

Whatcom Weavers Guild Newsletter



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December Newsletter

Happy Holiday season to everyone! Not too much snow so far, lots of rain and wind—and the grandkids want a White Christmas of course. I hope your creative efforts, whether for gifts or shows, are successful. This will be my last newsletter as your editor—after five years, time to hang up the keyboard and camera. Our Guild is very fortunate, amongst our new members, to have great talent to move us into the next phase—updated website and a blog! Thank you, Katia Paroczi. More information will be coming your way to help you use the new tools.

Being your Newsletter Editor has been most fulfilling and I am very thankful for all the encouragement and contributions.

Happy Weaving and Happy Holidays to all.

Pat Fisher. Newsletter Editor. pat.fisher@comcast.net.



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2017/18 Programs

Meetings held at:

St James Church (lower level), 910, 14th St., Bellingham.

Third Saturday of each month, 10am-2pm.

Meeting start—10am.

10-noon—business meeting, show and tell and lunch

2-4pm—program.

December 16—Holiday Potluck, Weavers Harvest and Finishing Bee

January 20—It's a Wrap! Working with Color.

See the website and blog for further program information for 2018.

Guild mailing address:

Whatcom Weavers Guild,
PO Box 403,
Bellingham, WA 98227.

Guild on-line:

Website:



www.whatcomweaversguild.org

<https://www.facebook.com/>

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A few photos from Newsletters Past



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2018 Dues Reminder

It's time to renew your Whatcom Weavers Guild membership. Membership is annual from January through December. The cost remains the same at \$25 per single membership or \$35 for a family membership. Along with your check please add any updated information for the roster. Printed rosters are available at the meetings.

See you then and thank you, Cathy Thompson, Treasurer

Small Looms Group—December 2, from Sharon Allen

Saturday, December 2, 12-3pm at Bellingham Library for the active Small Looms Group. Join in on the fun with your Inkle, tapestry, tablet weaving, rigid heddle or any loom small enough to bring to the library!

Madelyn Van der Hoogt Class Opportunity, from Sharon Allen

I will be attending Weaving II (2) with Madelyn Van der Hoogt in August of 2018. I am excited to attend and would be even more excited if I got to share the experience with one of my fellow Guild members. Let me know if this is something that you are interested in. Sharon Allen 360-305-0111.

Smile for the Day, submitted by Kelley Dragon

"Mack Truck and Coop"



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Programs for 2017-2018, by Carol Berry, VP and Programs Chair

Whatcom Weavers Guild meetings are held on the 3rd Saturday of the month, at St. James Presbyterian Church, 910-14th Street, Bellingham, WA.

Unless noted, meetings will start at 10am and continue until 2 pm, with a short break for brown-bag lunch. Hot water for coffee or tea is provided.

Monthly meeting schedule may be changed to accommodate special events or Field Trip programs.

2017-2018 meeting schedule and program calendar—See Events Page of our website (whatcomweaversguild.org) for more Textile-related events in Bellingham and beyond!

December 16, 2017 Saturday meeting and program.

Holiday Potluck, Weavers Harvest and "Finishing Bee". Members bring your work made in, or inspired by workshops at the ANWG, or other conferences and workshops in 2017. Scholarship recipients will present their short programs. Bring your unfinished items, we'll set up tables for a 'Finishing Bee' throughout the afternoon. Iron, ironing board, sewing machine, fringe twisters, and shared expertise will get those projects done before the holidays. We'll have an ornament-making table set up too. (For those who are all done with their projects). Bring a potluck dish to share, or \$1 to cover the cost of crock-pot chili or soup, your own napkin and table setting, and your un-finished work!



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ANWG -- November email from Newsletter Editor, submitted by Liz Moncrief

Dear ANWG Representative:

Thanksgiving has passed, and the leftovers have been the main items on the menu. Shopping has started in earnest and decorations are appearing and making everything look cheery. Do enjoy the wonderful, busy season but remember to save some time for yourself and your favorite passion: weaving, spinning, knitting or whatever means a lot to you.

The process of gathering information for the next issue of the ANWG newsletter is underway but there is lots of room for something from your guild. Does your guild have any holiday activities? Holiday sales? Parties? Special gift exchanges? Do take notes and lots of pictures. Please send me your articles no later than January 10, 2018.

This list of items below is the request from my last email. A special thank you to those who have responded with great articles and pictures. For example: The listing of study groups is quite impressive. I am hoping that your guild will get some good ideas from the article on study groups coming in the January issue.

1--An article about your fall and holiday guild activities by January 10, 2018.

2—Information on any regional conference or large fiber-related events in your area.

3—Information on your guild's study groups.

4—Be sure that your guild is aware of ANWG's activities and share the newsletter. Let your members know to watch the ANWG website for a great update by year-end. You will like the new look and ease of navigation.

If you have any ideas on what you would like to see in the ANWG newsletter, please share with me. Thank you and Happy Holidays,

Ila McCallum, ANWG Communications Chair/Newsletter Editor

ANWG Thoughts, from Liz Moncrief

Many thanks to all Whatcom Guild members for the Guild's membership in the Association of Northwest Weavers Guilds. If you don't know about ANWG, please ask Liz Moncrief, your Guild Representative. Being a member of the Whatcom Weavers Guild automatically entitles you to the benefits of ANWG, which include member registration to weavers conferences, held every two years. Our 2017 conference held in Victoria, BC was a huge success and may allow the ANWG board to issue financial grants again to the member

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Jansen Fall Textile Classes, from Sheri Ward

SPINIT: SPINNING AND KNITTING GROUP with Chris Paul & Cynthia Poppe, 1st & 3rd Thursdays, 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM, \$8 Drop In or \$40 per 8 Session Punch Card

KNIT PROBLEM SOLVING with Cynthia Poppe, 2nd & 4th Thursdays, 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM, \$8 Drop In or \$40 per 8 Session Punch Card

TWILLS, TWILLS, TWILLS! with Sheri Ward, 4 weeks, Fridays, Jan. 5-26, 1:00 - 4:00 PM, Adults & Teens 16+, CLASS FEE: \$145, MATERIALS: \$15

DYEING WITH NATURAL COLORS with Susan Torntore, 2 Weeks: Saturday, Jan. 13 & 27, 9:00 AM - 5:00 PM, Adults & Teens 16+, CLASS FEE: \$140, MATERIALS: \$25

FINGERLESS FELTED GLOVES with Donna Hunter, 1 Day Workshop: Wednesday, Jan. 17, 10:00 AM - 2:00 PM, Adults & Teens 16+, CLASS FEE: \$40, MATERIALS: \$6

TAPESTRY WEAVING EXPLORATIONS with Joyce A Noordmans, 4 Weeks: Thursday, Feb. 1 – 22, 1:00 PM - 3:30 PM, Adults & Teens 16+, CLASS FEE: \$125, MATERIALS: \$15

DYEING: COLOR WAYS FOR COTTON FABRICS with Susan Torntore, 2 Weeks: Saturday, Feb. 3 & 10, 9:00 AM - 5:00 PM, Adults & Teens 16+, CLASS FEE: \$140, MATERIALS: \$25

HEART OF RED – DYEING TO MAKE VALENTINES with Susan Torntore, 1 Day Workshop: Friday, Feb. 9, 4:00 PM - 7:00 PM, Adults & Teens 13+, CLASS FEE: \$30, MATERIALS: \$7

BEYOND THE BASICS: SPINNING with Chris Paul, 1 Day Workshop: Tuesday, Feb. 13, 1:00 PM - 4:00 PM, Adults & Teens 13+, CLASS FEE: \$35

FELTED NUNO SCARF with Donna Hunter, 1 Day Workshop: Thursday, Feb. 15, 10:00 AM - 3:00 PM, Adults & Kids 16+, CLASS FEE: \$50, MATERIALS: \$10

DYEING: COLOR WAYS FOR WOOL AND SILK with Susan Torntore, 2 Weeks: Saturday, March. 3 & 10, 9:00 AM - 5:00 PM, Adults & Teens 16+, CLASS FEE: \$140, MATERIALS: \$25

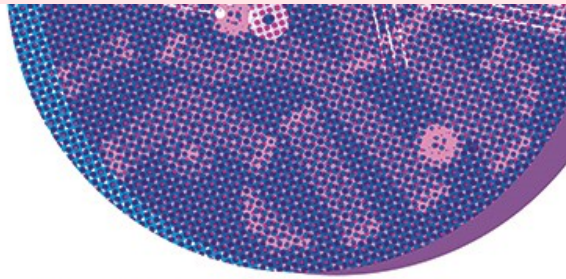
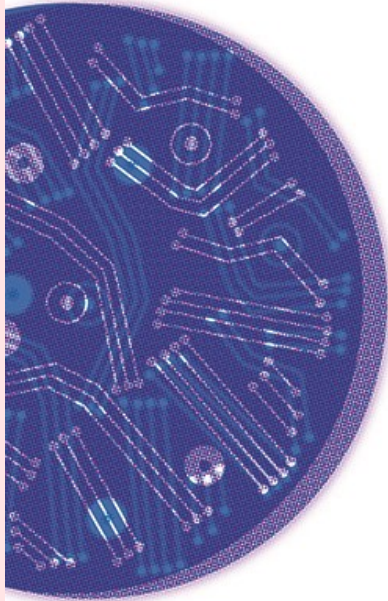
BEGINNING WEAVING with Marcia Ford, 4 weeks, Wednesdays, March 7-28, 1:00 - 4:00 PM, Adults & Teens 13+, CLASS FEE: \$145, MATERIALS: \$10

To see details and to register, visit <https://www.jansenartcenter.org/textiles-studio/>

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<https://westerngallery.wvu.edu/>



WESTERN GALLERY

CODED THREADS

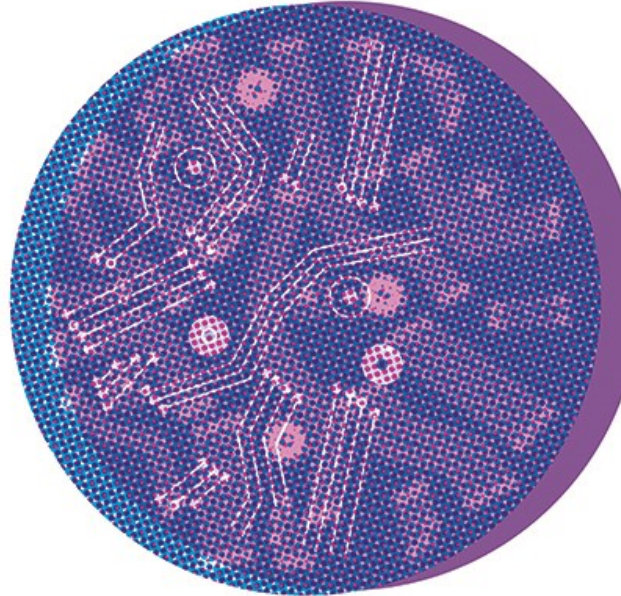
Textiles & Technology

9.27 - 12.8 2017

Fine Arts Building,
516 High St. Bellingham,
WA 98225

FEATURED ARTISTS

Lia Cook / Linda Hutchins
Robin Kang / Sheila Klein
Barbara Layne & Lauren Osmond
Maggie Orth / Devorah Sperber
Reiko Sudo / Laura Thapthimkuna
Suzi Webster / Carol D. Westfall
Anne Wilson / Margo Wolowicz



OPENING RECEPTION

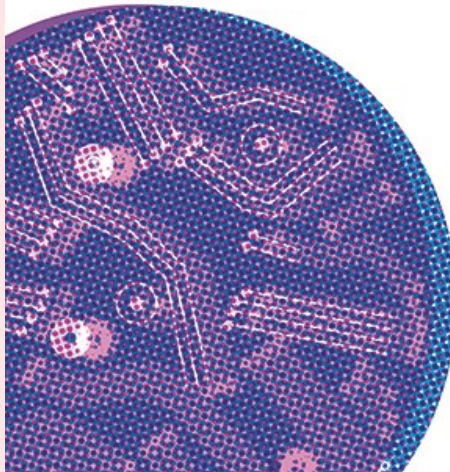
Thursday 9.28 / 5:30-7 pm

Artist Talk by Barbara Layne, 4:30-5:30pm before the reception

text/textile, web/website, net/network:

Jacquard weaving, electronic textile, 3D printing, laser cutting, carbon fibers, nanotechnology, biocouture, spider silk, fiber optics, conductive threads, dye sublimation, thermochromic ink, and more.

Curator: Seiko A. Purdue



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Spindrifters Meetings:

Spindrifters meet the 2nd Saturday of the month and share with Skagit County.

To be added to their e-mail list contact Tina spindrifters1@hotmail.co

There you have it: You are always welcome at the "J" on Thursdays which is open studio from 11-7.

Happy Spinning!! Chris Paul. Youthfair.chris@gmail.com.

Workshops in Fibers and other interesting stuff:

Dyeing, soaps, lotions, felting, spinning, weaving, botanicals...

Please check my website as my schedule is always changing and usually current.

Liz Moncrief, www.aweaversway.com, 970-692-3949

From the Whidbey Weavers Guild:

Meetings are on the first Thursday of the month and run from 10:00 to 2:30, bring your brown bag lunch and cup. Meeting place: 15 NW Birch Street, Coupeville WA 98239. Whidbeyweaversguild.org

Save the date, start planning! HGA Convergence! Submitted by Marcia Ford.

Time to announce the 2018 Handweavers Guild of America conference **Convergence 2018!** It will be held next year at Peppermill Resort and Casino in Reno Nevada. Dates are July 6-12, 2018. I have attended a number of Convergences over the years and always have found them inspiring with exhibits, workshops, and opportunity to see first hand what is happening in our fiber community on a wider scale. Last year, few attended from WWG at Convergence 2017 in Milwaukee. However, it's a great opportunity to learn lots, meet many, and have the opportunity to share rooms, transportation, memories. I hope our members will consider a Convergence experience.

News for Program Chairs: "Peruvian Textiles in a Box" Coming in 2018

Andean Textile Arts is pleased to announce that we will soon be offering "Peruvian Textiles in a Box," a selfguided guild program about the weavers, textiles, and communities around the Sacred Valley of Peru. The program includes video, speaker notes, and a selection of textiles representing the wide variety of weaving structures and designs from the various communities, from intricate warp-faced pickup techniques to tapestry and scaffold-weaving, plus knitting, dyeing, braiding, and more. This program in a box will be available to guilds on a rotating basis for a small shipping fee and the cost of returning the materials.

For more information, email us at <http://info@andeantextilearts.org>.

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Classified—Looms and equipment for sale:

FOR SALE: Nilus Leclerc maple jack loom- 4 harness —\$700.00

Great Condition!

56" W x 36" D x 44" H — Folds to 29" W

46" weaving width

Includes:

Two 46" reeds - 8 and 12 dent

Wire heddles, with many extras

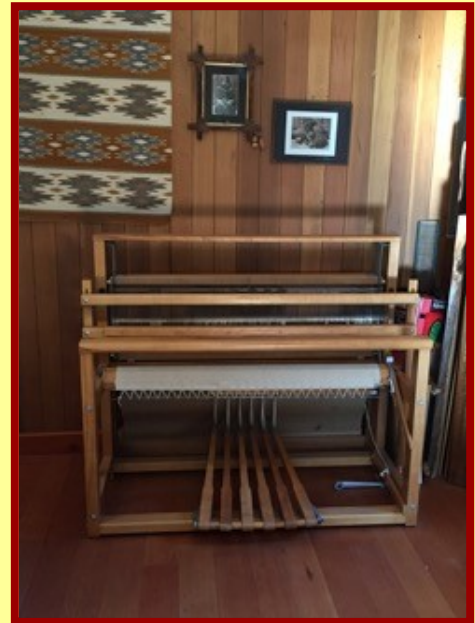
Ratchet brake

Swedish Bobbin Winder (\$100 Value)

Boat shuttles and Bobbins

Please contact Jane Coombs 360 398-1637 or

dwjmcoombs@gmail.com



Loom for sale:

120 cm (47") Standard Glimakra countermarch loom.

Excellent condition – located in Bellingham.

Price: \$1600

Contact: Doug Couvelier at dougco511@aol.com



Arthur Allen 30" counterblance loom, \$200. 4-shaft, 6 pedals. 12-dent reed. No bench or other hardware. Cloth aprons front and back, with new lashing to apron bars. Loom folds for easy storage or transport. Fits in the back of a Prius.

Kelley Dragon. Text 321-506-5985, or email

wise_lady@mac.com



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Classified—Looms and equipment for sale:

Jo Morgan's loom for sale, submitted by Sharon Allen.

This is a Nilus Leclerc 4 harness, 6 treadle 36" beautifully cared for loom. I am asking \$500.00. Phone 360 305 0111.



Happy clicking! Interesting websites and links

- Blazing Shuttles (Warp source). <http://www.blazingshuttles.com>
- Craftsy (crafts and sewing online classes). www.craftsy.com
- Handweaving.net (zillions of drafts!). <http://www.handweaving.net/Home.aspx>
- Syne Mitchell's WeaveZine. <http://weavezine.com/>
- Complex Weavers. <http://www.complex-weavers.org/>
- Weave Tech. <http://groups.yahoo.com/group/WeaveTech/>
- HGA (Handweavers Guild of America). <http://www.weavespindye.org/>
- Webs (Yarns for weaving and knitting). www.yarn.com
- Halcyon Yarns (supplies and yarns). www.halcyonyarn.com
- Ravelry (knitting and crochet community). www.ravelry.com
- Wearing scarves. www.scarves.net (click Knot Library)
- Jansen Art Center, Lynden, WA. www.jansenartcenter.org
- Association of NW Weaving Guilds (ANWG). <http://northwestweavers.org>

Upcoming Calendar Dates To Remember

December 16	WWG December meeting
January 20, 2018	WWG January meeting
February 17, 2018	WWG February meeting
March 17, 2018	WWG March meeting
April 21, 2018	WWG April meeting
May 19, 2018	WWG May meeting
June 16, 2018	WWG June meeting
July 6th to 12th 2018	HGA Convergence conference, Reno, Nevada.