

# ALDE VALLEY SPRING FESTIVAL 2020

*On a Turning Wing : A Celebration of Birds, Flight & Migration*

## OPEN STUDIOS : SARAH BUTTERS

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It is a great pleasure to be able to welcome Sarah Butters back to the Festival for the 2020 online Open Studios. Sarah took part in a year-long Wool Residency at the farm in association with the Spring Festival. This was to offer to support her research into the processing and dyeing of wool as part of her professional artistic development – but also to investigate the potential uses of wool produced at White House Farm and to advise on the creation of a natural dye garden.

In 2019 Sarah curated a solo show Land | Plants | Fibre as part of our inaugural Plomesgate Fair. It has been fascinating to see the depth and breadth of her research and artistic work expand. One of her most recent creations, No 15 – a hand spun, knitted and crocheted wool/silk panel is mesmerizingly beautiful and reminiscent of Anni Albers designs for woven panels. All Sarah's work is deeply rooted in her surroundings. The yarn is spun from the wool of individual flocks (sometimes a known sheep), dyed with natural pigments she makes and knitted or felted or crocheted by hand – with the occasional use of ethically sourced silk.

## MAKER'S STATEMENT

One off and bespoke wool work made with natural fibres and plant dyes.

All pieces are of this land in Suffolk, UK with the addition of silk from China and India.

From the sheep's back to finished product : hand spun yarn, hand knits, felt and peg loom weaving. Wearable art, sculptural objects, yarn, hand made drop spindles and crochet hooks. In making all these, my attention is drawn to process -based work that carries within it stories of intimate connection to the natural world.

Sarah Butters. April 2020

## NEW WORKS CURRENTLY IN PROCESS

Whole fleece crochet bowl/rug/resting place; Leicester Longwool sunrise shawl; felt and knitted waistcoats; dolls/figures; silk embroidered cotton gauze scarf/wrap; woad pigment.

Enquiries welcome.

Commissions accepted, some 'off the peg' in stock

For all sales, commissions & more info : [enquiries@aldevalleyspringfestival.co.uk](mailto:enquiries@aldevalleyspringfestival.co.uk)

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No 1 Flower Brooches £12 - £14 - £15

Hand-spun and hand-dyed wool.

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No 2. Wooden Drop Spindles £17

Hand-turned and hand made using hardwoods.

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No. 3 Hazel Niddy Noddys £17

Hand made with hazel from White House Farm.

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No. 4     Hazel Crochet Hooks 20mm approx   £17

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No. 5 Hazel Spool with 2m of Hand Spun, Plant Dyed Silk Thread £14

Hand-dyed wool on hazel spools from White House Farm.

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No 6. Peg Loom Rugs 90cm x 60cm

Dyed : £550 Undyed : £440

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No 7. Peg Loom Seat Pads 40cm x 50cm

Dyed £140 Undyed £100

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No 8. Large Triangular Hand Spun Hand Knit Shawl £340

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No 9. Hand Spun Hand Knit Triangular Neck Warmer £240



No 10. Hand Spun Hand Knit Rectangular Muffler £240

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No 11. Hand Spun Hand Knit Beanie Hats

Chunky Yarn (top) £120 4ply Yarn £160

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No 12. Hand Spun Hand Knit Hand Warmers

Chunky £70     4 Ply Yarn £120

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No 13. Hand Spun Yarn

Chunky £50/100g 4ply £100/100g

small balls for decoration or craft use start at £5

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No 14. Slippers - One Pair Only Size 5 £260

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No 15. Hand Spun, Knit and Crochet Wool / Silk Panel, Plant Dyes  
and Synthetic Indigo. 73cm x 73cm £500

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No 16. Felt Scarves : Wool, Silk, Alpaca, Flax, Seacell £100 each

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No 17. Thick Wool Felt Panel : Brown Wool, Silk, Madder, Indigo £300

## End of Catalogue & Price List

For all sales or for more information about any works

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