design Workshop.** Joyce Bagnall has received an invitation to join forces with Ceredigion Guild to book a one day workshop on "Design from Nature". They hope to book the tutor for late spring/summer 2003, and the workshop will be held at a guild member's home in Aberarth. The provisional cost is £25 per person, but they need to fill the course (20 places) to keep costs reasonable. If you think that you would be interested, please contact Joyce who has all the details.

**Eds notes:** *I recently came across an article on dyeing with mushrooms and some of the colours (without mordants) seem very good – strong reds and even blues. So now all I need is someone who can identify mushrooms! Details can be found at*

<http://www.rbge.org.uk/research/celtica/fungi/dyes.htm>. *Contact me if you'd like a printout. (Helen Melvin said she saw some demos of mushroom dyeing at her visit to the Colour Congress. Apparently the smell is awful.)*

*This gap is so you can tear off the voting slip, and not lose anything!*

*Seen recently on Ebay (an internet auction site) was this advert for an antique wheel.*



*“You are bidding on a very, very old solid, wooden spinning wheel. RARE! EXTREMELY GOOD CONDITION! Foot pedal is still attached with what looks like the original rawhide tie. In full working order. (One piece fell off and I don’t know where it attaches – see picture)”*

*I love these ads, mostly from antique dealers, they usually think the wheel is at least 500 years old, and frequently stick all the bits back together almost at random. (A recent wheel advertised in the UK looked like it had bits from several other textile instruments stuck on where the distaff would have been). What I’d like to know for the one above, is how they know it’s in working order, and yet don’t know where to reattach the flyer! On the full size picture, you can see that the leather bearings are both there, though one of the maidens is twisted sideways.*

**The A.G.M. of the Clwyd Guild of Weavers, Spinners & Dyers. 2002/2003**  
**AGENDA**

1. Presentation of the minutes of previous AGM
2. Matters arising
3. Chairman’s comments.
4. Treasurer’s report
5. Programme for 2003
6. Appointment of Auditor
7. Election of Committee
8. AOB

**Nominations for the committee of the Clwyd Guild of Weavers, Spinners & Dyers. 2002/2003**

Name of person proposed.....

Name of proposer.....

Name of seconder.....

Signature of person proposed.....