

MARCH MEETING

Wednesday, March 8, 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: Jane Stafford will present her program on twills.

Hospitality: Richard Harvey and Karen Kaufman. Please come early to help with set up.

SPECIAL MEETING WITH VISITING WEAVERS

Sunday March 26, 6:30 pm - 8:00 pm

Location: First Congregational Church on Cornwall Avenue, Room 12 downstairs.

Weavers are visiting Bellingham from the Mayan Womans Weavers Cooperative. Jolom Mayaetik, the coordinator of their visit contacted us about holding a special meeting to see their work up close, talk about weaving techniques and purchase their pieces.

This will be an informal social hour so you may drop in any time during the meeting, although I'm sure we will do some introductions in the beginning. The women will have pieces for sale so you may want to come prepared. This is a great opportunity to meet a group of women who make their living at weaving, see their techniques (which may well be unfamiliar to us) and perhaps purchase some cool hand woven items.

UPCOMING PROGRAMS

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

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.

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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. Final payment is due for both workshops at the March 8 meeting to Barbara Young. The total is \$165.00 with \$140.00 due after paying the deposit.

There is one space available in each workshop due to several cancellations. We have warp available for these spaces so if you would like to attend please contact Donna Hunter by Friday, March 3 and make arrangements to get the warp.

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

April 1. Introduction to Weaving with April Meugge. 10:00 to 2:00pm. This is a workshop for absolute beginners. There are several 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. There is a \$25.00 workshop fee. Please bring a lunch.

Driving instructions: Turn south off Alabama St. onto St. Clair St. Follow St. Clair until it makes a sharp turn to the left at St Clair Park. This is where the name changes to Iowa Drive. Continue on up the hill past the dead end sign. Ignore the house numbers until they jump to 3200. It's the tan house on the right. Address is 3304 Iowa Dr.

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

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. If you are interested please get your deposit to Barbara Young.

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GUILD MEMBER GIVING TALK ON THE USE OF FIBER DYES FROM THE GARDEN

Thursday, March 9th

Guild member, Toby Smith, will share her love of textiles and gardening as she shares her experiences using common and uncommon plants from her garden to dye fibers. The talk will consist of a basic presentation of the plants and fabric samples showing the range of colors that can be obtained. Toby's presentation will take place prior to the regular meeting of the Master Gardeners and is open to the public. Time: 7:00 pm. at the WSU Extension Building. 1000 N. Forest Street. (corner of Forest and Laurel streets). Entrance off of Laurel Street - use ramp. Parking on Laurel and Forest streets plus parking lot off of Forest St. Information: Loretta Hogg 756-8449.

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!"

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.

FOR SALE

AD: 22" 8 shaft Mountain Table loom with stand \$ 400.00. Loom sells new for \$935.00. Will be available after March 9. 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

FIBERFEST 2006

Fibrefest 2006 is being held on Friday March 31st from 1pm to 8pm and Saturday April 1st from 10am to 6pm. It will be held at Tradex in Abbotsford. Fifteen workshops are being offered this year.

We're organizing all sorts of interesting demonstrations and they are posted on the website. To entertain you at the show there will be fashion shows at 3pm each day and Nadine Saunders (the Singing Weaver) will sing and demonstrate waulking throughout the show. Fibre animals (llamas, alpacas, sheep, goats, rabbits, dogs) will be at the show again as well as the 4H demonstrations. This year there will be both a spin-in and a knit-out, to let you socialize with other spinners and knitters from all over the Pacific Northwest. There will also be a sock competition to be judged by the public.

Full workshop descriptions, registration forms, and information regarding the show's exhibitors and attractions may be found on the show's website at <http://www.fibrefestinternational.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>

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.

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

SQ3Tsva'yav 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 and HWSDA <http://www.hwsda.org> sites often.

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