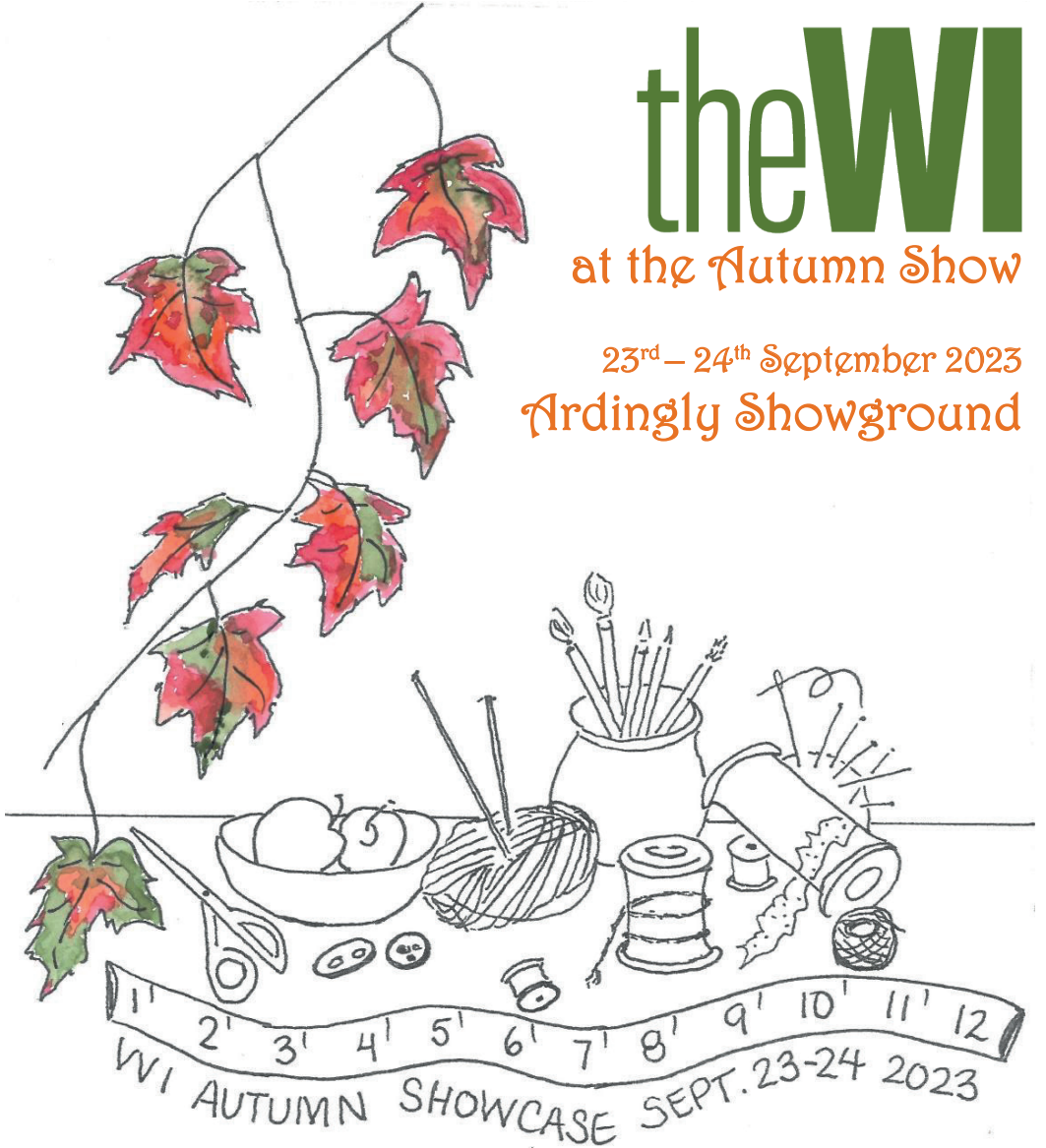


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at the Autumn Show

23rd – 24th September 2023

Ardingly Showground



East & West Sussex Federations of WIs

The WI Autumn Showcase

Welcome to the 2023 WI Autumn Showcase to be held at the **Autumn Show & International Horse Trials**. Saturday 23rd & Sunday 24th September 2023, 9am – 5pm; **South of England Showground**, Ardingly, West Sussex.

This competition and show case is an opportunity as our 'SHOP WINDOW' to show off the skills and talents of our WI members and their families to the general public.

It really is one of the most popular events in the WI calendar, bringing our members together, showing the public what we can do and encouraging new members to join, so we would really encourage you to enter.

Due to rising costs when considering each class and you will notice that the new classes have included recycling, reusing, old for new and with a far less fussy schedule. We have also lowered the entry fee per class.

Two new classes have been included, one to include WI family members and a novice class for those of you new to handicrafts or stitching. We have tried to be more sustainable and cut down on the requirement for single use and plastic wherever possible.

So things will look a little different this year.

Our thanks go to the South of England Showground Agricultural Society at Ardingly for their continued support of the WI and our annual shows.

The WI would like to thank the Board of Trustees, the Show Committee, the Stewards, the Judges and everyone else who works so hard to make this show so worthwhile and enjoyable, and of course, all who of you who come along to enter and support us and make the day so special.

GOOD LUCK

The Show Committee

Classes

Class 1

Cooperative Cookery

A minimum of 3 members to take part.
To be displayed / staged in a basket, tray or box of your choice.
(Display and staging will not be judged)

Apple cake un iced. Any shape.
Baked and presented in a paper cake tin liner or greaseproof paper.

1lb Jar of Chutney. Any variety
(See OWTS page 137 for guidance)

1lb Jar of Fruit Jam. Any Flavour
(See OWTS pages 129-132 for guidance)

4 x Scones to be displayed on a plate - Sweet or Savoury.
(See OWTS page 114 for guidance)

Class 2

Family Entry - A Scarecrow

This is a new class open to all WI members and your family, partners, children, grandchildren etc.

ONLY one entry per WI, due to size of exhibition space available and no taller than 5ft 6". Any medium or theme.
May be sitting or standing but must be displayed able to support itself (there is a concrete floor in exhibition space so we cannot stake into the ground).

Class 3

Handicrafts and Novice

3a. Make a reusable Shopping or Tote bag
Use any fabric, any medium and any design.
Recycled fabric allowed.
Flat bag or boxed corners.
Padding, quilting and embellishments are permitted but NOT a requirement.

3b. *Novice Stitcher* - Make a reusable Shopping or Tote Bag as above.

Class 4

Sewing

Patchwork

Make a Patchwork cushion cover.
Zipped or envelope button closure.
CUSHION PAD IS REQUIRED
Any patchwork design, fabric and size of your choice.
Recycled or used fabrics encouraged.
(See OWTS page 86 for guidance).

Class 5

Repurposing

Re Purpose an old pair of Jeans
Use your imagination and make whatever you fancy in to a new item.
Embellishment, decorations, extra buttons, zips, fastenings etc are allowed.

Class 6

Wool

5a. Hand knit a hat & scarf in any design
5b. Crochet a hat & scarf in any design.

Feel free to use pre used / preloved cotton, wool or acrylics.
Embellishments, buttons etc / and or novelty ideas are allowed.
** You do not need to include, nor have worked from a pattern **
(See OWTS page 63 & 78 for guidance).

Class 7

Photography

Topic - the Weather Photo Size 7x5 or 8x6
Photo to have been taken within the last year & be within the UK and be weather related.
We will need to laminate your entry, so please do only send a 'copy' for your entry unless you are happy for the original to be laminated and pinned to a display board.
(See OWTS page 102 for guidance).

Class 8 Written Word

An Acrostic Poem - Subject 'A U T U M N'

This can be illustrated as you wish, but only the poem will be judged.
Your work will need to be laminated for display purposes.

Class 9 Papercraft

Greetings Card

Make a greetings card for a special occasion, to be given not posted.
No limit on decorations or embellishments.
This card is not intended to be posted, but delivered to the recipient by hand, so embellishments can be used.
No larger than A4 please
(See OWTS page 76 for guidance).

Information & Rules

The WI is located in an under cover location at the Showground in the Young Farmers Building, near to the North Gate.

Please read the rules and OWTS advice carefully.

Closing date for entries with payment by Tuesday 1st August 2023.
Cheques to be made payable WSWFI
(Your WI on the rear of the Cheque please).

Please send a stamped addressed envelope with your entries so we can send you your Showground car park pass and jewellery tags to identify your entries.

These must be securely attached to all of your entries . You may sew, stick or safety pin the labels to your entries.
You will be provided with a number which relates to your WI. Your WI name or name of WI entrant should not be attached to any entry. Any accessories must also be labelled please.

The Judges Decision is Final

No fees will be refunded in the case of cancellation of any entries.

Classes 1 and 2

Cooperative and Scarecrow to be brought to the Showground on Friday 22nd Sept between 9am - 10am.
Entry will be via the Blue Gate. Ask for directions to the Young Farmers Building.

All other entries may be delivered to the following locations for collection and pre judging on any day between Monday 4th to Friday 8th September 2023.

North Lodge, Northgate Chichester,
(WSFWI Office)

Falcon Way, Hailsham, East Sussex
(ESFWI Office)

Ros Williams 'Warblers', North Lane,
West Hoathly, West Sussex RH19 4QF

Removal of entries will be from 1600hrs on Sunday 24th Sept.

Any queries please contact the following for help and advice.

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