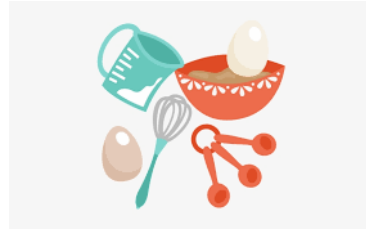
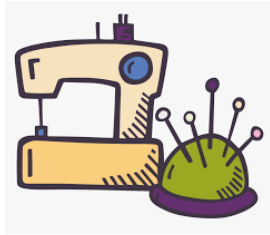




Handcrafts & Homeskills Newsletter



November

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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 1st for Spring certificates the following year and March 1st 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

Handcraft Judges Certificates – Postponed from 2020 - A Circular has been sent out to the federations with information and application forms – closing date 14th 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. Dates to be arranged.

Handcrafts Certificates Autumn 2021 – North Area – Orkney these took place on the 6th October. The results are as follows: - 1 Honours, 6 First Class and 1 second class

North East area – Aberdeenshire – 26th & 27th October. Moray & Nairn – 29th October joined by Banffshire, Kincardineshire and Angus. Results to follow.

Spring 2022 – South West area Federations – Ayrshire, Renfrewshire and Wigtownshire have applied in total 16 applications. Arrangements for dates & venue to be made.

Homeskills Certificates – Fife and Perth & Kinross Federations were postponed to next Spring 2022. Stirling, Clackmannan & West Perth certificates were held on September the 15th. The results are as follows – Honours – 3, First Class – 6. South West areas – Ayrshire - Honours - 3, First Class – 7. Dunbartonshire – 17th October – Honours – 3, First Class – 9. Wigtownshire – Honours – 4, First Class – 5. Dumfriesshire – deferred until 2022.

Spring 2022 – South East area Federations - One proficiency and two Judges applications received.

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

Schools

Evelyn Baxter Scholarship – ‘Improve your Basic Knitting and Finishing’ Federation Classes 2022

Amanda Clark and Angela Orro will take the Federation classes. Information and application forms have been sent out to both Federation and Handcrafts & Homeskills Secretaries. For any member wishing to apply, please contact your secretary. The classes can take up to a maximum of 12.

Federation and Handcrafts & Homeskills Secretaries **Please also note this is not a class for beginners but for those who wish to improve their knitting skills. Once applications are received and dates confirmed, the patterns and requirements list will be sent. Items will require to be made prior to the class, so please bear this in mind when booking dates. The deadline for applications is the 3rd of December 2021 email - hand.house@theswi.org.uk*

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

Handcrafts Weekend School

25th – 27th 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

*Christmas Biscuit Competition – deadline 15th November.

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 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 towel, 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

Handcrafts & Homeskills Conference

This will now take place in 2023 – details to follow

Homeskills Demonstrations

Dunbartonshire – Cake Decoration – Linda McTurk – 20th November 2021

Perth & Kinross – Christmas Baking – Linda McTurk – 4th December 2021 -

Hat & Socks Competition - Thank you to all the members who participated. The hats and socks were judged separately. For the hat entries the winner is Norah Meikle of Lundie SWI, Angus. For the socks entries the winner is Patricia Strong of Gartocharn SWI, Dunbartonshire. Congratulations to both ladies. Photos of all the entries are to follow.