

## FIBER GARDEN ITINERARY MAY 2023

### Monday 8th May

Pick up from the airport and drive up to [Sumburgh Lighthouse](#) to see the puffins, then take the scenic route via [St Ninian's Tombolo](#) and Fladdabister before arriving in Lerwick. Luggage will be transported separately and delivered to the hotel for maximum comfort in the minibus. Arriving at Lerwick Hotel 17.30, pick up at 18.45 for the evening meal at 19.00 (venue still to be confirmed)

### Tuesday 9th May

Pick up at 08.45 for a 09.00 start with [DJ Stefek](#) and her drop spindle class. DJ is now deaf, but an expert knitter, spinner and dyer with a special story to tell. From there we head to Scalloway to Da Haaf for lunch then after lunch we'll catch the ferry to the island of Bressay and visit Chris Dyer at [Garths Croft](#). Chris is an archaeologist but has concentrated (since he got the Croft) on raising native sheep, growing as much fresh food as possible for his family, building dry stone walls and developing his land generally. Back to Lerwick on the 5pm ferry. Arriving at your hotel 17.30, pick up at 18.45 for your evening meal at 19.00 at Da Steak Hoose.

### Wednesday 10th May

Pick up at 09.00 and head for [Uradale Farm](#) to visit Ronnie Eunson, his sheep, croft and yarns. From there we will visit the [Scalloway Museum](#) (Shetland Bus Exhibition). Then head back to Lerwick for lunch at Hay's Dock Cafe situated in the [Lerwick Museum](#) where we can spend some time after lunch before paying a visit to [Jamieson and Smith Wool Brokers](#) and the [Textile Museum](#). Back to your hotel around 17.00 with a pick up at 18.45 for dinner at No88.

### Thursday 11th May

Pick up 08.30am and drive south down to [Jarlshof](#) for a guided tour before heading north again to catch the ferry to [Mousa](#) for a lovely early afternoon walk to see the world famous Mousa Broch and the birds, seals and possibly otters. Return for a late lunch at [Hoswick Visitor Centre](#) then on our way back to Lerwick call in on [Barbara Isbister Knitwear](#). (Note: Barbara creates wonderful original knitwear. We have purchased many items from her. She does NOT take credit cards. Her jumpers run about 125 GBP. There is an ATM downtown Lerwick if you need a cash infusion

before this visit! 😊) Arriving at your hotel 17.30, pick up at 18.45 for your evening meal at 19.00 at C'est La Vie.

### Friday 12th May

Pick up from your hotel at 08.15 and head north to catch the ferries to the most northerly island of [Unst](#). Your visit to [Glansin Glass](#) is going to be a slightly different take on the Fair Isle design as you will be making a glass keepsake in her studio. Lunch provided by [Victoria's Vintage Tearooms](#). After lunch we'll visit the [Unst Heritage Centre](#) to meet the knitters for a demonstration and see to how to use a knitting belt. (Note: bring your knitting or any other project you might be currently working on...or wear something you've made. These women love to see what we are working on too!) Arriving at your hotel 17.30, pick up at 18.45 for your evening meal at 7pm at the Fjara. Afterwards we'll head for the [Lounge Bar](#) where hopefully there will be live music.

### Saturday 13th May

Pick up from your hotel at 09.00 and drive south down to Cunningsburgh for a class in colour coordination with Wilma Malcolmson of [Shetland Designer](#). Wilma has been the patron of Wool Week twice and she also knitted Jimmy Perez's sweaters! After lunch at Hoswick Visitors Centre we'll return to Lerwick for an afternoon in the town for browsing and shopping. Pick up at 18.30 for dinner at the Maryfield House Hotel at 19.15.

### Sunday 14th May

Check out of the Hotel at 08.30 (luggage will be picked up and taken to the Ferry Terminal) and head north for sightseeing in the North Mainland. Spectacular rugged scenery with red granite stacks and basalt [cliffs at Eshaness](#). On the way we'll stop at the [Tangwick Haa Museum](#) and we'll have lunch at Braewick Cafe before returning to Lerwick. (Note: Sarah is trying to arrange for [Bunchy Casey](#) to join us at the café to visit with us about her natural dyeing and bring some of her products.) Arrive at the Ferry Terminal 17.30pm to catch the ferry to Aberdeen.

**Monday 15<sup>th</sup> May.** Homeward (or onward) bound!