

## May 2026

It was another busy morning at the Guild with members spinning and weaving and also making those essential purchases from the Sales Table.

Frances Fletcher ran a mini workshop for Broomstick Crochet. Broomstick Crochet (or broomstick lace) is a unique technique that creates a beautiful lacy texture by pulling up tall loops of yarn onto a dowel (traditionally a broomstick) which is where the name comes from.



Close-up of the crochet



A beautiful piece of broomstick crochet



Thank you so much, Frances, for the effort and time you put in both prior to the workshop and on the day, giving those members who attended such an enjoyable experience.



A really full table for 'Show and Tell' this month, with examples of Shibori and Felting to inspire members to join the Shibori and Felting workshops coming up later in the summer.



The competition this month was the Brenda Deakin Trophy for an item made from hand-spun yarn and presented accordingly.



Winner on the left - **Jenny Lang** with her colourful cardigan inspired by the work of Alison Ellen



Runner-up on the right - **Fiona Whyte** with her delicate fisherman's rib scarf.

Well done and 'thank you' to all our members who entered the competition.

In the afternoon we enjoyed an inspirational talk from Joyce Meader on Historical Knitwear. Joyce was both knowledgeable and extremely amusing in her delivery. The hall was packed for the talk as very few members left after the morning session. Joyce very kindly judged the Brenda Deakin competition for us in the morning. Thank you, Joyce.

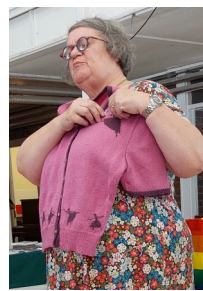
Joyce's talk covered knitwear from the 1950s to the end of the 1980s. In the 1950s rationing was finishing and Vogue championed Christian Dior's 'New Look', defining the decade's ultra-feminine, hourglass silhouette of narrow waists and full skirts as a glamorous post-war revival. Vogue knitting patterns focused on elegance including classic twin sets, tailored cardigans, batwing jumpers and cocktail tops.



Batwing Jumper



Twin Set



Margaret-Rose Cardigan

In the 1960s Ski Wear, Knitted Suits and Lacy Dresses became all the rage!

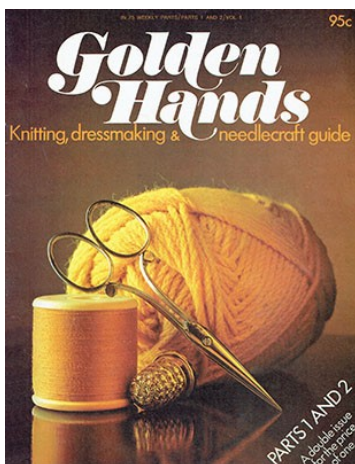


Ski - Wear jumper



Lacy Dress

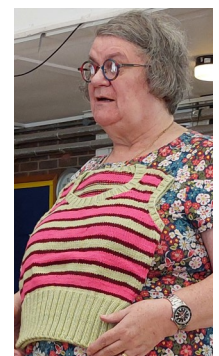
On to the 1970s and the advent of artificial yarns. Golden Hands was first published in 1971 - a weekly magazine full of knitting, crocheting, embroidery and sewing ideas.



Other useful items were the toilet roll holder and even the wine bottle holder!



At the end of the 1970s the pullover, renamed as the tank-top, became a trendy favourite!



Finally the 1980s arrived with the bri-nylon bikini and picture jumpers with popular motifs included beloved cartoon characters.

Thank you, Joyce, keep knitting but enjoy your retirement!

