

Winifred Taylor, textile art

The 'Tree of Life' picture on the right incorporates the equivalent of our proverb 'to make a mountain out of a molehill' (literal translation from Russian: 'to make an elephant out of a fly'!) It's my new motto having been very stressed with building work over the summer which, ultimately, encouraged me to have a good clear out!

I'm delighted to now be a member of York Textile Artists and it's a busy group! Details of forthcoming exhibitions are shown below (RHS). Other exciting news is that I've been accepted again for York Open Studios 2020 – dates for your diary are the last two weekends in April.

For Open Studios I'm planning a body of work entitled 'Headstrong' which will be inspired by a series of old photographs of Russian women in traditional costume. Made using vintage & recycled fabrics, they will seek to develop the characters and personalities beneath the heavy layers of clothing. So that will keep me occupied over the winter months!

Top Tip: there are some fabric marker pencils available in 'Home Bargain' stores (79p for two) – make your mark, stitch & wash away.



'To Dye For' workshops

Do away with wrapping paper: come and have fun printing and dyeing fabric to make the ultimate recyclable wrapper! 'Furoshiki' is the Japanese art of lovingly wrapping a gift in a piece of beautiful fabric that can be repeatedly re-used. Over 3 consecutive evening workshops, you will print and dye fabric and learn a unique way to present your seasonal gifts. **Venue:** Clements Hall, York (YO23 1BW). **Dates/time:** 7-

9pm on 19th Nov, 26th Nov and 3rd Dec. **Cost:** £20 per session; £50 for all three. **Further details,** email: sarah@winifredtaylor.co.uk

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Upcoming events I'm part of:

19th – 26th October 2019

York Textile Artists exhibition in The Orchid House at Helmsley Walled Garden (YO62 5AH), 10am- 5pm. Check website for entry details: www.helmsleywalledgarden.org.uk/

Village markets (various dates)

I'll be at Sheriff Hutton village market on 20th Oct, 17th Nov & 15th Dec; and Hovingham on 2nd Nov, 7th Dec & 21st Dec. Further details on my website and Facebook page.

16th & 17th November 2019

York Textile Artists exhibition in The Cemetery Chapel in York Cemetery (YO10 5AJ). From 10am to 4pm.

Forthcoming autumn workshops

'Keepsake Art' full day workshop on Sat 23rd Nov – turning precious items into 2D art.

'To Dye For' two-hour evening workshops x3 – see left for details.