

FEBRUARY MEETING

Wednesday, February 8, 2006 7:00 PM

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

Business meeting starts at 7:30 PM

Program: This month's program will be held at Lark Textile Design, where owner and designer, Janet Thomas will show us her incredible looms and the process she uses to create her delightfully colorful rag rugs. Janet's story of how Lark Textile Design began and all of the changes it has gone through is both interesting and amazing.

Address is 207 1/2 Unity St., Bellingham. Lark Textile Design is located at the corner of Unity St. and Flora St. behind the Mt. Baker Theatre in downtown. At the intersection of these two streets there is a brightly painted wall mural. The studio is above and to the right of this wall. Walking up the alley off Flora Street will take you to the entrance. The phone number there is 527-0305.

Parking should be available on surrounding streets but car pooling would be a good idea. There is no seating in the studio so if you own a folding chair you might consider bringing it.

UPCOMING PROGRAMS

The theme for the year is "Colors of Whatcom County."

March - Jane Stafford will present her program on twills - she will also be doing two workshops.

April - Surface embellishments with Joanne Ryburn (hands on stations)

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. Robyn says this program seems to have something for everyone no matter what the experience level or what type of loom is used.

June- WWG annual flea market

UPCOMING WORKSHOPS

March 8, 9, 10. Jane Stafford "Terrific Twills on Four Shafts" Three day intensive workshop- return by popular request. Class will be at St. James Church. Estimated cost is \$100 for the workshop and \$60 for materials. With the previous deposit of \$25, each participant owes \$135 to be paid to the treasurer (Barbara Young) at the March meeting.

The warps should be available for distribution at the February meeting. If you will not be there, you may want to ask someone to pick up your warp for you so that your loom can be ready for the workshop. There will be 2 8 harness warps for each workshop and the rest will be 4 harness.

March 14, 15, 16. Jane Stafford again. Had so much interest she agreed to teach a second workshop.

March 25. Introduction to Weaving with April Meugge. This is a workshop for absolute beginners. Cost will be 25.00. There are 3 openings. Workshop will be at April's home, 304 Iowa Drive, Bellingham. It will cover the basic terminology, types of looms and equipment, types of yarns and will show a warping process in a round robin hands on process. If you are interested or need driving instructions please call April at 617-0448.

May 23 & 24. Robyn Spadey "There's Two Sides to Every Cloth". \$25.00 deposit to hold your place. Cost will be about \$60.00 plus \$15.00 for materials. Class will be at St. James Church. There are 2 openings for this.

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. Round robin with table looms. If you are interested please get your deposit to Barbara Young.

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2006 FIBERS AND BEYOND SALE NEWS

The sales committee decided it is time to test the waters for extending the sale into a second day. Therefore our 2006 sale is scheduled for Friday, October 13th from 6:00 to 9:00pm and Saturday, October 14, from 9:00am to 4:00pm. The time extension into Friday evening has been a frequent request for those who work on Saturday and want so much to come to our sale.

We are also requesting the names and addresses of your friends, neighbors and relatives for our post card mailing list. Please mail your changes and additions to Joan Cunningham, 55 Strawberry Point, Bellingham, 98229, or email to joancunn@comcast.net. Any questions 733-8820.

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

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

WEB BUILDER NEEDED

It has been discussed that the guild needs a website, so we are looking for a volunteer with the knowledge to do this. As newsletter editor I am willing to keep it updated but don't have the knowledge (or time) to do the initial set up. If you are interested please contact Maggie at mageez@comcast.net.

GUILD POLICY CHANGE

The board discussed the policy of giving members who do presentations free dues. It was moved and passed that we change this policy to give those members a \$50.00 honorarium instead.

GUILD DIRECTORY

April still has a lot of the directory books left. These will not be mailed. Please contact her at the March meeting to get your copy.

NEW MEMBERS AND CHANGES TO ADDRESS BOOK

Please update your book with these changes:

Marcia Ford should be samijo@az.com

Nancy Bjerke nancy@nwhandspun yarns.com

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>

WANTED VICTORIAN CRAFT ARTISTS

The Whatcom Museum is organizing a Victorian Crafts Day in conjunction with the exhibition Victorian Architecture: Gingerbread & Fish-Scale Shingles. If you specialize in a Victorian craft: patchwork, quilting, crazy quilting, pressed or dried flower crafts, needlepoint, cross stitch, lacework, paper quilling, paper mache, decoupage, silhouettes, beadwork, shell work or other . . . and you would like to demonstrate your techniques for the public at this event (tentatively scheduled for Saturday, March 25, please contact: Mary Jo Maute, Education & Publish Programs Assistant (360) 676-6981 ext. 227 <http://www.whatcommuseum.org/pages/exhibitions/exhibitions.htm>

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

SAN JUAN WEAVERS GUILD SELLING COOKBOOKS

The San Juan Weavers Guild still has some of our cookbooks for sale. Called "More Time to Weave," it features good, quick recipes for those who'd rather spend more time at the loom than in the kitchen. If you're interested, please contact Linda Brown, bjlbrown@netzero.net.

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
<http://www.washingtonhistory.org>

BLUE HERON GALLERY

Is presenting Anne Gordon, mixed media, Eileen Kane, acrylic/paper/canvas and Judy Zugish and Bill Roeder who do fine skein willow basketry. Runs February 3 thru the 24th.
<http://www.vashonalliedarts.org> for more information.

SPOKANE HANDWEAVERS GUILD

They have updated their website. Check it out.
<http://www.spokaneweavers.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 and HWSDA

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