

### **APRIL MEETING**

Wednesday, April 12, 2006 7:00 PM

St. James Presbyterian Church, lower level, 910 14th St., Bellingham, Wa

Business meeting starts at 7:30 PM

There will be a small change this month. Show and tell will begin at 7:15. Please bring your newest work to share. We are encouraging new weavers to participate and try to pre-price their items. Prices will be up for discussion along with any questions and problems. After show and tell the items will go onto the 'hot off the loom' table.

**Program:** Surface embellishments with Joanne Ryburn (hands on stations).

**Hospitality:** Loretta Hogg and Judy Howe.

### **UPCOMING PROGRAMS**

**May** - Weaving TNT 'Dynamite Tips n' Techniques for Every Weaver' This "prop-riddled" seminar looks and feels like an interactive show-and-tell. Participants will be introduced to 24 - 40 offbeat tools, techniques, or tricks to assist them in all phases of weaving. Participants are invited to share their own tools, techniques, and/or tricks during the latter part of the seminar.

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**June-** WWG annual flea market

### **UPCOMING WORKSHOPS**

**May 23 & 24.** Robyn Spadey "There's Two Sides to Every Cloth". Workshop will be at the St. James Presbyterian Church 9:00am to 5:00. There are names signed up who still need to pay the deposit which are due now. We need to give Robyn a firm number of participants for warp planning so please have your deposits paid to Barbara Young by or at the April meeting.

You will be creating cloth with two completely different colors on each side, in different weave structures and most using 3 or 4 harnesses. She will also review seams for a reversible garment. This is a round robin with table looms.

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### **LIBRARY NEWS**

There will be a sale of surplus books from the library at the April meeting. Very reasonable prices. All money collected will be spent on the acquisition of new books.

**Reminder:** Please return any overdue materials that you have checked out.

### **2006 FIBERS AND BEYOND SALE NEWS**

The next Sales meeting is April 5, 10:00 am at Jan Downen's house. For directions please call 312-8414. Everyone is invited to attend.

**Our mantra continues to be, "Weave, ladies, weave!"**

**A SNEAK PEEK AT FUTURE WORKSHOPS**

November: Jane Stafford again by popular demand "More than Plain Weave"

March: Ruby Leslie from Vermont "There Must be 50 Ways to Weave Your Color".

Ruby Leslie is a frequent teacher at conferences and will be in our area teaching next spring. She is part of the color forecast team for Handwoven Magazine. She also designs handwovens as Ruby Charuby Weavings.

Winter/Spring: JoAnne Ryeburn, "Woven Shibori" A new class from a surface designer and weaver in B.C. (our April program instructor)

**FOR SALE**

**AD:** 22" 8 shaft Mountain Table loom with stand \$ 400.00. Loom sells new for \$935.00. Mary Oates 671-9229

**AD:** Ferndale Fiber is offering a new product for spinners, **Potluck Roving**. This is a random colored roving which I produce on my big card and is made from Brown Sheep Yarns mill ends . The roving is put up in 8 ounce balls and sells for \$6.00 per ball. You have your choice of natural color blends or natural plus dyed colors. The colors and fibers are random, hence the name: Potluck roving. It is really cool, fun to spin and the price is right! Contact Kathy Green, Ferndale Fiber, 384-0169, [kmgreen196@msn.com](mailto:kmgreen196@msn.com)

**AD:** Loomcraft 45" 4 - shaft maple floor loom \$1200.00 (New \$2531 plus bench \$448). Overall: 53" wide, 39.5 high, 28" deep. Loomcraft looms combine quality craftsmanship and beauty of fine furniture with a rugged, sturdy, efficient loom. Made in the USA. It is a rising shed, jack-type. Includes maple storage bench, reed, lease sticks, misc accessories and lots of yarn! Call 733-2895. Seller is willing to deliver within 150 miles of Bellingham.

**NEW LIST OF CLASSES AT NORTHWEST HANDSPUN YARNS**

Northwest Handspun Yards is offering new classes for the month of April. Weaving, spinning, knitting, felt making and even a Yoga class.

Beginning Inkle Loom Weaving with Linda Dinus, April 12, 19, 2:00 - 3:30, \$45.00

Pick Up Inkle Weaving with Linda Dinus, April 26, May 3, 2:00 - 3:30, \$45.00.

Beginning Weaving with Nancy Bjerke, April 27, May 4, 11, 18, 25, 6:00 - 8:00, \$80.00.

For more information, including materials lists please call the shop at 738-0167 or email [Nancy@NWHandspunYarns.com](mailto:Nancy@NWHandspunYarns.com).

The shop is taking orders for The Weaving Book by Helene Bress. Copies are special price of \$58.00. Please call for your copy.

I also want to thank Whatcom Weavers Guild for the wonderful programs they provide to the members. The workshop with Jane Stafford was FABULOUS!

Happy Weaving

Nancy

<http://www.nwhandspun yarns.com/index.html>

### **LOOMINESCE NEWS**

Loominesce is announcing the "Color of the Month" and "Pattern of the Month" clubs. When you join either or both clubs, you will be eligible for special discounts. Please come in and sign up early to start saving.

Loominesce is now open Tuesday through Thursday from 11:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m., Friday from 11:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., and by appointment at other times. Our local number is: 366 3847.

Thank You.

Alecia

### **YOUTH FAIR AT LYNDEN FAIRGROUNDS**

Call for volunteers

The Youth Fair is happening in Lynden at the fair grounds on April 14 and 15. The wool craft portion of the Youth Fair is looking for fiber people volunteers to help out in any way they can. A one hour lesson, donation of materials, just a helping hand or all day. There are normally 8-10 kids in the wool craft and they are so much fun to work with. Some of the activities they do are knitting, felting, spinning, carding, and weaving. To get more details contact Janet Maricle, 592-5293

### **TOWELS FOR THE 21ST CENTURY CONTEST**

Handwoven Magazine has announced a new contest. Towels have always been a favorite of weavers. This contest is to launch a new 'Best of Handwoven'. The winning designs will be featured in a web only publication and there are prizes! Entries are due April 21, 2006. You may submit multiple towels. Entry forms are available on the website: <http://www.interweave.com>

### **APRIL '07 NEW ZEALAND CREATIVE FIBRE FESTIVAL AND TOUR**

Join NZ weaver Rosemary Burnby as she takes you on very personal visits to local guilds, craft shops and galleries. Four days will be devoted to the annual Creative Fibre Festival in Plymouth with lectures, demonstrations and networking. Rosemary is a past convener of the Festival. Options for short and long tours.

**Festival Registration by November 1, 2006**

Workshops and classes fill early, we need an early commitment from travelers. For details: Mary Fletcher, PO Box 61228, Denver, CO 80206 [ChinaMF@comcast.net](mailto:ChinaMF@comcast.net)  
Tel/Fax 303-632-9255

### **OPEN HOUSE AT THE SILK WEAVING STUDIO**

Natural Textiles of Akihiko Izukura, Renowned Japanese Fabric Artist at the Silk Weaving Studio, #15 1551 Johnston Street, Granville Island, Vancouver, B.C.

Thursday May 4 - Wednesday May 31, 2006

Open House 6-8pm, May 4

for more information 604-687-7455

[silk@silkweavingstudio.com](mailto:silk@silkweavingstudio.com)

<http://www.silkweavingstudio.com>

### **BELLEVUE ARTS MUSEUM**

Two upcoming Textile related exhibitions:

March 16 - June 18. Rozome Masters of Japan

Rozome, or Japanese batik dates back to the eight century AD. This is truly a unique form of contemporary Japanese art rarely seen in the West.

and

March 16 - June 18: Wrapped in Color: Kimonos by Tim Harding, Jackets by Jon Eric Riis.

Wrapped in Color brings together a small, yet mesmerizing selection of garments which complement the Rozome Masters of of Japan exhibition through works that reveal the artist' passion for Asian textiles.

These exhibits are not be missed.

see <http://www.bellevueart.org> for further information.

### **TOI MAORI: THE ETERNAL THREAD EXHIBIT**

The Burke Museum is one of only 4 United States venues invited to host this exhibit of contemporary Maori weaving art from New Zealand. Runs February 4 thru May 26.

Please see <http://www.washington.edu/burkemuseum>

### **SQ3Tsva'vay WEAVER'S SPIRIT POWER**

Engage in the spirit and beauty of Coast Salish weaving while learning about spinning, twine, and twill techniques and the use of native plants as dyes. We are please to offer demonstrations for adults and children as part of this exhibit. Washington State History Museum, 1911 Pacific Ave, Tacoma.

January 15 thru July 16. For more information: <http://www.washingtonhistory.org>

### **ANWG CONFERENCE 2007**

#### **(Plan ahead)**

Wild Fibres (textiles gone wild - celebrate fibre crafts!)

Conference Dates: June 14th to June 17th, 2007

Post conference workshops: June 17th to June 22, 2007

Location: Red Deer College <http://www.rdc.ab.ca/>

Red Deer, Alberta Canada

More information ahead, check both ANWG [www.northwestweavers.org](http://www.northwestweavers.org) and HWSDA

<http://www.hwsda.org> sites often.

### **INTERESTING BIT OF HISTORY**

Check out these web sites. Both Toyota and Suzuki Companies started out building looms.

[http://www.jpo.go.jp/seido\\_e/rekishi\\_e/sakichi\\_toyoda.htm](http://www.jpo.go.jp/seido_e/rekishi_e/sakichi_toyoda.htm)

<http://www.suzuki.com/news/history.php>

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