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Speakers for the Meeting of the
All Party Parliamentary Group for Craft
Wednesday, 1st December 2021, 10–11.45am, on Zoom



Patricia Lovett MBE, Chair, Heritage Crafts

Heritage Crafts was set up in 2009 and since then has conducted three iterations of the Red List of Endangered Crafts which identifies crafts according to their degree of risk. This was the first time a survey like this had been done in the UK and has since been used as a template for other countries. Patricia was the founder Vice-Chair and is now the Chair. She is a professional scribe and illuminator specialising in traditional skills of the mediæval scribe but working in a contemporary way.



Margaret Morrison, Greg Whyte

Margaret Morrison is a traditional sporran maker based in Perth, Scotland. The company was started in 1999 and specialises in Highland Regalia leatherworks which includes not only sporrans, but also belts, straps, pipers cross and waist belts. Wherever possible they use local Scottish materials. Greg is described on their website as 'The Boss'!



Tony Millyard, Historical Woodwind Instrument Maker

Following an excellent Engineering Apprenticeship in the 1970s and a career in the Computer industry, Tony has now been making copies of Baroque and Classical era Flutes, Oboes and Bassoons for over 25 years. With a Heritage Craft Endangered Craft Fund grant this year, he has now trained up a colleague in the art of flute making and they have designed a new flute for beginner players which is now being distributed worldwide to music shops.



Deborah White, Damask Weaver

Having learnt the craft from Ireland's last damask weaver, his death brought home the realisation that the craft, and its three hundred year association with the north of Ireland, were fast in danger of extinction. Heritage Crafts through the Endangered Craft Fund sponsored her restoration of a broadloom used for the accession of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II in 1952, and generated an AHRC-sponsored PhD exploring the techniques of hand-woven Irish Damask.



Ernest Wright Scissors, Jonathan Reid, Product Manager

Ernest Wright scissors was founded in 1902 and has produced hand-made scissors to exceptional quality ever since. The company has had ups and downs and is now the only scissor makers in Sheffield. Cliff and Eric, both in their 70s, are master putter-togetherers and now train others. In 2020 Ernest Wright became the very first winners of Heritage Crafts' President's Award, initiated and funded by The Prince of Wales. Jonathan is Product Manager at the company, a putter-togetherer and a collector of scissors.