

Society Events

Come and Try days: Everyone is welcome, members and non-members alike. Hosted by volunteers, these days give you the chance to meet other braiders, see what they're doing, have a natter and try something new. Upcoming dates and places are listed in each newsletter and on the website.

Sample exchanges: Swap samples with other Society members each year. The annual sample exchange is centred on a theme. This is an excellent way to 'think outside the box', see what others are doing and share your own work.

Exhibitions: Participate in the Society exhibitions (if you choose) or visit other exhibitions that feature the work of Braid Society members.

Travelling Show: Each year members are invited to contribute small pieces of work on a specific theme. These are used as part of the display that we put together for various shows throughout the year.

Outings: At various times, Braid Society members get together to visit places of special interest as a group. Details of upcoming outings appear in the newsletter.



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The Braid Society
*promoting braids and bands
worldwide*

We are an international society of textile enthusiasts, founded in 1993. We all share an interest in braids and narrow bands.

Our members:

- Make braids and bands ('narrow wares'), as amateurs or professionals
- Teach others to make braids and bands, including running on-line workshops
- Collect braids and bands
- Research braids and bands

Our helpful, informative website provides lovely photos, articles on techniques and lists of suppliers and tutors. We also have a lively online discussion group and a Facebook group.

Conferences and workshops

Braid Society conferences, one day and weekend workshops with tutors take place periodically. Upcoming dates and places are listed in each newsletter and on the website. Every few years the Braid Society organises an international conference and the next one will be in Japan in 2019.

Our publications:

We publish a quarterly e-mail newsletter and the annual printed journal *Strands*. *Strands* is a high-quality publication and, as such, it is only distributed to members in hard copy format. There is information about back-numbers and a cumulative index in the members' area of the website.

We also sell books (written by members) via our website.

Membership is open to everyone, so why not join us?

Follow your passion: inkle weaving, loop manipulation, passementerie, backstrap weaving, kumihimo (marudai, takadai, ayatakadai and karakumidai), tablet weaving, sprang, finger-weaving, ply-split braiding, design concepts and more!

For more information visit:

www.braidsociety.com

Membership Subscription rates:

Full membership, individual	£21.00
Full membership, individual, after 1st July (up to 16 months)	£27.50
Full membership, family or group	£27.50
Long-Haul membership	£12.50

Membership is renewable annually on 1st November, and we can accept payment for up to 5 years membership in advance. New members receive a welcome pack, which includes the latest issue of *Strands*. They will also receive the issue of *Strands* published at the end of the membership year. New members joining after 1st July pay £27.50, which includes their first part-year and the following membership year. Families or groups get one copy of mailings. Any queries to membership@braidsociety.com

Long-Haul membership is available to residents of Asia, the Americas, Africa, Australia and New Zealand. Long-Haul members are mailed a hard copy of *Strands*; all other communication is by e-mail. They have no voting rights and pay non-member entry fees to Society events. Long-Haul membership does not include participation in the swap or exhibitions. An upgrade to Full membership can be made at any time.

Ways to Join 'The Braid Society'

Joining via the website: You may join the Braid Society directly from the society's website, with **payment by PayPal**. Go to www.braidsociety.com – and follow the links.

If you have a query about a PayPal payment you have made, e-mail treasurer@braidsociety.com

If you prefer not to pay via the website, you can e-mail membership@braidsociety.com for details of other ways of paying.

Joining by Post: Payment may be made by UK cheque or International Money Order *in Pounds Sterling*, made payable to **Braid Society Limited**, and sent with a completed membership form to the Membership Secretary at:

67 Roe Lane, Southport, PR9 7HR, UK.

Alternatively, you can request details of how to pay by direct bank transfer by e-mailing membership@braidsociety.com

Membership forms are available via The Braid Society website, or at events.