



A presentation of our Textile Association of Gotland, 2014

Textil Gotland is an association of active professionals within textile design, weaving, knitting, felting etc. living on the island of Gotland in the Baltic Sea. We all speak English so you can contact any of us by mail or telephone.

Everybody works in the association on a voluntary basis. At the Annual Meeting in February we decide how to prioritize activities, decisions are made and we elect an executive board which implements the plans.

Textil Gotland was founded 15 years ago and its purpose is to provide a network for the active craftsmen on the island, who often work alone with textiles, isolated in their studios. We offer workshops, trips abroad, courses and in service-training, We have gone to India, Peru and Italy to study textile works.

There are thus many opportunities to cooperate and develop the different genres of crafts e.g. embroidery, wool felting, knitting and weaving.

Gotlandsfår, native to Gotland is a particular breed of sheep: which has a luxuriant and lustrous silvery curly woolen fleece. Both lambskin and the wool and fleece of these sheep are choice raw materials used by many of the craftsmen on the island. □

Summer Exhibitions

The past three years we have presented large **textile exhibitions**:

- The first 2012 called "**The Red Thread**" where 30 members each exhibited their own interpretations of the theme.
- The exhibition in 2013 "**Intervals**" was visited by 3000 visitors from Sweden and abroad. The exhibitions have run for 4 weeks, were very successful and we welcomed thousands of appreciative visitors. And we enjoyed positive reviews in newspapers and magazines.
- For the summer of 2014 we had an exhibition with 35 active members. The exhibit this year is called "**Kuddar är väl ingen konst - Cushions-a form of art**" and the theme is chosen by the members. The exhibition took place at Bläse Kalkmuseum in the very north part of the island 11th of July until 10th of August.

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