

FEBRUARY MEETING

Wednesday, February 14, 2007 7:00 PM

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

Business meeting starts at 7:30 PM

Show and Tell will be followed by a short business meeting.

February program: Travel Weaving

When you're on the road or in the air, you can't take your loom with you. We'll show you some alternatives that can still keep you weaving. Marcia Ford will demonstrate the Weavette, a small loom that you can hold in the palm of your hand. Think of the swatches it creates as the weaving equivalent of "granny squares." April Muegge will show us how to make Temari balls. You will not only see both, but be able touch and play with the tools as well.

A QUICK LOOK AT FUTURE PROGRAMS

March: *Ruby Leslie* lecture

April: *'From Twining to Twill' Baskets*

May: *Wish You Were Here* - Fabric Post cards

June: *Annual Guild Sale*

UPCOMING WORKSHOPS

"Fifty Ways to Weave you Color" Ruby Leslie Workshop

Dates: March 12, 13, 14, 2007

Location: Squalicum Yacht Club, Bellingham

Cost: approximately \$150 or less including prepared warp

Sign up: Mail \$25 non-refundable deposit to Treasurer, Barbara Young

A facilitated semi-scientific investigation of color design using one color palette and a myriad of weave structures:

<http://www.vermontstudios.com/members/CharubyStudios.html>

"Woven Shibori" Jo Anne Ryeburn. April 2007. First day (April 21st) is a demonstration by the instructor. Weaving will be done at home. Second meeting is for dyeing the woven samples. We need a volunteer to host the first session in their home (will not likely be a full day). Cost to be determined. A few openings are available.

"Cedar and Rush Tote" Sue Marvin. Saturday, May 5. Location will be Lummi Island. Cost will be \$60.00. This includes materials. A \$25.00 deposit is required.

"Kakishibu" Chris Conrad. June 2007. A "dye" from fermented persimmon, kakishibu is a coloring agent with strengthening and waterproofing properties - used on fibers, paper, reeds and wood. Colors range from pale peach, sandalwood, orange to deep browns. Chris has several one day workshops and we are looking at Japanese paper over baskets and other items.

Website: <http://www.kakishibui.com> Great gallery pictures.

Questions? Contact Donna Hunter at 332-5526 gndhunter@telcomplus.net

GUILD PROPERTY

If you are storing any tools or equipment that belong to the guild please contact me (Maggie) We are attempting to make a list and are considering renting a storage unit so all guild property will be in one place. simply reply to this email with a list of items you have in your possession.

HAT COMPETITION

Barbara Snow has supplied the guild with an adult knitted hat pattern and a second pattern that fits a child. I will have copies of both at the meeting. please look for them on the table.

LIBRARY NEWS

The guild now has membership in The Handweavers Guild of America. The fall issue of Shuttle, Spindle and Dyepot has arrived and will be available for circulation at the January meeting. It features, among other ideas, understanding weave structure and design and color trends for 2007.

If you have suggestions for book titles you would like to see the guild purchase for the library please contact Judy Blount (jtblount@comcast.net or 756-8673). All library books are checked out for the period of one month. If you have past due books please return them at the meeting.

LOOKING FOR A VOLUNTEER

_____ The guild is looking for a volunteer to review, copy and scan slides and copy them to cd. We have binders of slides that follow the history of our guild and don't want to loose them. If any one is interested please contact Judy Blount. jtblount@comcast.net

LOOKING TO FORM AN OUTSIDE SALES GROUP

The board has been discussing the forming of an outside sales group to participate in selling our goods in sales venues other than our own Fibers and Beyond sale. Several options have been considered and we would like input from all of you.

Skagit Valley Gardens in Mt Vernon is talking of expanding their Quilt sale that is held every January to a 'Textiles' sale. It would feature woven, knitted, felted, and quilted items for sale. They require a booth fee and the guild would supply the tables, props and labor.

Bellingham Farmers Market has also been discussed. This one has 2 options; applying for a partial membership or applying for a not-for-profit status to set up an advertising table to alert shoppers of our October sale.

Please visit <http://bellinghamfarmers.org> to check out the options.

It you have any ideas to expand on this or are willing to participate either with selling, or have items to sell please reply to this email and I will compile a list. Thanks Maggie

LOOM FOR SALE

Rasmussen 4 harness floor loom. 25" hardwood frame. Detaches so it is portable and can be used as a table loom. Ideal for workshops or narrow projects. Includes 2 reeds and misc supplies. \$ 350.00 Please call 360-201-3304

HERITAGE OF DESIGN

American Indian and First Nation Treasures from the Maryhill Museum
January 14 - June 10 2007

www.whatcommuseum.org

Please take a peek at some of the great programs we have planned during the duration of our Heritage of Design. Hope you can join us and feel free to forward the attached flyer to your friends and associates.

Thanks!

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HANSEL AND GRETEL HOUSE TOUR

Some of you may have seen the cobblestone house with the thatched roof on Axton Road east of Ferndale. The couple who built the house have donated tours of the house to a couple of charity auctions and are willing to have a special tour for the Whatcom Weavers. The house is of interest to husbands, as well, with cobblestone and architectural interest inside and outside and in the landscaping.

We are tentatively looking at Saturday am on March 10. They will take up to 30 people. You can ask the builders/owners questions and coffee and tea will be served. Tickets are \$10 per person which is given to 'Blue Skies for Children'.

Donna Hunter will pass out an interest sheet at the February meeting.

AN INVITATION FROM THE VICTORIA HANDWEAVERS & SPINNERS

GUILD

The 3rd Annual Victoria Spin-in
Sponsored by the Victoria Handweavers and Spinners Guild
will be held February 24, 2007
10:00 am to 4:00 pm
Elk Lake Baptist Church
\$20/person (includes lunch/coffee/snacks)
Registration will open at the Guild Meeting January 18, 2007

Registration limited to 50 and will be on a first come basis
For more information, contact Diane Gray, dgray2@uvic.ca, 658 8301.

CONFERENCE OF NORTHERN CALIFORNIA HANDWEAVERS

FIBER RETREAT

April 19 - 22, 2007

See their web site for registration information and list of workshops.

<http://www.cnch.org/pages/conferences/cnch07/conf2007.html>

ASSOCIATION OF NORTHWEST WEAVERS GUILD

They have launched a new and improved website at a new address.

<http://northwestweavers.org/index.htm>

The conference Information is now available at:

http://www.hwsda.org/conferences/2007_anwg

you can download the brochure with adobe

WARP A REAL PEACE (WARP)

The mission is to facilitate self-empowerment and betterment of women and communities-in-need through textile arts around the world. This year the WARP annual meeting is in Guatemala from March 1-4, 2007 with additional post meeting tours of villages, markets, and weaving cooperatives, etc. March 5-10. It's a wonderful opportunity. Check out the website for more information or call me and I can tell you a little more about WARP if you're interested. Candy Meacham 671-9079

<http://www.weavearealpeace.org>

ANOTHER INTERESTING WEB SITE

Fantastic silk spinning and weaving

<http://www.wormspit.com>

CHECK OUT OUR WEB PAGE

<http://whatcomweaversguild.org>