

# London Guild of Weavers, Spinners & Dyers



## Information Sheet: Dyeing

The Guild meets once a month on a Saturday afternoon at St Stephen's, 48 Emperor's Gate, London SW7 4HJ. As well as general information, news and a textile-related lecture there is a small library and a notice board.

We don't run courses but there is a dyeing group which meets four times a year in the morning before the main meeting to discuss techniques, show work done, and swap information on suppliers, materials and any relevant exhibitions currently showing.

## Workshops & Courses

The following are a few places in London or close to London, which run dyeing courses. There are other places round the country.

### The Handweavers Studio

140 Seven Sisters Rd, London N7 7NS

Tel: 020 7272 1891

[www.handweavers.co.uk](http://www.handweavers.co.uk)

Courses run infrequently

### Mary Ward Centre

42 Queen Square, London, WC1N 3AQ

Tel: 020 7269 6000

[www.marywardcentre.ac.uk](http://www.marywardcentre.ac.uk)

Natural dyeing for textiles courses

### City Lit

1-10 Keeley Street, London WC2B 4BA

Tel: 020 7831 7831

[www.citylit.ac.uk](http://www.citylit.ac.uk)

Textile courses on dyeing

### Morley College

61 Westminster Bridge Rd, London SE1 7HT

[www.morleycollege.ac.uk](http://www.morleycollege.ac.uk)

Courses on natural dyeing and eco-dyeing. Courses very popular and sometimes difficult to get a place

### West Dean College

West Dean, nr Chichester, PO18 0QZ

Tel: 01243 811301

[www.westdean.org.uk](http://www.westdean.org.uk)

Natural and indigo dyeing courses.

### Janet Phillips

<http://www.janetphillips-weaving.co.uk>

Courses in Somerset on dye subjects such as Dyeing with Acid and Fibre Reactive Dyes, Random Dyeing of Warps, Painting Warps, Shibori on the Loom

## Suppliers

### P&M Woolcraft

<https://www.pmwoolcraft.co.uk/>

Online supplier of natural and synthetic dyes, mordants, equipment, dye plant seeds, fibre and yarns

Tel: 01908 510 277

### The Handweavers Studio

140 Seven Sisters Rd, London N7 7NS Tel:

0207 272 1891

[www.handweavers.co.uk](http://www.handweavers.co.uk)

Supply natural and synthetic dyes, and equipment

### Saith Ffynnon Wildlife Plants

Supplier of dye plants (seeds and plugplants) and books

<http://www.7wells.co.uk>

### DT Crafts

<http://www.dtcrafts.co.uk/>

Online supplier of natural and synthetic dyes, mordants, equipment, fibre and yarns

### George Weil

<http://www.georgeweil.com>

Online supplier of natural and synthetic dyes, mordants, equipment and more

### Wild Colours Natural Dyes

<http://www.wildcolours.co.uk/>

Tel: 07979 770865

Online supplier of natural dyes, mordants, dye plant seeds.

## Print Resources

### Natural Dyes

Jenny Dean (1999)

*Wild Colour: How to grow, prepare and use natural plant dyes.* Mitchell Beazley, London

Dominique Cardon (2007)

*Natural Dyes: Sources, Tradition, Technology and Science*

Judy Hardman and Sally Pinhey (2009)

*Natural Dyes*

Chris McLaughlin (2014)

*A Garden to Dye For*

Jim Liles (1990)

*The Art and Craft of Natural Dyeing*

Linda Rudkin (2007)

*Natural Dyes*

### Synthetic Dyes

Helen Deighan (2001)

*Dyeing in Plastic Bags*

Ashley Martineau (2014)

*Spinning and Dyeing Yarn*

Frances and Tony Tompson (1987)

*Synthetic Dyeing for spinners, knitters, weavers and embroiderers*

*(This one is a classic, still relevant today and very cheap second hand online)*

### All kinds of dyeing

*The Journal for Weavers Spinners and Dyers*

quarterly publication

<http://www.thejournalforwsd.org.uk/>

## DVD

Michel Garcia films: The Natural Dye Workshop Series available from <https://www.rainbowsilks.co.uk>

## Online Resources

### Turkey Red Journal

[www.turkeyredjournal.com](http://www.turkeyredjournal.com)

Online journal on all aspects of natural dyeing.

### Jenny Dean's Wild Colours

[Jenny Dean - Wild Colours](http://www.wildcolours.co.uk/)

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<http://www.wildcolours.co.uk/>

Teresinha Roberts' website on natural dyes.

### Maiwa

<https://maiwa.com/>

Canadian centre for natural dyeing and online store

### Susan Dye's blog

<http://www.naturesrainbow.co.uk/>

Focuses on natural dyeing

### Isabella Whitworth's blog

<https://isabellawhitworth.com/>

Textile artist, researcher into the history of dyes

### Helen Melville's blog

<http://www.fieryfelts.co.uk/>

Feltmaker and natural dyer from North Wales

### Riihivilla Blog

<http://riihivilla.blogspot.co.uk/>

Finnish plant dyer's blog. A rich resource

### Carrie Sundra's Blog

<https://alpenglowyarn.wordpress.com>