

## **MARCH MEETING**

Wednesday, March 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.

### **March program:** Ruby Leslie lecture

Weavers are often seduced into buying gorgeous colored yarns but freeze when trying to incorporate them into their weavings. The usual approach to this perennial problem is to learn color theory - a huge and daunting undertaking. but learning terminology is NOT the equivalent of learning how to design cloth and use color well.

You don't need to master color theory to use color masterfully. a layman's approach to color theory can be sufficient. Ruby will share an extensive series of samples for a production line of scarves, woven over several years. which document an incrementally evolving approach to color design.

## **IMPORTANT MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT**

Guild members,

Many of our board positions will be open at the end of the year. We are looking for a group of weavers willing to be on a nominating committee. This is a short term commitment and is a great way for some of you long time guild members to help out without serving on the board. I received no volunteer offers at the last guild meeting so will be calling people if there is no response to this newsletter request. It is very important that we find members willing to serve on the board.

If any guild member would like to serve on the board please contact me. The positions which will be open are: President, Vice president, Newsletter, workshops, Education, Secretary, and Library. The present board members are more than happy to explain their "duties" and would be around to offer advice next year if asked. The positions are not difficult and do not require you to be a long standing member of the guild.

I must say that our board is one of the most fun and relaxing groups with which I have been involved. All of the "work" we do on the board is directed at making our guild the best it can be, so it is a very positive group.

Kathy Green, 384-0169, [kmgreen196@msn.com](mailto:kmgreen196@msn.com) (I am out of town until March 20)

## **A QUICK LOOK AT FUTURE PROGRAMS**

**April:** *'From Twining to Twill' Baskets*

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

**June:** *Annual Guild Sale*

## **UPCOMING WORKSHOPS**

**Fifty Ways to Weave Your Color:** March 12, 13,14 Ruby Leslie

Location: Squalicum Yacht club Time: 9-4 First day 8:30 for set-up.

Cost: \$142 (\$107 fee plus \$35 materials)

Final payment due at the Feb. 14 meeting: \$117 (\$142 minus \$25 deposit)

We have 12 participants. Everyone should have heard from and responded to Ruby by email. She will be mailing out the warps to each of us individually. Kathy Sano has kindly offered to host Ruby at her home. Thank you, Kathy.

**Woven Shibori:** April 21 plus dye day to be decided. Jo Anne Ryeburn

Location: Ann Lorgens' for April 21, Donna Hunters' for dye day

Cost: Less than expected. About \$45 for 10 people (including warp and materials).

Deposit due \$25 by Feb. 14

Final payment March 14 meeting.

We have eight people signed up. The warps will be delivered to Donna on March 7 and distributed to participants at the March 14th meeting. Final payment is due.

**Cedar and Rush Tote.** May 5 Sue Marvin

Location: Lummi Island - hosted by Mary Oates. Cost: \$60 for everything. There will be a small fee to the instructor for the ferry and other transportation (about \$3 each).

Deposit of \$25 due Feb 14

Final payment due March 14

We have a waiting list. Only half of those expressing interest have paid deposits. Final payment is due as we need to inform the instructor of final numbers for class preparation.

**Ikaanbari-** June 9, Saturday Chris Conrad

Time: 10 am. This is a 3 hour class using "Kakishibu" dye from fermented persimmon. Ikaanbari is using Japanese papers that we decorate with the dye and cover baskets and other items.

Location: Donna Hunter's unless there is a volunteer closer to Bellingham

Cost: About \$50 to 55 for 10 people. We have 7 so far

Deposit \$25 due now

Final payment due April meeting.

### **LOOMS FOR RENT**

Please keep in mind that the guild owns several looms that are for rent to members in good standing. We have a 4 harness Rasmussen 26" table loom and a 4 harness Baby Wolf. Both require a deposit of \$100.00 and rent of \$20.00 per month. The deposit is returned upon the return of the loom.

Please contact Maggie at 360-380-0888.

### **KATHY GREEN'S AUSTRALIAN TRIP**

Guild members, I have the opportunity to travel to Melbourne Australia in March with my husband (he has business there). I have also contacted the president of the Handweavers and Spinners Guild of Victoria which is in Melbourne. She seems a very nice gal and I will be visiting their "guild rooms" and also the Wool Museum outside of Melbourne.

The guild has repurchased one of our date books from Judy Blount and I will present it to the Victoria guild president as a gift from our guild.

here is the link to the guild's web page: <http://home.vicnet.net.au/~handspin/>

and here is the link to the wool museum:

<http://www.arts.vic.gov.au/arts/general/archive/postcards/NWM.htm>

A link to another fiber place in Melbourne: <http://www.victapestry.com.au/>

I will see you in April as I will not be at the March meeting.

Kathy Green

### **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**

When using the Guild Library, please be sure to double-check the cabinets to make sure they are locked after checking out books and equipment. The key container is attached to the side of Cabinet #2 and should be put back after use.

If you have suggestions for book titles you would like to see the guild purchase for the library please contact Judy Blount ([jmblount@comcast.net](mailto:jmblount@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.

### **STILL 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. [jmblount@comcast.net](mailto:jmblount@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.

We have received several emails on this, all offering different opinions, ideas and view points. If you have any ideas to expand on this please reply to this email and I will compile a list. Thanks Maggie

## **ART EXHIBIT (A BRAG ON A GUILD MEMBER)**

The Blue Horse Gallery at 301 Holly St. in Bellingham is showing art work by a group of artists who traveled to Languedoc, Southwest France recently. Karen Kaufmann has five watercolor paintings in this exhibit, and invites you to visit the gallery between march 2 and March 26 to see this show.

## **LOOM FOR SALE**

### **AVL Folding Dobby Loom for sale**

AVL is considered by many to be the Cadillac of all looms. Now is your chance to own an AVL mechanical 16 harness dobbie loom at a unbelievable price -- \$1200.

A new 40" Folding Dobby Loom with a mechanical dobbie would run you \$5,262.00 plus the cost of your choice beater and beam, so you can see what a great opportunity this is for someone. And if you ever desire to upgrade to computer driven, this loom can easily accommodate a Compu Dobby II without much fuss.

With a dobbie loom you get to weave complicated or complex weave structures quickly and easily because the long or complicated treadling sequence is simply iprogrammed, leaving you to just concentrate on throwing the shuttle. The AVL loom comes with an auto advance mechanism so the warp is automatically advanced, automatic warp tensioning, and a sectional warping beam. I've also included an optional add-on -- a flyshuttle mechanism for fast throwing of the shuttle but it is incomplete ñ the needed items can be ordered direct from AVL.

The loom height 62", width overall 55", front to back 48" and it does fold, allowing it to pass through a normal doorway. Check it out --

<http://www.avlusa.com/index/products/looms/fdl/>

If interested, call Debbie Day 966-7545 or e-mail [deedaze@earthlink.net](mailto:deedaze@earthlink.net)

### **LeClerc Nilus 45" for sale - Correction**

I also had a call from Ebo, Gisela's brother re selling her looms and other weaving supplies. He has priced her folding LeClerc Nilus, 45" loom and bench at \$900.00. which will include miscellaneous supplies. Anyone interested can call me 733-3947. Thanks. Marilyn

## **RENTAL HOME NEEDED IN BELLINGHAM**

My landlady decided to sell. I'm looking for a new home, small yard, with LOTS of space for all my toys. I really am hoping to cover all housing expenses (rent and utilities plus phone) with upcoming social security allotment. Do you know of a place? Did you see a rental sign in your wanderings? Please let me know. I AM a great rentor: Gloria Lebowitz 676-1917  
[glolebow@yahoo.com](mailto:glolebow@yahoo.com)

## **HERITAGE OF DESIGN**

American Indian and First Nation Treasures from the Maryhill Museum

January 14 - June 10 2007

[www.whatcommuseum.org](http://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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### **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>

### **WHIDBEY WEAVERS' GUILD 36th ANNUAL SPIN-IN**

They are announcing their annual Spin-In to be held March 31 - April 1, 10:00 AM to 4:00 PM at Oak Harbor High School. For contact information: Shirley Tinkler, 360-221-8856 [tinklers@whidbey.com](mailto:tinklers@whidbey.com)

### **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](http://www.hwsda.org/conferences/2007_anwg)

you can download the brochure with adobe

### **IN PRAISE OF HANDS SALT SPRING ISLAND FIBER FESTIVAL**

Please see the jpg attachment to this email.

<http://www.fibrefestival.com>

Workshops, speakers and a designer showcase fashion show

There is a correction for the address to send order forms for souvenirs on page 27 of the Wild

Fibres conference booklet. The correct address is:

Celeste Pryde

514 16 Street S., Lethbridge, AB T1J 3A9.

### **FOURTH ANNUAL GREAT FALLS SPINNERS AND WEAVERS GUILD FIBER FESTIVAL**

#### **AND THEIR 50th ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION**

The web site includes the class schedule, fees, class descriptions, teacher bios, banquet info, registration instructions and more. You can download it at

[http://www.geocities.com/gfspinweave/fiber\\_festival.html](http://www.geocities.com/gfspinweave/fiber_festival.html). We also have many vendors signed up, with a list to be posted soon.

**THINGS TO CHECK OUT ON THE WEB**

Check out new WeaveCast or pod casts. <http://www.weavecast.com/default.html>

The San Juan County Textile Guild now has a web site  
<http://www.sjctextileguild.org>

**CHECK OUT OUR WEB PAGE**

<http://whatcomweaversguild.org>

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