

MAY MEETING

Wednesday, May 10, 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

Program: Robyn Spadey offering 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.

Hospitality: Erica McCurdy and Marcia Ford

SLATE OF OFFICERS

President: Kathy Green

VP's: Karen Perry and Barbara Snow

Treasurer: Barbara Young

Secretary: Carol DeGraaf

Workshops: Donna Hunter

Newsletter: Maggie Weyers

Library: Judy Blount

Member at Large/Education: April Muegge

Hospitality: Karen Kaufman & Randi Cattarin

Ad Hoc: Fibers & Beyond: Jan Downan

Wool Show: Marcia Ford

MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

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

LOOKING FOR VOLUNTEER TO ATTEND ANWG MEETING

April Muegge is the guild's rep for the Association of Northwest Weavers Association and is unable to attend. We are looking for a volunteer to attend and represent our guild at the annual meeting on May 20 in Richland Washington. Travel expenses will be covered by the guild. Could be a fun trip with stops at the wineries along the way. (On the way home, of course.)

If you are interested in attending please contact Kathy Green at kmgreen196@msn.com or let her know at the meeting.

THE GUILD OFFERS CONDOLENCES TO DONNA HUNTER

We have been notified by Graham Hunter that Donna's father has passed away. Our deep sympathies and well wishes go out to her.

UPCOMING PROGRAMS

June- WWG annual Weaver's Recycle Sale

This is the opportunity to clean out those closets and sell, trade or pass on items that aren't being put to use any longer. Tables are free but

limited. Reserve your full or partial table now! Each participant must handle their own sales.

A "Guild Table" will be available for anyone who is not interested in selling but would like to donate items to benefit the guild. This sale is well-attended and delightfully fun. Come prepared to buy! You will find great deals and go home with new materials to spark your creative endeavors. Mark your calendars now for June 14th.

To reserve your table call Debbie Day 966-7545 or e-mail deedaze@earthlink.net

UPCOMING WORKSHOPS

May 23 & 24. Robyn Spadey "There's Two Sides to Every Cloth". Workshop will be at the St. James Presbyterian Church 9:00 to 5:00.

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.

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

The guild's Baby Wolf loom is available. If you wish to rent it please contact Maggie Weyers 360-380-0888 or mageez@comcast.net.

LIBRARY NEWS

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

WE NOW HAVE A WEB PAGE

<http://whatcomweaversguild.org>

A big thank you to Julie Barnes for all her hard work. If you find any errors or links that don't work please contact me, Maggie Weyers at mageez@comcast.net.

2006 FIBERS AND BEYOND SALE NEWS

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

The guild maintains a list of names and addresses of people who we want to receive Fibers & Beyond postcards. Please let us add you friends and family to the list. You can hand write it, email it, or if you have Excel put it on the spreadsheet.

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

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

A retiring weaving is interested in selling all her spinning and weaving equipment along with all the 'stuff' that goes with it. For more information please contact Theresa Winslow at tgwin@clearwire.net

and

All Items Brand new: 24" Ashford 4 harness folding table loom with stand and treadles \$ 600.00

Folding Warping Board, 18 yards \$ 75.00

Harrisville 22" raddle, 4-peg cone holder and 3 shuttles, \$75.00

All items purchased February 2006. In mint condition.

Please contact Sally DuBane 360-671-1420

ITEMS MISSING FROM JANE STAFFORD WORK SHOP

Mary Oates is missing the white board that was used in the second workshop. Please contact her at 671-9229

and

The hand out from the same workshop with handwritten notes in the margins belonging to Betsy Turner. Please check and contact Betsy at 715-7144

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 shawls, 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

SALE AT NORTHWEST HANDSPUN YARNS

Nancy is having a Mothers Day Sale! May 12,13 & 14. Friday, Saturday and Sunday. **20% OFF ALL YARNS, CONES and SPINNING FIBERS. 10% OFF ALL BOOKS.** Plus many other store savings for these 3 days. We are creating gift baskets as well for you to pick up already made or create one of your choice.

Also please see Nancy's updated web page - primarily the 'classes' page. Take a look and let her know if you want to take a class in May or June.

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

Happy Day to Everyone

Nancy Bjerke 360-738-0167

OPEN HOUSE AT THE SILK WEAVING STUDIO

Due to unforeseen circumstances, we regret to announce the cancellation of

The Natural Textiles of Akihiko Izukura

Scheduled to open May 4, 2006

Diana Sanderson

#15 1531 Johnston St Granville Island, Vancouver 604-687-7455

<http://www.silkweavingstudio.com>

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.

WHATCOM WEAVERS BIOGRAPHY BOOK

The guild is working on updating the Whatcom Weavers biography book. For new members this is a 3 ring binder with a page featuring each weaver. It is featured at the sale so that guests can page thru and read a little about each member or at least the weaver whose item they have just purchased. We really are a diverse lot. So following

this newsletter you will be receiving a copy of the questionnaire to fill out and return to me. Either email your responses(mageez@comcast.net) or write it out and get it to me at the meeting.

Thanks

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