

JUNE MEETING

Wednesday, June 14, 2006 7:00 PM

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

Show & Tell starts at 7:15.

Business meeting starts at 7:30 PM

June- This is our annual Weaver's Recycle Sale

Come prepared to buy! You will find great deals and go home with new materials to spark your creative endeavors.

There is also a "Guild Table" available for anyone who is not interested in selling but would like to donate items to benefit the guild. This sale has always been well-attended and delightfully fun.

Hospitality: Toby Smith and Barbara Snow

BRING YOUR CHECK BOOK

There will be plenty of opportunities to exercise it --

- Sale entry fee of \$10 is due by June 30. Pay at the June meeting so you don't forget!

- Annual dues of \$17 are now payable for the 2006-2007 year. If you're entering the sale, dues must be paid by September 30, so do it now!

All money listed above goes to Barbara Young.

- And, of course, the Stash Sale!!

2006 FIBERS AND BEYOND SALE NEWS

From Barbara Young: A reminder that the entry fee and form for participating in the sale must be in Barbara Young's hands by June 30.

From Joan Cunningham: Please get your list of names and addresses to Joan Cunningham. You will receive postcards back with labels and postage so you can add a personal note. Contact Joan Cunningham, 55 Strawberry Point, Bellingham, 98229 or joancunn@comcast.net

From Jane Coombs: Also for the sale please look around your houses with an eye for color and shape. We will need small furniture pieces (chairs, benches, stools, etc.) to display items on, plus colorful objects to accent the displays-- ceramic vases, bowls, platters, pitchers, flower pots, glass, folkart, etc.-- in shades of blue, green, red, yellow, purple, and orange. Plus floor lamps, mirrors, dress forms, baskets, and lots of racks for our wearables and home decor items. Please contact Jane Coombs at 398-1637 or djcmb@nas.com. Thanks.

From Jan Downen: Remember the theme, "The Colors of Whatcom County." We have 34 weavers signed up to participate in the sale. Our goal is to have every member enter at least one item.

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

LYNDEN FAIR NEWS

Preparations are being made for the 2006 Wool Show at the Northwest Washington Fair in Lynden, August 14-19. Long time Superintendent Donna Bajama has stepped down and Marcia Ford has agreed to step in.

The Wool Show features display and judging of fleece, garments and home furnishings made from natural or hand dyed handspun or commercial yarns, handspun skeins, art projects, and felted projects using animal fibers (wool, alpaca, mohair, etc.). There are divisions for ages 12 and under, 13 thru 18, and over 18.

Also featured are weaving and spinning demonstrations. We hope to get a sheep-to-shawl or other spinning competition arranged for this year.

Participants and volunteers are greatly desired for this event. Entries will be accepted Friday, August 11th. More specific information will be available on our website and at the May and June WWG meetings. Contact Marcia Ford at 734-8399 or samijo@az.com

REPORT ON THE ANWG MEETING

The Association of Northwest Weavers Guilds is made up of 84 guilds in western Canada, Alaska and the Pacific Northwest states. The membership of the guilds numbers more than 3000, about equally divided between the US and Canada, with 7 guilds of more than 100 members each.

The Association works to promote the fiber arts and the development of guilds like ours by providing resources for those guilds and promoting communication and education. It has a lending library of videos on weaving and associated subjects, and on its website (<http://www.northwestweavers.org>) it maintains lists of instructors, classes and sources for materials and equipment. It provides grants for guild programs, especially for smaller guilds, and scholarships for individuals to attend the bi-annual conferences held in odd numbered years.

ANWG CONFERENCE JUNE 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 <http://www.northwestweavers.org> and HWSDA <http://www.hwsda.org> sites often.

Sounds like a wonderful opportunity to share and learn, so we will keep you informed as the information reaches us.

Mary Ann Miklich

LIBRARY NEWS

New Books just added to our library:

Rep Weave and Beyond, The Weaver's Studio

The Book of Projects for the 8 shaft loom, Ashford
Magic in the Water, Laura Frye
Rag Weaving Gimmicks and Tricks

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

CHECK OUT OUR WEB PAGE

<http://whatcomweaversguild.org>

Changes have been made already. Check out the history of the guild, plus some of our favorite places are listed and linked on the Resources page.

If you find any errors or links that don't work please contact me, Maggie Weyers at mageez@comcast.net.

BIOGRAPHY BOOK

The Biography book has moved to Karen Perry. (Thank you Karen) So when you fill out the information page please email or send it to Karen at Karen.Perry@wwu.edu

FOR SALE

Ewe lambs for sale. These wonderful sheep are a cross between Romney and Border Leicester. The lambs will be ready to go mid-June. I have 1 black and 4 white still available and am asking \$100 each. They will have all their shots by the time they leave our farm. Contact Kathy Green, 384-0169, kmgreen196@msn.com

MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

Thank you to those guild members who have responded to the questions about growth which were posted in the last news letter. Here they are again in case you didn't get a chance to see them and respond. The board is anxious to hear what you have to say. Please send any responses to me, Kathy Green, at kmgreen196@msn.com

Growth and Change, the board wants your input (this is a bit long, but please read it and give it some thought.)

For quite some time the present and past boards have been discussing the increase in membership and what impact this has on our guild, especially in terms of meeting space. (Before I go on, let me say that the St. James Presbyterian church is most welcoming of us and **has no plans** to ask us to leave. We also have no plans to leave the church at this time.) However, the board would like your input on the following questions:

Where do you see the guild in terms of membership and focus over the next ten years?

Should the guild consider moving to a larger location?

Should the guild have our very own space? If so what do we look for in a new space?

What type of facility would be the ideal for the guild?

What type of activities would occur in our own space? (meetings, workshops, classes, large loom space, etc.)

Where would you like the location to be?

Do you think things are fine as they are and don't want any change?

Would you be willing to work on a committee related to any of the following: growth, non-profit status, grant applications, a location search.

As you think about these questions here are some ideas to ponder:

Over the past few years our membership has grown to over 100.

Our workshops fill very fast.

Rarely is our library used.

Our constitution states: The purpose of this organization shall be to further interest in fiber arts with an emphasis on weaving.

It can be challenging to find new board members (we are all busy people).

We are now supervising the wool show at the NW Wash. Fair.

Our annual sale had 50 participants last October, and generated revenue of close to \$30,000 in one day.

Parking at our present location can be a challenge.

Please submit comments to me in writing (either email or hand me a paper at the guild meeting). They can be anonymous if you like, I'll bring a basket for comments. Again I want to state that we have no immediate plans for change, but want to look to the future and where we might be headed.

Kathy Green, President

DID YOU KNOW

The word "loom" comes from an old English word for "tool?"

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