

## Braid Society 20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary AGM and Residential Weekend, October 2014

To celebrate our 20th anniversary, the AGM in 2014 will be part of a residential weekend to be held at Wokefield Park on 17-19 October 2014. Wokefield Park is near Reading, which has excellent rail connections to London and the airports, making travel from Europe and other parts of the world very easy. The address is Wokefield Park, Goodboys Lane, Mortimer, Reading RG7 3AH, U.K.

**Weekend participants** will gather on Friday afternoon, October 17th from 4 p.m. There will be a speaker in the evening after dinner. The event ends at 4 p.m. on Sunday the 19<sup>th</sup>. Accommodation can be booked for the Sunday night as well (see Booking Form below).

Weekend participants will choose one of the four workshops for Saturday and Sunday. The wonderful tutors that have agreed to teach us are: Anne Dixon - inkle shibori, Carol James - fingerweaving, Barbara Walker - 3D ply-splitting and Kathy Williams - adventures on the marudai. If you would like to come for the weekend but don't fancy a workshop, space will be available for visiting and braiding. It will be a wonderful opportunity to meet other members and enjoy a weekend of braid making.

**If you can't manage the full weekend**, you are welcome to come just for the AGM from 1:00 to 2:00 pm on Saturday, with the added bonus of a quick visit to the workshops after the meeting. Lunch can be purchased at the venue if you wish. You might also be able to fit in a visit to the Braid Society Biennial Exhibition at the Reading Library.

### Costs

#### **Workshop:** £150

The courses will run from 9 to 12 a.m. and from 2:30 to 5:30 p.m. on Saturday, and also on Sunday from 9 to 12 and from 1.00 to 3:30. The workshop rooms will be open on Saturday evening for additional work, but the tutors will NOT be teaching.

**Accommodation** from Friday to Sunday: £128 per person for a shared room and £158 for a single room. The residential cost includes dinner on Friday, all meals on Saturday, breakfast and lunch on Sunday.

If you wish to stay over on Sunday night, the cost is £51.60 per room for a shared room including breakfast, or £45.00 per room, single occupancy, including breakfast. Food will be available to purchase on Sunday evening.

Bookings are open at <http://thebraidsociety.wildapricot.org/> with a refundable deposit of £50.00 or you can book via the booking form below. Full payment is due by August 1, 2014

### Anne Dixon: Shibori & Ruffles on the Inkle Loom

Class description: An easy approach to gathering and pleating, diagonal, vertical and horizontal, on the inkle loom. A small sample of Shibori will be dyed in class with synthetic indigo. We will use gathers to create ruffles & embellishments.

To bring:

- Inkle loom & heddles to suit. Make heddles in at least two different colours. (Inkle looms may be available for hire – please enquire.)
- Scissors, notebook, pen/pencil, a few crayons or coloured pencils
- Yarns in up to six colours
- White cotton yarn – not too thick
- Materials fee: £3 to cover cost of dye, charts and worksheets, shibori and gathering threads.

## Carol James: Introduction to Fingerweaving

Class description: Fingerweaving is a braiding technique traditionally used in North America to form wide, flat pieces such as belts and bags. No loom is required; the fingers alone manipulate the threads to form a dense fabric. Participants will receive instruction in the basic technique, with emphasis on identifying, correcting, and avoiding mistakes. Time permitting, a wide variety of motifs will be covered.

To bring:

- Scissors
- Pencil and paper to take notes
- Participants need to have the use of two hands, and good eyesight.
- Class fee: £5 or less. Carol will supply suitable yarns and other necessary bits and pieces



## Barbara Walker: Pieces of Eight Basket

Class description: Imagine a ply-split vessel with ribbed sides of ply-split braids, and you will have a Pieces of Eight basket. Its base is six-sided, mostly POT, with eight rounds of cords; its sides consist of twelve ribs of eight cords each. These pieces of eight can take the form of any ply-split braid, or a combination of braids, whether short or long, monochromatic or colorful. This workshop will add many ideas to your 3-D ply-splitting repertoire.

For experienced ply-splitters who know POT and SCOT.

To bring:

- Prescribed number of four-ply cords – to be confirmed once the class is booked
- Appropriate sized gripfid for desired size of cords
- PVA glue, scissors, 12 generic Q-tips with hollow plastic shafts
- Headlamp or additional light, if desired
- Class fee: £6 or less for handouts



## Kathy Williams: Braiding through the Boundaries

Class description: The course will concentrate on pushing through the boundaries of the materials, the braids and our minds. The idea is to mix together materials we would not normally put together - colours, yarns, fabric, textures, differing thicknesses, etc. I will be encouraging students to push themselves forward through the boundaries and take themselves out of their comfort zone. By doing this I hope it will bring out their inner creativity thus giving them the courage to be more creative when they return home.

To bring:

- Marudai and bobbins. We will use mostly 8 bobbins, but we will be using differing weights of bobbins at some time during the course. Kathy will bring extra bobbins. (Marudais may be available for hire, please enquire.)
- Counter balance weights, chop stick, scissors, tapestry needles, small s-hook
- Smallish quantities of a variety of smooth, textured & differing thicknesses of yarn, a couple of braids and cords, strips of fine material i.e muslin, silk.
- Materials fee: none

## Braid Society AGM and Residential Weekend

Wokefield Park, near Reading Friday 17<sup>th</sup> October – Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> October 2014

### Booking Form (to book online visit <http://thebraidsociety.wildapricot.org/>)

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Postcode \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone number \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_

Mobility requirements \_\_\_\_\_

Dietary requirements \_\_\_\_\_

eg. vegetarian, vegan, gluten-free

#### Complete weekend package, Friday to Sunday

Shared room, meals, tuition @ £278 \_\_\_\_\_

Single room, meals, tuition @ £308 \_\_\_\_\_

#### Weekend without workshops

Shared accommodation, meals @ £128 \_\_\_\_\_

Single accommodation, meals @ £158 \_\_\_\_\_

Non-residential, tuition only @ £150 \_\_\_\_\_

**If you wish to stay on Sunday night**, please book directly with Wokefield Park, telephone number 0844 980 2322 and quote BRAI171014.

### Workshop Choices

Please indicate your first and second choice (just in case of fully booked classes), by writing "1" and "2" on the lines below.

\_\_\_ Anne Dixon: Shibori & Ruffles on the Inkle Loom

\_\_\_ Carol James: Introduction to Fingerweaving

\_\_\_ Barbara Walker: Pieces of Eight Basket

\_\_\_ Kathy Williams: Braiding through the Boundaries

Your Name \_\_\_\_\_

**Residential:** Yes / No

**If applicable:** I have my own inkle loom Yes / No

I have my own marudai Yes / No

If you don't book online, please return the booking form with a deposit of £50 (cheque payable to The Braid Society) to Debbie Richardson, Spring House, Old Stone Trough Lane, Kelbrook, BB18 6UE, UK. Full payment is due by August 1, 2014

For enquiries please contact Debbie at [treasurer@braidsociety.com](mailto:treasurer@braidsociety.com) or call 01282 843004.