

July's Meeting

In the morning members continued with their own crafts.

There was a wonderful display on the 'Show and Tell' table including two cushions that have been submitted for judging for selection to the National Exhibition later this year. Also in the Kilner jar there is an example of solar dyeing in the process.



Two Cushions and the Kilner jar showing solar dyeing in the process



Recently the Guild Committee has made a decision that felting will become one of our core skills. Clare Hadley brought along some of her recent felt pictures, including one, a portrait of her husband. Pictures on the left.

Debs Sheridan, new to weaving, brought along some of her recent pieces. Photo on the right



In afternoon Teresinha Roberts was invited to talk on 'Sustainability in Textiles'. It was a most thought-provoking talk and gave us much to consider about the clothes that we purchase.

Teresinha was born in Brazil and comes from a long line of textile workers. Her interest in the natural world comes from her degrees in Biology and Ecology. She makes all her own clothes using sustainable fabrics.



Teresinha Roberts



The fabric on the left is typical of that produced in Brazil, which depicts the local culture.

Using up scraps of material in a patchwork on the right



Teresinha gave us some startling statistics

- We are buying 5 times more clothes than we did in 1980!
- To be sustainable we need to reduce our consumption to 10% of what we use now!

She compared various fabrics and their sustainability and said that the most sustainable fibre is one that is durable and loveable. 'Loveable' because if we like it we will use it a lot and for longer.

She ended her talk with this quote—'If you think you are too small to make a difference then you haven't lived all night with a mosquito!'