

JUNE MEETING

Wednesday, June 13, 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.

June is our Annual Recycling Sale

Everyone is invited to get a table or partial table for this fun event.

Tables are free but do need to be reserved. Remember this recycling is successful only if YOU take part -- so call Debbie Day 966-7545 or e-mail deedaze@earthlink.net for a table or more information.

FIBERS AND BEYOND SALE 2007

SUCCESS IS IN YOUR HANDS!

Five months to go until October 19th/20th, and our Guild's great annual Show and Sale! Are you ready? Projects decided and on the go'?

Well, first things first are you registered? At our May Guild meeting, many of our members picked up their registration forms for this year's Fibers and Beyond Sale. We will have them available again at the June 13th meeting. All entrants must be a paid Guild member for the 2007-2008 year, as of September 30 2007. However, registration and entry fee of \$10.00 must be handed in prior to June 30 2007. This is the last day to enter the show no exceptions!

Secondly, have you sent your names and addresses to Joan Cunningham for printing on our sale post card? We need them NOW. Joan will be preparing the database for printing during the summer so we can get them ready for mailing in early fall. Contact Joan at joancunn@comcast.net or 733 8820. She will take your entries in any form online file, handwritten list via the internet, via snail mail, carrier pigeon?

Thirdly, have you thought about how you want to help out at the Show? When you fill in your registration form, please check off the area(s) that will be your contribution to our success.

After the summer, we will be providing inventory sheets, tags and instructions and using part of our September meeting to help you decide on pricing for your beautiful pieces if you need that help. We've got lots of experience from previous Shows!

The Sale Committee is holding its next meeting at Sondra Rose's home at 7pm on Wednesday June 6, 1748 Electric Avenue. Everyone is welcome. Our main agenda item is to plan where our posters and yard signs will be placed so we can attract as much attendance at the Show as possible. If you have any thoughts on this, or any other Sale-related item, don't hesitate to contact me at pat.fisher@comcast.net or 715 3360.

Happy flying fingers!
Pat Fisher
Chairman, WWG Fibers & Beyond 2007 Show and Sale

TO THE MEMBERSHIP FROM THE BOARD

The board has developed a budget for 2007/2008 and in looking over increasing expenses we have come to realize that we must increase membership dues. To that end we are increasing the dues by \$3.00 per year. The new dues are as follows: Student \$15, Adult \$20, Family \$30.

Our membership dues have not been raised in recent memory, but we have added expenses with a storage rental facility, the wool show at the fair, educational outreach, and increasing costs of speakers for programs.

Please note that those of you who will be in the sale next October must pay both your dues for next year (at the new rate) and the entry fee for the sale by June 30. If you can't attend the June meeting, please send your check and registration form to Whatcom Weavers Guild, PO Box 403, Bellingham, Wa 98227 before June 30th.

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Thank you all for a fun two years as president of the board. I have enjoyed being part of this wonderful, creative and talented group so much. I have been involved in leadership positions in the guild for 4 years now, two years as F & B sale chair and then 2 years as president. It has been so great to serve with the many wonderful people involved in committees and the board. It really allowed me to get to know everyone better. I would encourage everyone in the guild to serve in some capacity. I am now looking forward to some time out of the spot light and I hope to get more weaving done!
Kathy Green

HAT COMPETITION

BRING YOUR HATS!! We would like a preview of the hats at the June meeting so please bring your completed hats and plan on "loaning" them to Marcia Ford for the fair. After the fair you can sell them at our October sale, give them away as gifts or wear during the next snowstorm.

UPCOMING WORKSHOPS

Woven Shibori. Second session is dye day scheduled for Wednesday, June 6 from 9 to 3 at the home of Donna Hunter in Blaine. Call if you need directions (332-5526). Bring a sack lunch. Participants will be contacted if Jo Anne has any equipment requests.

"**Kakishibu**" Chris Conrad. Saturday, June 9, 9:30 to 3 or 4 at the home of Donna Hunter.

BOARD MEMBERS 2007 - 2008

President: Pat Fisher
Vice president (programs): Nancy Bjerke
Treasurer: Kathy Hutchinson
Secretary: April Muegge
Workshops: Barbara Snow and Karen Perry
Hospitality: Randi Cattarin
Newsletter: Julie Barnes
Education: Margaret Magic
Library: Keae Morris
Member at Large: Mary Ann Miklich
Continuing on in ad-hoc positions: Sale chairman, Pat Fisher
Wool show chairman, Marcia Ford.

PLEASE UPDATE YOUR MEMBERSHIP BOOK

Please Add Jenni Jimmerson E-mail jennij@secfirstinc.com

LIBRARY NEWS

New Addition to our library:

A Handweaver's Notebook, Sharon Alderman, Interweave Press, 1991.

Please see the web site (<http://whatcomweaversguild.org>) to see an up-to-date list of books.

STORAGE FACILITY NOW AVAILABLE

The guild now has a storage facility to store all the props, signs, looms etc... It is located at NW Heated mini-storage on Birchwood (near the fabric store, across from Albertson's). Here are instructions on how to access the facility, these instructions will also come with the key:

- Get a key from the designated guild member (to be announced)
- back up to the garage door ramp
- sign in at office desk (the manager will open the loading door for you)
- load up loading dolly
- at elevator, push 1 (down)
- off elevator go right & right again to # C7
- When leaving: lock unit, bush 2 at elevator, return dolly & sign out at desk.
Return Key ASAP

CHECK OUT THE CURRENT ISSUE OF HANDWOVEN MAY/JUNE 2007

The Peach Arch and Salt Spring Island Weavers and Spinners Guild participated in a challenge issued by Joan Cunningham. Each guild member brought a mug in a brown paper bag. Then each left with a different bag and the task of designing and weaving a bag to go with the mug. All this without knowing who would be receiving the bag you designed and wove. Donna Hunter is featured in the article with a photo of her felted bag made to match a coffee mug.

NORTHWEST WASHINGTON FAIR

<http://www.nwwafair.com/>

The premium book is a tab above the page. You can view the book and fill out your entry form online.

NW HANDSPUN YARNS SPECIAL JULY CLASS **TRADITIONAL NAVAJO WEAVING**

Navajo weaving is hundreds of years old starting with the introduction of the Spanish Churro sheep to the Pueblo people of the Southwest during the mid 17th century. From the basic striped Chief's Blankets to the intricate Two Gray Hills style, Navajo blankets and rugs have become synonymous with indigenous weaving.

This class is the very essence of Navajo weaving. Students will learn the history, building of the loom, and Navajo weaving techniques. Students will create a 15²x15² sampler. The last class will include natural dyeing.

Dates are:

June 30 6 hours, Saturday, 10:00 4:00

July 1 4 hours, Sunday, 10:00 2:00

July 8 4 hours, Sunday, 10:00 2:00

July 21 4 hours, Saturday, 10:00 2:00

July 22 6 hours, Sunday, 10:00 4:00

Cost: \$300.00 plus materials & Text

Instructor: Debra Lacy

Place: NW Handspun Yarns

1401 Commercial Street

Bellingham WA 98225

360-738-0167

Thank you!

Nancy Bjerke, Owner

Check out the Web Site <http://www.nwhandspun yarns.com>

Wild Fibers ANWG Conference 2007
at Red Deer College in Red Deer Alberta

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

AMERICAN TEXTILE HISTORY MUSEUM

Interesting reading

Thank you to all who supported the American Textile History Museum (ATHM) during this time of transition by your visits to the website, by your support through memberships and personal donations, and by the financial support from fiber guilds across the nation.

http://www.athm.org/home_framemiddle1.htm

MAIWA TEXTILE SYMPOSIUM

<http://maiwa.com/symposium/index.html>

If anyone is interested, Maiwa in Vancouver will be having their symposium this fall. They have a wide range of workshops and speakers coming. The workshops are of high quality and the speakers, who come from all over the world, are experts in their fields, often the authors of wonderful textile books. There are a number of dyeing workshops of direct interest to weavers (and basket makers I should think). The catalogue will be out in May but the information is now on their website: <http://maiwa.com>

NOTE: These workshops fill up very quickly, often within half an hour. Two years ago the Gees Bend Quilters did two workshops and they sold out in ten minutes. So it is usually necessary to register the second registration opens, which can mean hitting re-deal for 20-30 minutes or more straight. Registration opens June 25, at 10:00 AM

PODCASTS FOR WEAVERS

The current episode celebrates the weaving teacher, those wonderful people who share their talents and knowledge. We have the results of the Teach a Friend to Weave contest, some of your stories, a tour of The Weavers' School on Whidbey Island, and talented teachers Madelyn van der Hoogt and Peggy Osterkamp.

ELLIOTT LOUISE GALLERY

Barbara Heller, a tapestry weaver in Vancouver, BC, Canada is having a show at the Elliott Louis Gallery and the gallery has posted a video of her interview on their web site: http://www.elliottlouis.com/dynamic/video_list.asp

TEXTILE WORLD MAGAZINE

The latest issue Textile World just came out and Dupont is now making fibre from corn sugars - they are calling it "Dupont Sorona - a renewably sourced polymer".

<http://www.textileworld.com/Default.htm>

There web site has more information than you probably want to know.

INTERESTING FACT

Milk has been the source of casein (not sure of the spelling) for many years. It was used to make buttons in the 1920's and 30's and maybe even later. This is now being extruded and turned into fibre.

CHECK OUT OUR WEB PAGE

<http://whatcomweaversguild.org>

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