



TEDs Threads – December 2024 Edition



Recent events:

Experimental Day: On the 14th of November Penny McWilliams hosted an Experimental Day at Heathhall showing members how to construct lace using a sewing machine. Members learnt how the lace is sewn onto water soluble stabiliser which is then washed completely away to leave their beautiful designs.



Rug Tufting: On the 21st of November we welcomed Laura Derby to give us a talk entitled 'Hidden Lines – rug tufting'. Laura creates unique, hand-crafted textile rugs, wall hangings, mindfulness mats and upholstered stools made by skilled local woodworkers. The hand tufting technique allows Laura to paint and sculpt with yarn and artfully weave elements of the natural world and heritage motifs. Most stools she upholsters are from local storm fallen trees. She says tufting with her tufting gun is like her personal fight to try to steer things right in this world that she loves, with strengthening links between art, nature and humanity towards greater psychological and cultural health very important to her.



Events over the next few sewing months:

December			
5th	Workday	Heathhall	Sales Table
12th	Workday	Heathhall	
19th	Christmas Lunch	Mabie House Hotel	Heather Armstrong Raku Pottery
January			
9th	Workday	Heathhall	

16th	Workshop (part 1)	Heathhall	Deborah and Dagmar
23rd	Corners	Baptist Centre	
30th	Workday	Heathhall	
February			
6th	Workday	Heathhall	
13th	Workshop (part 2)	Heathhall	Deborah and Dagmar
20th	Talk	Baptist Centre	(TBC)
27th	Workday	Heathhall	
March			
6th	Workday	Heathhall	
13th	Workday	Heathhall	
20th	Talk	Baptist Centre	Claire Hunter – Mary Queen of Scots and her embroidery
27th	Workday	Heathhall	

Christmas Lunch: This year's Christmas lunch will take place at Mabie House Hotel on December 19th 2024. Arrangements are as follows:

- Arrival at 12.00 noon.
- Members are asked to pick up their name cards, with their meal choices on, as they make their way into the dining room and place them on the tables where you have chosen to sit.
- Water will be on each table however if you wish to have other drinks please purchase these at the bar before the meal begins.
- Lunch will be served at 12.30pm.
- Our speaker, Heather Armstrong, will be talking to us about Raku Pottery at 2pm.
- The Christmas Competition winners will be announced following the presentation.
- We hope to finish about 3.30pm in a bid to let you all get home before it gets too dark.

Sales Table:

A sales table will be open on December 5th. All proceeds will be sent to the Summerhill Community Food Hub in Dumfries on this occasion.

Directory of resources and Information

- Royal School of needlework – dictionary of stitches link. <https://rsnstitchbank.org/>
- TED Website - <https://www.textileandembroiderydumfries.org/>