Whatcom Weavers Guild Newsletter



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May Newsletter

Well, I was all set to moan and complain about the long, cold, wet, miserable winter/false Spring we are having, but magically, the weather is finally warming up and color is everywhere. What an exciting Guild year this is. One of the reasons I so enjoy editing the newsletter is receiving and reading all the news of the events, both inside and outside the Guild.

Kudos to our Board members and their willing helpers, bringing alive programs, workshops, field trips, participation in confer-



ences, inspiration of a new generation of weavers, outreach programs to our community.

Read on! Program news on page 2, the upcoming Wool Show in August on page 4, Small Looms Group on page 5, many workshops and classes on page 6 and more news on our October Fibers and Beyond workshops and sale on pages 7-9. If you are planning on attending ANWG's Victoria conference in June, our ANWG representative, Liz Moncrief, has advice on getting there on page 10. As usual our classifieds, days and dates pages (11-15) have many exciting opportunities not to be missed.

Our May program, the famed Daryl Lancaster, will be one of our high spots this year—don't miss it! Pat Fisher, Newsletter Coordinator.

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2017 Programs

Meetings held at:

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

Second Wednesday of each month, September to

December, February to June 5.00pm Focus/interest groups 6.00pm Meeting start time 8.00pm Adjournment

May 10—Daryl Lancaster, Color and Inspiration. June 14—Jacqueline James, Rug Weaving July 15—Field trip to Maiwa, Vancouver, BC

Guild on-line:

Website: www.whatcomweaversguild.org



https://www.facebook.com/whatcomweaversguild

2017 Programs, submitted by Susan Torntore, VP Programs

May 10 -- Daryl Lancaster, Color and Inspiration

June 14 -- Jacqueline James, Rugweaving: A Lifestyle Occupation

July 15 -- End of year field trip to Maiwa, Vancouver BC

Daryl Lancaster, COLOR and INSPIRATION

Build color confidence no matter what your favorite fiber technique. We start with the basics of color and discuss inspiration from color forecasts, and online color tools. They can help stretch the imagination of anyone who is color challenged. PowerPoint slides will illustrate a series of fun exercises to create easy color references using yarn, photos, and Color-aid papers. And for the handweavers, what to do when introducing a weft! Lots of inspiration!

Daryl Lancaster, a hand-weaver and fiber artist known for her hand-woven garments, has been sewing for more than 45 years. She gives lectures and workshops to guilds, conferences, and craft centers all over the United States. The former Features Editor for Handwoven Magazine, she frequently contributes to various weaving and sewing publications. http://www.daryllancaster.com/





Jacqueline James, RUG WEAVING: A LIFESTYLE OCCUPATION

Jacqueline James currently lives in the UK, but she grew up in Bellingham, WA. She will give a slide presentation on her passion for designing and making colorful and vibrant hand woven rugs. In 1989 Jacqueline established her weaving studio in York, UK where she specializes in making individually designed hand-woven, custom dyed rugs and wall hangings for public and private interiors. Her work is in private collections in the UK and USA. Major commissions include weaving for Westminster Abbey, York Minster and The British Library. She also runs textile related workshops and arts residencies in schools, museums and galleries.

www.handwovenrugs.co.uk



ANWG Booth Project— "Local Color"

Items for the ANWG booth are due to Susan Torntore at or before the May meeting. This includes, skeins of yarn, knitted or woven pieces, and documentation. Looking forward to seeing everything at our Show-and-Tell!

April Silent Auction and Stash Sale

A BIG THANK YOU to everyone who contributed and assisted with this event. Our first Silent Auction raised \$256.00 for the Guild! Although the auction and sale were smaller than we hoped, those who participated got some special woven and knitted items, vintage books and periodicals, and great yarns, and the proceeds all go to support Guild activities. It was a success and will grow as a new annual event!



Artisan Wool Works

Wool Felt in Living Color

Artisan Wool Works specializes in small-batch dyed wool blend felt. The colors, from subtle to vibrant, are variegated using the unique dye properties of a wool/rayon blend. Sold online at https://www.artisanwoolworks.com/ and through retail stores.









Ready for the Wool Show? Submitted by Marilyn Olsen.

In addition to thinking about what you'll make for the Guild Sale in October, consider entering your work in the 2017 Northwest Washington Fair's Wool Show, which is organized as a joint project of the Guild and the Spindrifters. Your winning entry (ies) will be displayed for the week of the Fair in the lovely (air conditioned) Rotary Building. And you will have the ability to point out that your Guild sale item is not just beautiful, but also AWARD WINNING! Now, who could resist purchasing that?

Alas, getting all the entry information via the Fair's clunky website is not immediately obvious, but, hey! We're weavers. We are used to challenges, right? We can navigate difficult instructions. However, since as being Wool we have the additional challenge of being alphabetically absolutely last, just to give you a bit of an advantage, here are the instructions that take you to the various categories in which you can enter up to 12, yes 12 times!.

Ready? Here goes:

- 1. Go to the NWWA Fair website
- 2. Click on the tab at the top of the page that says "Fair and Rodeo".
- 3. Click on the 4th line on the blue bar that says "Exhibitors and Premium Book"
- 4. The next book will give you the option of Open Class, 4H and FFA.
- 5. You will select Open Class (which, helpfully also says "not 4H or FFA)
- 6. When you go all the way to the bottom of this big list, you will, at last find Wool Show. Whew!

This will explain what the rules are and list all of the various categories you can enter. And, a way to entering online, which, as far as I know is basically the only option.

Or, if you got lost somewhere around step 4, I can send you an actual paper copy of all of this.

Conveniently, as you will see, you can drop off your entries either at the Rotary Building on Friday, August 11 or at NW Yarns in Bellingham August 7-10.

But, wow! Keep in mind the honor and the ribbon you can proudly display on your winning entry.

Marilyn Olsen, Wool Show Superintendent

P.S. Next year we are considering asking the Fair to re-name our event the Awesome Wool Show so we can be FIRST on the list. But we caution you not to be too optimistic.









Small Looms Group—submitted by Sharon Allen

Next Meeting—Saturday May 20th, 12-3pm, Bellingham Library. Come join the fun!











Small Looms Clinic for Weavers

Saturday, May 20, 12:00 - 3:00 p.m. In the SkillShare Space at the Central Library

Jansen Classes—submitted by Susan Torntore and Joan Cunningham

Classes at the Jansen Art Center that you may find of interest in the next few months:

Spin-Knit Interest Group, with Chris Paul & Cynthia Poppe, first and third (and fifth) Thursdays, 6-8 pm.

Beginning Weaving, with Sheri Ward, Fridays, 1-4 pm, May 5 -- 26.

Beginning Spinning, with Chris Paul, Wednesdays, 10 am – 2 pm, May 10 & 17.

Explore Shibori and Indigo, workshop with Susan Torntore, Sunday 11-6 pm, May 21.

Textile classes—Summer Quarter 2017

Rigid Heddle weaving	Three sessions	6/10,17,24	Sat	10am-3pm
Twining with Soft Fibers	One day	6/17	Sat	9am-4pm
Tapestry	Four sessions	7/6,13,20,27	Thu	1-3.30pm
From Bark to Basket Weaving Cedar	One day	7/8	Sat	9am-4pm
Intermediate Rigid Heddle/Shibori	Two sessions	7/9,16	Sun	11am-5pm
Color study, fabrics part 1	Two sessions	7/14,21	Fri	9am-5pm
Nuno felted summer shawl	One session	7/30	Thu	10am-3pm
Beginning weaving	Four sessions	7/28,29, 8/4,5	Fri/Sat	1-4pm
Rigid heddle weaving	Four sessions	8/2,9,23,30	Wed	1-4pm
Open House in Dye Studio at		8/5	Sat	
Jansen Anniversary Party				
Vessels of Light	One day	8/19	Sat	9am-4pm

Contact: testiles@jansenartcenter.org to register

Have a look at their site (<u>www.jansenartcenter.org</u>) for these classes and others that may still be in the planning stage.

Notice from the Treasurer.....

The Guild needs a <u>new Treasurer</u> – <u>to begin in June</u>! Training provided! I plan to be out of the country next fall & winter, and need a new person to step into the position of Treasurer. This person would also serve on the Executive Board. The Guild needs a detail person with some financial background.

Fibers and Beyond coming in October! Submitted by Sheri Ward

Fibers and Beyond Events

We are eagerly looking forward to some great workshops during Fibers and Beyond this October. At this

point, our tentative list of workshops include: twill or twine Salish weaving (you can choose either), a walk-about to identify lichen for dyeing, crackle weave, warp painting, rigid heddle weaving, felting a hat, a bowl, a vase or fingerless gloves. Susan Pavel will be our keynote speaker and one of our workshop presenters. Other workshop leaders are Liz Moncrief, Donna Hunter, and Susan Torntore. Stay tuned for more details about registration in the June newsletter. The keynote talk will be on the evening of Wednesday, Oct. 11 at the Jansen Art Center. The Fibers and Beyond workshops will be during that same week.

You can see more of Susan's work at http://www.coastsalishweaving.com

Exhibit and Sale

We hope you've been thinking about what you would like to create for the sale and exhibit. Exhibit items will be on display for the months of September, October, and November, and may be for sale or not, as you choose. Our traditional guild sale will be just one day, Saturday, Oct. 14, from 9 am to 5 pm.

For either the exhibit or sale, the commission from artists will be 20%. For our sale, the guild keeps half of that to cover our expenses in running the sale, and the Jansen receives the other half for use of the space during the sale. For exhibit items, the entire commission goes to the Jansen.

As last year, all sale items will need to be submitted two weeks in advance and will be juried by fiber artists who are not Guild members. Acceptance criteria are in the March newsletter and on the guild's website; there will be some paper copies available at guild meetings. Read the criteria over carefully – they are substantially the same as last year's with a few small changes.



This is a wonderful opportunity for the guild to showcase the creative work our members do, to engage the public, and raise awareness for hand-crafted fiber arts. Come enjoy, participate, be inspired!



Saturday, June 10, 11 am to 3 pm Upstairs, Jansen Art Center, 321 Front St., Lynden WA

Bring stash to sell, leave with your new treasures!

Tables available for \$10 to sell your own stash (contact <u>textiles@jansenartcenter.org</u>)

Or, donate stash to the Jansen and proceeds will go to the Textile Studio

Another reminder about the Sale, from Marilyn Olsen

So, it's me again, nagging you about the Guild's sale to be held at the Jansen Art Center on October 14. Those of you who participated last year know that the beautiful venue makes for a great display space and guaranteed interested shoppers who will be attending the weaving conference that will be held in the same place October 11-14. Plus, the many visitors to the center who come to take classes and view our exhibit which will be held during September, October and November. (More on this elsewhere in the newsletter.)

Also, yet again, be thinking this year about the feedback we received from shoppers last year. They were primarily shopping for gifts. They loved towels, cards and sets of things (like placemats and napkins or a scarf and mittens). They asked for more baby things. Thanks to Jane Coombs' great job of staging items, they often bought coordinated things like a scarf and a coordinating jewelry item. They were interested in fingerless gloves, felted and knitted. They snapped up the rugs and the banded key rings and painted warps. And, of course the beautiful scarves and table runners.

And there's more! As you can read in another article this month, you might consider entering your sale item in the Northwest Washington Fair's Wool Show. Thus, as the other article suggests, your sale item could have the additional benefit of being AWARD WINNING.

It may be spring, but there are all those lovely calming rainy days ahead in which to weave, knit, spin, plus prepare to make enough money at the sale to.....buy more yarn!

Library News, submitted by Cathy Thompson

A Thank You from the Librarian

I wish to thank all of the Guild members and guests who participated in the April stash sale and a special **Thank You** to the past members who generously donated their book and magazine collections to our Library. Duplicates from those donations were in the sale and now are in the hands of several weavers. The Library made \$77 dollars with which we can purchase some new and interesting books and DVDs. If anyone has seen or heard of a new book or DVD that might make a good addition to our library, please forward the title to me. I have already heard from one member suggesting "Handwoven Table Linens" by Tom Knisely and "Stitched Shibori" by Jane Callendar which is full of fun ideas and photos. Feel free to look them up on Amazon and learn more about them.

Some of our library books have been borrowed for close to a year. Please check around your studio space to see if one might be hiding. It's easy to forget and then they start to blend in.

On the up side of this cool damp Spring weather, is all the guilt free time to spend at the loom!

Thanks again and Happy Weaving Cathy Thompson

ANWG is coming! Important notes from Liz Moncrief!

- 1. To Victoria, BC—make sure you have your passport or Nexus card!
- 2. If you plan to attend the ANWG conference, the Vancouver Island ferry schedule out of Anacortes just opened up for that time period. WA is offering a ferry from Anacortes to San Juan to Sydney or Anacortes straight to Sydney.

There may be a lot of demand for the Tues 27th and Monday July 3rd slots, so get yours now.

3. If you are planning to attend, please let Liz know—naturallc@msn.com.



Conference Dates July 1&2, 2017
Pre-Conference Workshops June 28-30
Instructors and classes are posted on the website! Registrations on-line!!!

Treadle Lightly – ANWG Conference 2017—Registrations

We are pleased to report that we have had a fantastic response to registration. We have over 400 people registered to date, but we still have lots of great classes left from which you may choose.

For those of you who love basketry, Polly Adams Sutton is offering a 3-day workshop titled Lidded Cedar Bark Pagoda, with the end product being the cutest basket I have ever seen.

If you love knitting socks, Michele Boyd's 3-day beginner workshop--Spinning Superior Socks, still has some spaces available. Michele has asked us to let you know that she is happy to accommodate any type of wheel—double drive, Scotch tension, and bobbin-led. So sign up, pack up your wheel and come to the conference.

Robin Spady is offering weavers the perfect opportunity to use up their thrums making jewelery. If Robin is teaching it, you know the results will be fabulous. Thrums are the warp ends weavers leave behind when cutting their finished pieces off the loom. If you don't weave and want to take the workshop, ask a weaver for her thrums. She will probably be delighted to get rid of them—but don't tell her why you want them or she might want to come too.

Are you a rigid heddle weaver looking for more techniques you can do on your loom? Janet Dawson's class Pick-up Artist is made for you. Janet will show you a multitude of weaves including leno lace, Danish medallion, and Brook's bouquet which you can do on a rigid heddle loom.

More generally, the Market Hall is close to selling out with 38 registered vendors and more still thinking about it. We have a whopping 24 guild booths registered too.



Dear Guild Program or Newsletter Chair:

Please help us get the word out to your members about **Tinkuy 2017**, **the Gathering of the Textile Arts in Cusco**, **Peru**, **November 8–11**, **2017**. This international gathering of indigenous textile artisans, textile enthusiasts, art historians, anthropologists, and many others will celebrate the wealth and diversity of our textile traditions, and everyone is invited!

Not only will there be hands-on workshops and opportunities to learn about textile arts from some of the world's leading experts, this unique conference also helps encourage and empower textile artisans from developing countries who are continuing their traditions, strengthening their communities, and making a future for their families. You cannot imagine the pride in the eyes of a weaver from a tiny village community when she sees hundreds of weavers from around the world gathered to celebrate her traditions—traditions that have been undervalued and all but lost in the weaver's own society. Not only do the artisan participants come away with new weaving ideas and a new sense of pride, they leave with training to help them make their businesses more successful and sustainable.

We hope some of your guild members will be interested in attending Tinkuy. And for those who cannot attend, we hope your members will consider sponsoring artisan weavers from cooperatives in other countries to attend and have this life-changing experience.

If you are willing to put a mention of Tinkuy in your guild newsletter, you can find two versions of a short article and photos at our web site. Go to www.andeantextilearts.org/tinkuy2017 and look or the Tinkuy 2017 Media Kit at the bottom of the page. And if your guild would consider donating to help sponsor an artisan weaver to attend Tinkuy, we welcome any amount you choose to give. \$250 will sponsor 10 young weavers from the CTTC communities to attend the workshops. Any guild that sponsors a group of 10 weavers will be acknowledged in the Tinkuy program, which we will send you a copy of to share at your meetings. Your guild can donate at www.andeantextilearts.org/get_involved/donate. Please note on the comment field that your donation is to sponsor weavers for Tinkuy 2017.

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. Andean Textile Arts | PMB #428 | 7 Avenida Vista Grande B-7 | Santa Fe, NM

Days, dates, useful information, classifieds....

Surface Design Association 40th Anniversary Intensive, Portland, OR. August 3-6, 2017 Hello!

We're excited to announce the Making Our Mark, Surface Design Association 40th Anniversary Intensive, to take place in Portland, Oregon August 3-6th, 2017. Go to our website (below) for an overview of the conference details and opportunities. We'd appreciate your help getting the word out, so please feel free to share!

Thank you! Best wishes, Renee.

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Renee Buchanan
Administration & Archives Coordinator
Surface Design Association
http://www.surfacedesign.org/

Weaving Wall Hangings workshop on Camano Island with Mandy Greer, June 9-10th:

https://mandygreer.wordpress.com/workshops-2/weaving-retreat-on-camano-island-june-910-2017/

WWG Instagram Account, submitted by Sharon Allen

The Guild now has an Instagram account! You do not need to be a member of Instagram to take a look at our photos. Search under whatcomweavers. And please email Sharon close-ups of what is currently on your loom.

Sharon Allen/sharon.newchapter@gmail.com

Classified—Loom for Sale:

60", 10 shaft Fireside Loom (Cherry Wood) - purchased in 1990, beautiful condition, joy to work on, I am downsizing.

Its special features include: worm drive tensioning, 2" sectional option, trelevators (makes lifting shafts easier), lamp holder and lamp, shuttle mobile (clamps onto loom to hold shuttles)

Price: \$4,000 (was \$8,000 new). Photos available.

Located on Salt Spring Island, BC.

Contact Karen by email: karenselk@yahoo.com

Days, dates, useful information, classifieds....

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

Exhibitions:

Marimekko, With Love
Nordic Heritage Museum, Seattle WA
March 10 -- July 9, 2017
https://nordicmuseum.org/exhibitions/132604

News from Skagit Valley Weavers Guild (via Liz Moncrief):

The Skagit Weavers Guild is selling some of their equipment to raise funds for new toys. For Sale: 20 inch Schacht 4shaft Table loom with a 12 dent reed. Please contact Liz for pics or to see in person. Thanks. L.moncrief@me.com

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.

Days, dates, useful information, classifieds....

OUT AND ABOUT

At the Pacific NW Quilts and Fibers Arts Museum, La Conner WA

http://www.qfamuseum.org/exhibits.html

"For the Love of Children" Miwako Kimura & students March 29 - June 25, 2017

A beautiful exhibit of hand-stitched Japanese wearables and quilts made for children, guest curated by Miwako Kimura, Japanese quiltmaker and teacher; includes quilts made by up- or re-cycling vintage and family garments.

"Marginalia: Tapestries" Sarah Swett May 3 - July 30, 2017

"From Thread to Ink"
Kristin Loffer Theiss
May 3 - 28, 2017
Opening Reception for both exhibits on May 3, 4-6 pm

"Making It My Own"
Creative Knitting Exhibit
May 31 - June 25, 2017
Opening Reception on May 31, 4-6 pm

At the Nordic Heritage Museum, Seattle WA

https://nordicmuseum.org/exhibitions

"Marimekko, With Love" March 10-July 9, 2017

Organized and circulated by the Textile Museum of Canada, curated by Shauna McCabe

"Nordic Folk Costume Fashion Show"
May 10, 2017
7 pm (doors open at 6:30 pm)
Event tickets required

Classified - Loom for Sale





120 cm (47") Standard Glimakra countermarch loom. Excellent condition – located in Bellingham.

Price: \$1600

Contact: Doug Couvelier at

dougcq511@aol.com

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

Do you have a favorite you would like to share with your fellow members? Send it to me—Pat Fisher, Newsletter.

Upcoming Calendar Dates To Remember

May 10 WWG May meeting June 14 WWG June meeting

October 11-14 Fibers and Beyond, Jansen Art Center, Lynden.

July 15 Maiwa field trip, Vancouver, BC

August 14-19 Northwest WA Fair, Lynden (incl Wool Show)
June 28th to July 2nd 2017
ANWG Show—Treadle Lightly—Victoria, BC
HGA Convergence conference, Reno, Nevada.