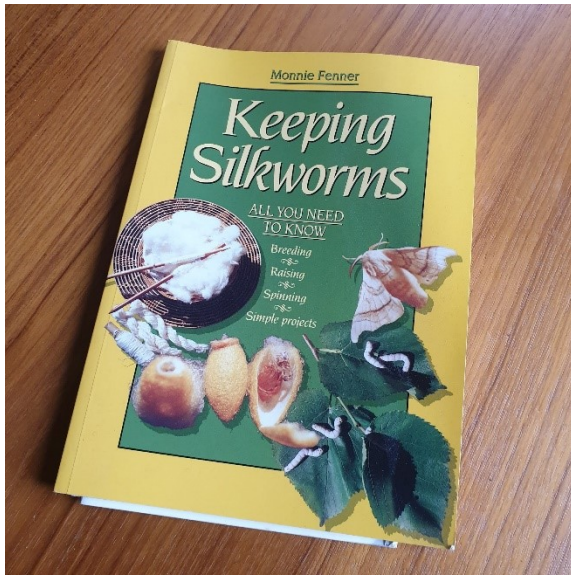


Keeping Silkworms- Dr. Natasha Amendola

Date: Friday 15th January 2021 from 10am to 2.30pm with half hour for lunch



SS7A – at the Guild

SS7B– Online via zoom

Cost: At the Guild	\$100.00 guild member
At the Guild	\$120.00 general public
Online	\$80.00 guild member
	Online \$100.00 general public

Is a silkworm silky? How far can a silk moth fly? What comes first: the silkworm or the egg?

Silkworms have been farmed for millennia in China – and for not quite as long in Southern Europe. This class will focus on two aspects of silkworm breeding. First will be an historical perspective on silk and how the domestication of this innocuous looking caterpillar captured the imaginations of fortune hunters. The second part will be an exploration of the different stages of silkworm development from egg to (hopefully) moth. We will discuss the essentials like ideal containers, environment, and food. I will colour my presentation with stories of my own experiences (and failures) with the invaluable lessons learned from our own Monnie Fenner who taught school children how to keep silkworms and even wrote a book about it.

Please bring a notepad and pen and lots of questions.

If COVID-19 restrictions are increased and the Guild must close both classes will be presented online.