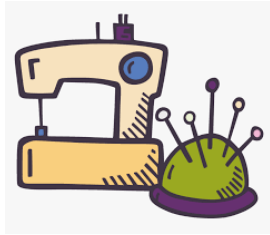




# Handcrafts & Homeskills Newsletter



## October

## 2021

### Proficiency & Judges Certificates

**Handcrafts & Homeskills Proficiency & Judges Certificates & Schedules** – The SWI offers members the opportunity to sit proficiency certificates in various craft and cooking subjects. For example:- Applique, Knitting, Plain Sewing, Afternoon Tea, Baking, and much more. Honours & First Class passes are awarded a certificate and proficiency bar. The certificates are offered in a three-year rotation to different areas and notification is sent to the eligible Federations. Applications are received through the Federation Handcrafts and Homeskills Secretary to headquarters and thereafter dates and venues are arranged. Deadlines are October the 1<sup>st</sup> for Spring certificates the following year and March 1<sup>st</sup> for Certificates for the Autumn of the same year. The proficiency certificate schedules give more information on what certificates are on offer.

These have been updated and are now available to download from the members area of the website. For an email copy and for more information on the certificates on offer, contact **Pamela Black – Handcrafts & Homeskills Events co-ordinator**, [hand.house@theswi.org.uk](mailto:hand.house@theswi.org.uk)

**Handcraft Judges Certificates** – Postponed from 2020 - A Circular has been sent out to the federations with information and application forms – closing date 14<sup>th</sup> January 2022. Please note the same subjects are on offer as 2020. Bobbin Lace, Contemporary Embroidery, Dolls, Hand Knitting, Lampshade Making, Papercraft, Hand Quilting, Soft Furnishings, Toymaking, Trimmings, Whitework

**Handcrafts Certificates Autumn 2021 – North Area** – Orkney, October 6<sup>th</sup>. Postponed from 2020.

**North East area** – Aberdeenshire – 26<sup>th</sup> & 27<sup>th</sup> October. Moray & Nairn – 29<sup>th</sup> October. Banffshire – 31<sup>st</sup> October. Kincardineshire with Angus – 2<sup>nd</sup> November.

**Spring 2022** – South West area federations – closing date for applications is October 1<sup>st</sup> 2021

**Homeskills Certificates** – Fife and Perth & Kinross Federations were postponed to next Spring 2022. Stirling, Clackmannan & West Perth certificates were held on September the 15<sup>th</sup>. South West areas - Ayrshire & Wigtownshire 15<sup>th</sup> & 16<sup>th</sup> October. Dunbartonshire – 17<sup>th</sup> October. Dumfriesshire – deferred until 2022.

**Spring 2022** – South East area federations – closing date for applications – October 1<sup>st</sup> 2021.

**Floral Art & Judges Certificate North Area** – no applications were received.

## Schools

### Evelyn Baxter Scholarship School

'Improve Your Basic Knitting and Finishing– Joyce Macrae'. This will take place from the 11<sup>th</sup> – 13<sup>th</sup> October 2021 at the Dean Park Hotel, Kirkcaldy. **Scholars** – Amanda Clark, Ayrshire and Angela Orro, Stewartry of Kirkcudbright. There are four pupils.

**Federation classes - On completion of the school - Federation classes will be offered for 2022.**

**Subjects for the Evelyn Baxter School to be held in 2022 will be decided at the November Handcrafts & Homeskills Committee meeting which will take place on the 16<sup>th</sup> of November 2021.**

### Handcrafts Weekend School

25<sup>th</sup> – 27<sup>th</sup> March 2022 – Fisher's Hotel, Pitlochry.

'Button's, Braids & Tassels' – Jane Currie is the Tutor

'Silk Ribbon Embroidery' – Heather King is the Tutor

If you wish to be put on the waiting list for either class, please contact Pamela Black

Email – [hand.house@theswi.org.uk](mailto:hand.house@theswi.org.uk)

## Christmas Biscuit Competition

Most of us like to get creative in the kitchen over the festive season, and for our Christmas baking competition we're delighted to team up with Hamlyns of Scotland to find your favourite Christmas biscuits.

Christmas is a great time to spice up your recipes with warming spices like ginger, cinnamon, nutmeg, ginger and cardamom. It's also the ideal opportunity to have fun with fancy cutters and put your decorating skills to use with icing, sprinkles and other toppings.

Why not try experimenting by adding a splash of your favourite tippie or some Christmas fruits to your recipe. Of course, with Hamlyns sponsoring the competition, it would be great if some of them could incorporate oats too!

### How to enter

Send your recipe and a photograph to Handcrafts & Homeskills Events Co-ordinator, Pamela Black, before Monday 15 November.

Email [hand.house@theswi.org.uk](mailto:hand.house@theswi.org.uk) or post to Christmas biscuit competition, The SWI, 42 Heriot Row, Edinburgh, EH3 6ES.

The recipes will be judged by Hamlyns of Scotland, and the winners will be announced on Monday 29 November.

**The prizes** Four winners will receive a Hamlyns Perfect Porridge Pack, which includes limited edition china breakfast bowls and mugs, and an apron and a tea towels, all designed by Scottish designer, Gillian Kyle, along with a hand-carved wooden spurtle and a range of Hamlyns' porridge oats and oatmeals.

**About Hamlyns of Scotland** Hamlyns is a family business which produces a range of porridge oats and oatmeals, produced from premium Scottish oats, grown and milled in Scotland. 100% healthy – 100% Scottish.

Find out more at [hamlynsoats.co.uk](http://hamlynsoats.co.uk)

## Handcrafts & Homeskills Conference

This will now take place in 2023 – details to follow

## Homeskills Demonstrations

Dunbartonshire – Cake Decoration – Linda McTurk – 20<sup>th</sup> November 2021

Perth & Kinross – Christmas Baking – Linda McTurk – 4<sup>th</sup> December 2021