

Unravelling the Silk Road – A Special Interest Day by Chris Aslan Alexander

5th March, 2024: 10.30–3.30 at the Royal Northern & Clyde Yacht Club

If you attended Chris Alexander's lecture in March this year you may well be interested in exploring the subject in more depth. Chris has developed his single lecture into a Special Interest Day, comprising 3 lectures, all of which convey his deep knowledge, experience and passion for the story of textiles.

1 – The Wool Road: The vast grasslands of the ancient nomadic cultures of Central Europe, tartan-wearing proto-Celts in China, houses made of wool, a beautiful and functional textile.

2 – The Silk Road: The first era of globalisation, fabrics such as velvet and atlas, a culture war over one item of women's clothing, dowry embroideries, the magical protection woven into most clothing, a silk carpet workshop in present-day Uzbekistan, founded by Chris.

3 – The Cotton Road: Colonialism and anti-colonial resistance, Russian chintz and Laura Ashley, environmental harms and the experiences of cotton-pickers today.

At the end of the Scottish winter, immerse yourself in the brilliant colours, intricate designs and techniques of all 3 fabrics, and find out why Chris says "everything is about textiles".

The programme of the day will be as follows:

10.30 Arrival and welcome: tea/coffee and biscuits.

11.00 Lecture 1

12.15 Lecture 2 (after a short break)

1.30 Soup and sandwich lunch

2.30 Lecture 3

The day will finish between 3.30 and 4 pm

There is quite a lot of parking in the grounds of the Royal Northern, but please share lifts where possible and if you need a lift to the venue, please contact Marion Maudsley (details below).

The cost of the day will be £50, comprising speaker's fee and expenses, venue hire, morning coffee and lunch as described above.

To register for the event, please complete the attached form and enclose a deposit of £25. The balance of £25 will be payable by 13th February.

Please contact Marion Maudsley with any queries: marion.maudsley@btinternet.com

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Name/s

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Dietary allergies or restrictions

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I wish to take part in the Special Interest Day on 5th March and enclose a cheque for (£25) Yes/No

Cheques should be made payable to: The Arts Society Lomond & Argyll

I will pay by BACS. Yes/No

Please put 'Silk Road' and your surname as reference, when paying by BACS, and confirm payment has been made by email to the email address below.

Bank details for BACS payment are: Sort Code 80 22 60

Account number 23366564

Send this form with your cheque to: Mrs M Maudsley, 4 Crawford Drive, Helensburgh G84 9DL

If you decide to pay by BACS you could send a copy of the form as an email attachment, or just give me all the above information in an email: marion.maudsley@btinternet.com