
Spring/Summer Newsletter: a spring in your step

Winifred Taylor, textile art

This is an uplifting time of year: new flowers and leaves are appearing, and the evenings are so much lighter.

Thank you to those of you who visited me at York Open Studios in April. Kate and I had 1,200 visitors to our venue which kept us very busy! I had some great conversations and sold 5 pieces of textile art plus prints, cards etc., so I was thrilled.

The majority of my work on display was inspired by Russian folk art and folk tales; e.g. the picture here at the top is based on 'Vasilisa the Wise' who appears in several folk tales. Her cunning in the face of difficulties, and the beautiful head-dresses that are part of traditional Russian costume, also inspired my piece. Made using vintage & recycled fabrics.

Top Tip: there is so much fabric in the world and much of it can be re-used. If you are looking for brand new fabric, do consider spending a bit more and buying GOTS certified fabric (Global Organic Textile Standard). It's better for the environment and the producers, too.



'Sew and Slow' sessions

The 'slow' movement encourages us to take time out of our busy lives and engage in something creative. I'm offering four relaxing 2-hour sessions learning a few stitches and textile techniques. We will take pre-loved fabrics and turn them into a fun new item: a keyring, a mobile phone pouch, a brooch etc. And, of course, we'll have time for a

chat, tea/coffee & cake – we can even make a coaster for your cuppa!

Venue: Clements Hall, York (YO23 1BW). Dates/time: 7-9pm on 21st May, 4th June, 18th June and 2nd July. Cost: £15 per session. To book: email enquiries@clementshall.org.uk or call 01904 466086.

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Upcoming events I'm part of:

12th April – 31st May

Decora group exhibition 'The Dye is Cast' at Art in the Mill gallery in Knaresborough (HG5 8AU). Check website for opening times:

www.artinthemill.co.uk/home

Village markets (various dates)

I'll be at Sherriff Hutton village market on 19th May & 16th June; Coxwold on 25th May & 29th June; and Hovingham on 1st June & 6th July. Further details on my **new website** and Facebook page.

21st May, 4th June, 18th June & 2nd July

'Sew and Slow' relaxing stitch sessions from 7pm-9pm using preloved fabric. £15 per person, per session. See left for details.

25th & 26th May, 10am – 4pm

Diverse Threads group 'Spring Showcase' at Tithe Barn in Nether Poppleton (YO26 6LB). Free entry. <http://www.diverse-threads.co.uk/>
