



Dear Friends and supporters

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Welcome to the Spring Newsletter

I am still buzzing from an amazing trip to **Cambodia** at the end of January. I was lucky enough to join an Historical Textiles tour with the Centre for Textile Research based at Copenhagen University. We visited several social enterprises/NGOs working to revitalise traditional crafts such as weaving and silkworm farms. We had a go at dyeing with mango leaves; basket weaving using water hyacinth reeds, and extracting fibre from lotus stalks – as well as enjoying fantastic food and all the usual sights. Read the blog here for more details:

<https://www.traditionaltextilecraft.dk/post/exploring-cambodia-s-textiles-and-craft-a-ctr-textile-study-tour>.



I have some exciting exhibition opportunities coming up in 2023. The first will be in **Burford at Warwick Hall** in the café area. This is a beautifully constructed building, part of the St John the Baptist ministry. The building and café alone are worth a visit. <https://www.warwickhallburford.org/>, and there is free parking down by the river. I will be exhibiting original artwork and some prints, alongside Di Keelan who will have a gorgeous collection of eco-dyed artwork features our native birds. **1-30 April open Mon-Sat 9-4pm.**



WORKSHOPS

Mary Harlow and I will be running a half-day Shibori Cushion Covers workshop near Stratford-on-Avon on **Tuesday 4th April 10-1pm**. Sadly our original venue, Bonds Lifestyle, has closed down, so the workshop will take place at Crawford Memorial Hall in Bidford. To book visit:

<https://www.craftcourses.com/courses/shibori-stitch-cushion-covers>.

I'm also delighted to announce a new collaboration with Nicky of Artworks. Nicky runs Art workshops in Gloucestershire from various venues. Mary and I will be running the half-day Shibori Cushion Covers workshop at Highbury Church Hall in Cheltenham on **Saturday 29th July 10-1pm**. To book contact Nicky via Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/artworks4>,

I am also part of the [Living from Art](#) group of artists currently exhibiting at Moreton Care Home near Stonehouse. I was lucky enough to sell a piece of work on the opening day!

My work is also available at Swift Art and Design in Winchcombe. A lovely little shop packed full of great art and design, run by local artist Guy Warner. www.swiftartanddesign.com

Upcoming Events

1-30 April – Exhibition at Warwick Hall, Church Green, Burford OX18 4RY
4 April – Shibori workshop at Crawford Memorial Hall, Bidford on Avon, 10-1pm
3 June – 10 July – Cotswold Art Club exhibition at Hidcote Gardens
10-18 June – Cheltenham Open Studios, my studio Charlton Kings
2-8 July – Art in the Park, Imperial Gardens, Cheltenham
29 July – Shibori workshop at Highbury Church Hall, Cheltenham 10-1pm
7-9 August – Cotswold Art Club exhibition Bourton on the Water Village Hall

Thank you for your time and in anticipation of seeing you soon.

Best wishes
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