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## NEWS – SEPTEMBER 2011

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### Events

I do hope you've all had a wonderful summer holiday and look forward to meeting up with members old and new for the remainder of our 2011 syllabus starting with the September workshop being run by member Lyndsey Phillips, followed by Giglets at the student event in October and our November event at Beggs of Ayr.

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### Questionnaire Results

Apologies for not getting the June meeting survey results out sooner (an oversight on my part). Members present opted for:

- No change to the current timings of meetings
- Approx 50% would be able to attend lunch or twilight meetings if we organised them
- A majority wished for a mixture of dinner and buffets
- Most of you already used Facebook, Linked-in and Google Analytics; however there is a need for some training on the use of Twitter, Blogging and YouTube – hopefully this can be done through the newsletters or 5-minute slots at meetings
- AABW was the only networking organisation to which the majority belonged
- 100% of those present wanted workshops to be included in next year's syllabus

Thankyou to everyone present for completing this very useful questionnaire.

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### Committee

It's not early to think of next year with AABW. If you think you'd like to join our committee and want to come along as a guest please just get in touch. Our next committee meeting is at 0930 on Thursday 6 October.

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### ASB

On Friday 9 September in Aviemore the annual ASB Conference and Awards takes place. We all wish every success to member Susan Chan in her 2 Awards categories. Approx half of the members replied to my email regarding their details being included on an ASB database for the whole of Scotland. As per my email, a non-reply has been taken to mean that you do not wish to be included.

### Newsletter

Congratulations to Margarette Bryan on winning the competition at the end of the last newsletter. If you have any special offers or information about your business that you'd like me to include, then please just get in touch.

### Member News

Sheila Kerr is taking up residence of her studio within the Courtyard Studios, Harbour Road, Irvine. The official Open Day is on Saturday 17 September from 12 noon to 4 pm.

The studio will be open most days from 12 noon to 4 pm and if anyone wishes to see Sheila outwith these hours simply call and an appointment can be made. The studio will be where Sheila can create jewellery but will also be a place where she can display and sell various pieces. She can also meet with prospective customers for commissions as well as brides to be and will also be offering some one to one tuition as well as the occasional workshop in jewellery projects for a maximum of 6 students.



Unleash your inner pink and sign up today!

Have a Pink Friday this October and raise money for Breast Cancer Care

Every 10 minutes someone in the UK hears the shocking news they have breast cancer.

You can help Breast Cancer Care by there to support them by having a Pink Friday with your workmates, family or friends.

A Pink Friday can be anything you want as long as:

It's Pink....

Get everyone in work to donate £2 and dress in something pink – the brighter the better.

It's fun....

Host a pink party and charge £3 entry – anything goes from a karaoke night to a clothes swap.

....and it raises money for Breast Cancer Care.

Every penny you raise will make a meaningful difference to people affected by breast cancer TODAY.

There are many cancer charities doing excellent work in funding research into the causes of breast cancer. And this work is vital. But Breast Cancer Care works with people TODAY to ensure that when a person is feeling at their most vulnerable and doesn't know where to turn for help we are right here to support them every step of the way.



### Pink Fridays

**A FANTASTIC WAY TO RAISE  
MONEY FOR BREAST CANCER CARE**

Sign up NOW for your free fundraising kit

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- email: [gillian.hamilton@breastcancercare.org.uk](mailto:gillian.hamilton@breastcancercare.org.uk)

Bye for now

With best wishes

**Liz**