



## Textile Association of Gotland

**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. Most of us speak English, so you can contact any of us by mail or telephone. You find the [Members list](#) (in Swedish) at our website.

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 2000 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 travelled 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, wool and fleece of these sheep, are chosen as raw materials used by many of the craftsmen on the island.

### Summer Exhibitions

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

- The first Exhibition 2012 called "**The Red Thread**" where 30 members each exhibited their own interpretations of the theme.
- 2013: "**Intervals**". The exhibitions run for four weeks, were very successful and we welcomed thousands of appreciative visitors. And we enjoyed positive reviews in newspapers and magazines.
- 2014: The exhibit theme was "**Cushions - a form of art**". The exhibition took place at Bläse Kalkmuseum in the very north part of the island.
- 2015, Exhibition at LEVA, Visby. The theme of the year: "**Siden, sammet, trasa, lump - Silk, velvet, cloth, lump**"
- 2016, Exhibition in "Abbotens hus" at Kungsgården in Roma. The theme of the year: "**Upp i det blå**" – **Up in the Blue**.
- 2017, in "Abbotens hus" at Kungsgården in Roma during July. The theme of the year: "**Gotländska sagor och sägner**" – **Fairytales of Gotland**.
- 2018, in "Abbotens hus" at Kungsgården in Roma during July. The theme of the year: "**Uti det gröna**" – **In the Green**.

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