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whatcom Weavers guild

*Promoting community interest and education in textiles,
and communication among fiber artists, with an emphasis on weaving.*

REGULAR MEETINGS ~

September through June ~ Second Wednesday of the month
7:00p social time ~ short business meeting
show & tell ~ scheduled program
St. James Presbyterian Church (west side, lower level)
910 - 14th Street, Bellingham, WA

Newsletter Editor - Joan Cunningham

MEETING INFORMATION

Seiko Purdue, Professor at Western Washington University will be our guest speaker at our December 10 guild meeting. She will talk about her work "Wish Tying" and other works. You can preview her work on her website at <http://myweb.facstaff.wvu.edu/atsutas/index.html>. Seiko will show slides, have her book available for sale and talk to us about current student works as well. We welcome Seiko, who is also a local Bellingham resident to our guild!



Wish Balls Kimono-Go Slippery Knots I Wish Flower

You are welcome to bring holiday baked goodies for treats for our December meeting.

Dates & Details ~

WHATCOM WEAVERS GUILD

Annual Membership Dues:

Adult: \$20.00
Family: \$30.00
Student: \$15.00

Make checks payable to Whatcom Weavers Guild. Mail to Whatcom Weavers Guild, P.O. Box 403, Bellingham, WA 98227

WWG Board Meetings:

The Board meeting schedule will be announced once it is confirmed. Please contact any board member if you should have concerns to be discussed or want to confirm dates/times of meetings.

Next board meeting -

None in December
Clubhouse at Darby Estates

The Daytime Weavers:

Thursday, Dec. 4, 10:30am
Hostess: Pat Fisher
(360) 714-3360
See below for directions

~ The Daytime Weavers meets year round on the first Thursday of every month. Bring a sack lunch, show & tell, something to work on (or not) and get a chance to meet weavers, knitters, crafters, etc.

January's program will be a hands-on. A committee has made silk fusion paper that will be used to make covered buttons that will be put in the ANWG "goodie bags" for the conference in Spokane in May. We are trying to get 300 buttons covered so we need your help! It may be a good idea to bring a small pair of scissors.

Also, a DVD will be shown promoting ANWG Conference to be held May 28 - May 31, 2009, at Gonzaga University in Spokane. Please visit www.anwg2009.org or www.northwestweavers.org. The conference theme this year is Weaving Waves of Color.

Projector Anyone?

Please let me know if you have a projector that will connect to a laptop so that we can show this DVD to the group. (digital) Ask your workplace, your significant other, your friend. Let me know ASAP please

Gloria Lebowitz globebow@yahoo.com 676-1917

Gloria will have some booklets available at the meeting or you can visit the ANWG website. If you haven't been to a conference before, please consider it. There are great speakers, seminars and a chance to connect with others.

The Complex Weavers have reserved the WA/CA Room in the COG Building for a "bring your cafeteria tray and come for a chat breakfast" Sunday

May 31. Mealtimes have not been set yet for the cafeteria. Notices will be posted on-line before and during the Conference.

Be sure to bring an Ethernet cable and your laptop! Any changes and/or notices will be posted in the cafeteria each morning, but will be posted first on-line at www.anwg2009.org.

There may also be a WeaveTech meeting --- Conference organizers are trying to find an open classroom or meeting room for Sunday.

The 2009 Conference Booklet is available in PDF download at: www.anwg2009.org and www.northwestweavers.org

The Booklet will be updated and corrected in the on-line PDF so it is the most current, and hopefully correct, edition of the Booklet.

Again, the conference theme is Weaving Waves of Color. Whatcom Weavers Guild will be assembling a booth. Questions: Gloria Lebowitz.

Directions to Pat Fisher's

From I5, take Exit 253 (Lakeway)
Turn east onto Lakeway Drive past Fred Meyer. Continue on Lakeway, keeping to the right at all Y-junctions. Drive for about 2 1/2 miles to Austin (just after Geneva Fire Station) - turn right. Go a short distance up the hill, crossing Fremont. The road bears left and becomes Lake Louise Road. Drive about 3 miles until you see Gate 9 to Sudden Valley on your left. (you will pass Gate 13 first - there are no gates in between). Turn Left into Gate 9. Immediately turn Right onto Polo Park Drive. Go less than 1/4 mile to a T-junction at Polo Park and Polo Park (no kidding!). Turn Left. In a very short distance turn left onto Huckleberry Court. In another very short distance turn Left again onto Huckleberry Place.

We are the third house on the Right. Number 6. Please note: cell phone coverage is very poor once you get on Lake Louise Drive and basically non-existent in Sudden Valley. Sounds complicated but is only 15 minutes from the freeway

BOARD INFORMATION

President - Board

Vice President & Programs: Nancy Bjerke
Secretary: Richard Harvey
Treasurer: Kathy Hutchinson
Workshops: Barbara Snow & Karen Perry
Membership: Randi Cattarin
Librarian: Kaea Morris
Member-at-Large/ANWG Rep: Gloria Lebowitz
Newsletter: Joan Cunningham
Education: Marcia Ford
Wool Show: Marcia Ford
Fibers & Beyond Chair: Pat Fisher & Randi Cattarin

WORKSHOPS

The Learning Curve

Spring Workshop

Design with Color and Confidence

Thursday, Friday and Saturday, April 8, 9, 10

Do you feel confused about the meaning of hue, value, saturation, spectrum? Do you know your favorite colors, but don't know how to mix them with other colors for a new look? Learn how color works and how to mix, change or modify any color. This workshop is relevant to all mediums, so if you are a weaver, knitter, dyer, beader or painter this workshop will help you become an expert in using color. Instructor Lyn Pflueger will guide you through color exercises using paint and paper that you can apply to the medium of your choice. Learn from famous artists to find and reproduce your color choices.

Cost: \$185. Payment due March 1, 2009. Installment plan of 3 payments is available: First payment (\$75) due February 1. Second payment (\$75) due March 1 and final payment (\$35) due April 1, 2009. Send checks to Kathy Hutchison, WWG Treasurer. For more information contact Karen Perry, Co-Workshop Chair, (360) 724-4812.

The Learning Curve is a program created to provide an opportunity for guild members to share their expertise with other members. These mini workshops are given my guild members for guild members.

We will continue with *The Learning Curve* workshops again this year. If you have a skill that you would like to share with fellow guild members, here is your chance to do so. Last year's *Learning Curve* workshops were well received and we have heard lots of raves about the experiences had by our members.

Here's how it works.....

Decide on a skill that you would like to share with the guild.....as an example.....Beading on Leather. Decide how many people can comfortably fit in your workspace and then decide how much you would like to have participants pay. So, if you have 6 participants at \$10 apiece.....for a 3 hour workshop.....you will receive \$60 for your efforts and 6 people will have learned a new skill! It is a great way to get to know fellow Guild members and have fun besides.

Announce your workshop at the Guild meeting or in the newsletter giving all of the particulars that members need to know. You are in charge! I am anxious to see what fun things our members think of this year.

Contact Guild workshop co-chairs, Karen Perry (360-724-4812) and Barbara Snow (360-676-4379) to brainstorm ideas about a workshop you could teach.

The picture to the right is courtesy of Yvonne Madsen. She took a basket class from fellow member, Irene Hinkle, using seaweed. Yvonne was totally enthused on the workshop and we look forward to classes by Irene.



Events & Classes

QUILT AND TEXTILE SHOW

January 16 is set up. Sale is January 17 and 18. Location is Skagit Valley Nursery, 18923 Johnson Road in Mt. Vernon. Maggie has rented 2 spaces. One for her quilts and one for anyone who wants to sell weaving. The weaving booth will be the responsibility of whomever volunteers. They will set up, deal with customers and do take down. The cost of \$50.00 will be divided between how many people want to display items and work in the booth.

Questions: Maggie Weyers
380-0888
mageez@comcast.net

WEAVER'S NEEDED

for a Walk Through Bethlehem the first two weeks in December (Fri, Sat, Sun 6-8PM) at Bakerview School (Smith and Washke Roads). This has been a very successful demonstration of a "reinacment" including weaving of the birth of Christ. If you can weave and afford a few hours contact Jo Byma at 354-0116. Thank You!

Knitting Teacher and Author Nancy Bush to teach classes at NW Handspun Yarns

Thursday, January 8, 10:00 - 5:00

Vintage Socks—Old Tricks for New Socks

This workshop will begin with a discussion of the patterns that were written for sock and stocking knitting in the 19th century, drawing extensively from the Weldon's Practical Needlework journals. We will look at styles that were popular and how they translate into modern times. We will also discuss the patterns, how they were written and how best to translate them into 21st century knitting language. Students will make a sampler in this class, using techniques adapted from Nancy's book, Knitting Vintage Socks (Interweave Press. 2005), including a very interesting heel and toe shaping not commonly used today. Students should be familiar with using double point needles. Vintage Knitted Socks required text.

Friday, January 9, 9:00 - 5:00

Making a true Haapsalu Sall; a traditional rectangular shawl from Estonia

The tradition of knitting lace shawls began in Haapsalu, a town on the west coast of Estonia in the early 1800's. In this class we will study the history and the techniques involved in making shawls as they have been made in Haapsalu for almost 200 years. We will make a miniature rectangular shawl, easily translated to a human size, that incorporates unique stitch patterns and special ways of finishing. Nancy's new book, Knitted Lace from Estonia is required text.

Each class is \$80.00, and potluck lunch each day. Material list yet to be determined

Classified Ads ~

I have received an overstock inventory of reeds. It includes over 70 brand new stainless steel reeds. All are in original packages and were made in Sweden.

The reeds vary from 16" to 48" and vary in dpi. Each reed is available to guild members at the price of \$1/inch.

Alicia Elvstad
371-4184
alecia@loominesce.com

FOR SALE: Schacht 14 yd Warping Board, Like-new condition, \$55. Contact Barbara at 733-7549 or bscheaffer@msn.com

For Sale Used Glimakra Regina Tapestry/Rug Loom. 66inches wide, 75 inches tall. Two Shafts 3 sets of treadles, beater with reed. Beautiful wood excellent condition \$1900 NEW PRICE!! Call Nancy at 360-588-9563



This ad is from the Seattle Weavers' Guild.

RUSH-carpet loom to be given away before it is thrown out! Large Swedish carpet loom in Bothell. Helen Innes 425-482-5468 (work), 425-478-4301 (home), innes@precor.com, helen.innes5@gmail.com.

ANWG Scholarship Update

Five guild members applied for WWG's 2008 nomination for the opportunity of receiving a scholarship from ANWG to attend the 2009 convention in Spokane. A committee of three members reviewed the applications and scored each one based on the ANWG guidelines. It was a difficult decision as all applicants were worthy. I am happy to announce that Sondra Rose was our selection this year! Sondra has years of weaving experience and 20 years being an active member of our guild. During that time she has served on the board several times and was in charge of the education/demonstration part of our annual sale for many years, and for the last two years has been in charge of the Check-in and Acceptance Committees. Sondra has been teaching weaving within our community for 18 years and is a respected resource for our weaving guild members. Congratulations Sondra! The guild is hoping you receive a scholarship, and then we will look forward to hearing all about your experiences at a meeting next year!

Randi Cattarin

Miscellaneous

If you would like to see photos from Fibers and Beyond, 2008, Julie Barnes has them posted on:

<http://www.flickr.com/photos/31715135@N07/>

Some of you already know this and some of you just don't really, really, really care! =)

I'm sorting my acrylic yarn from my wool yarn and the balls have no labels. This is how I'm doing it:

- Take a wooden cutting board, a ball of yarn, and wooden kitchen matches.
- Light the end of the yarn, let it burn a sec, and then blow it out.
- Lay the burned end of the yarn on the cutting board
- Tap it a few times with the unburned end of the wooden match.
- If the ash flakes, it's most likely wool; If the ash appears melted, it's most likely acrylic.
- Now enjoy the burned smell that is permeating your entire house and setting off smoke alarms.

Here is a link to a fiber burn chart for those of you who are truly into this and don't already have it:

<http://www.ditzypriprints.com/dpburnchart.ht>

Now is the time to start planning your trip to Convergence in 2010. It is being held in Albuquerque, New Mexico July 18 -25, 2010 at the Albuquerque Convention Center. For the whole story, go to <http://www.weavespindye.org/?loc=8-00-00>.

This international, biennial conference is organized and sponsored by the Handweavers Guild of America, Inc along with the many fiber enthusiasts of the Albuquerque CVB. It features special lectures, workshops, one day studio classes, super seminars, seminars, exhibits, tours, special events, and a commercial vendor hall full of artists and many of your favorite vendors of both equipment and yarns.

For those of you who wish to participate above and beyond, here is some more information from the website:

Community Exhibits. *If you are interested in organizing an exhibition of your fiber works in the Albuquerque area in conjunction with Convergence 2010, apply for a solo or group exhibit. Send ten to twenty slides of your work along with your exhibit proposal, a résumé, a biography, an artist statement and exhibit requirements to the address below. Deadline is January 30, 2009.*

Community Exhibits, HGA
1255 Buford Highway, Suite 211,
Suwanee, GA 30024

Interest Groups. *Small organizations and special interest groups wishing to meet during Convergence 2010 should contact HGA, hga@weavespindye.org or 678-730-0010 to schedule events.*

SMALL EXPRESSIONS 2009:

There is a call for artists for the Small Expressions exhibit to be held on February 24 - May 3, 2009 at Mississippi Craft Center in Ridgeland, Mississippi and from June 12 - September 6, 2009 at Faulconer Gallery, Grinnell College, Grinnell, Iowa. **Deadline for entry is January 9, 2009.** The juror for the show will be Arturo Alonzo Sandoval. To obtain a prospectus and an entry form go to <http://www.weavespindye.org/pages/?p=HGASmallExpressions.html&loc=3-13-00&loc=1-61-00>. and follow the links.

February 12 PHG Guild meeting 7:30 PM

Linda Kubik: FIBERS, FABRICS, HANDWOVENS & MORE
www.lindakubik.com
Multnomah Art Center, 7688 SW Capitol Hwy. Portland
February 14 & 15, 2009
PHG Handwoven Fabric Workshop
Saturday, February 14, 9 AM - 5 PM
Sunday, February 15, 9 AM - 5 PM
Calvin Hall
St Andrews Presbyterian Church
3228 SW Sunset Blvd.
Portland, Oregon 97201

Linda Kubik: One Pattern, Many Variations

Is there ever a "perfect" pattern? What if you don't have enough fabric or need to add a piece? How about hanging the collar, adding pockets? Using Linda's latest pattern, we'll explore fit, fashion, individual style and customizing a pattern. Bring your fabric and frustrations and learn how to think creatively as a sewer. Participants must bring their own yardage, notions, sewing machine and related equipment. Handwoven fabric should be uniform, durable and finished (washed and ironed appropriately) and preferably 32" - 36" wide and 3 1/2 to 4 yards in length.

Lab Fee: \$20.00, payable to Linda Kubik at time of Workshop
Workshop Fee: \$175.00 (this is an 18-24 hour workshop that we condensed to avoid work week conflicts so prepare to study hard, sew carefully, and have your lunch etc readily with you and available --- closest store, StarBucks & library are well over a mile away)

Registration Deposit: \$50.00, check made out to PHG and mailed to Sarah Auker
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Portland, Or 97221
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