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June 2009

Whatcom Weaver,s Guild

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

Next Meeting:

June [10th](#)- [CEShow](#) & Tell, Drawing/Prizes

Dessert Potluck- 6:30 [pm](#)

Any Questions? Call Pat Fisher (360) 715-3360

The Daytime Weavers:

-The daytime weavers meet year-round on the [1st](#) 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.

Regular Meetings:

September through June, [2nd](#) Wednesday of the month

7:[00pm](#)- Social time-Short business meeting

Show & Tell-Scheduled program

St. James Presbyterian Church ([Westside](#), lower level)

910-[14th](#) Street, Bellingham, WA

Dates & Details

[Whatcom](#) Weaver,[s](#) Guild

Annual Membership Dues:

Adult: \$20.00

Family: \$30.00

Student: \$15.00

Make checks payable to [Whatcom](#) Weaver,[s](#) Guild, mail to [Whatcom](#) Weaver,[s](#) 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.

2009-10 BOARD

President: Donna Hunter

Vice President & Programs: Julie [Barnes](#)

Secretary: Cathy Thompson

Treasurer: Barbara Young

Workshops: Toby Smith

Newsletter: Tracy [Vandermay](#)

Education: [Betsy](#) Turner

Librarian: [Sheri](#) Ward

Hospitality/Membership: [Toni](#) Wade & Louise [Bayma](#)

Member-at-Large: Gloria [Lebowitz](#)

Wool Show: Marcia Ford

Fibers & Beyond Chair: Joan [Cunningham](#)

Next Board Meeting:

August [19th](#), 6:30 p.m.

Clubhouse @ Darby Estates

Any Questions? Call Donna Hunter (360) 332-5526

Fibers & Beyond Information

Entry for the Fibers & Beyond sale must be made by June 30. Teresa [VanHaalen](#) will be accepting entries or they can be sent to the guild's P.O. Box.

Do you have a head for numbers? Like to see what people buy at the sale? There might be a spot for you at the Cashiers Table for this year's sale. We will need a few people to write up receipts, collect money, and wrap purchases. If any of this sounds interesting, please mark your Entry Form on the „Cashier%“ line and indicate when you would be available to volunteer ^ we will have one [3-hour](#) shift on Friday night, and two [3-hour](#) shifts on Saturday. Thanks!
Barbara & [Sheri](#).

MEMBERSHIP UPDATES

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It is that time of year again when memberships are being renewed along with registration for Fibers & Beyond. Please keep in mind that it is preferred that you fill out a New Membership/Renewal application each year when renewing. This information is used to keep our records current for Guild use and also for our Directory updates. There is also a new section where you can designate if you would like to be put on the Education Committee's list of members willing to demonstrate or mentor should the need arise. If you have forgotten to send in this form with your payment, there will be extras at the meetings. Please take time to fill it in and give it to the Membership/Hospitality Committee.

Thanks, [Randi](#)

Whatcom Weavers Guild ~

Please fill out this entire form for renewals as well as new memberships. This will update our records. Thank you.

New Member Renewal

Name _____

Address _____

City, State, Zip

E-mail _____

Phone _____

My current areas of interest include ~

Weaving

Felting

Spinning

Basketry

Knitting

Needlework

Crocheting

Quilting

Beading

Dyeing

Papermaking

Other _____

I am interested in opportunities to be a ~

Demonstrator Mentor

Membership Levels ~

\$20 ~ Individual

\$30 ~ Family (*residing at the same address*)

\$15 ~ Student

I'm joining after **Feb. 1st and**

paying only 1/2 annual dues.

\$_____ Amount Enclosed Date _____

Please make checks payable to **WWG.**

Mail completed form and payment to:

Membership

Whatcom Weavers Guild

P.O. Box 403 Bellingham, WA 98227

COMMUNITY OUTREACH

Mug and mug-rug

We would love to have your help with the guild's community outreach program this coming September.

To help, you need to procure a coffee mug (from your own cupboard, a thrift store, or where-ever) and handcraft a mug-rug to go with it. The mugs and mug-rugs will be presented to women in one or more of the area's group homes in late September or early October.

The mug-rug can be your choice of medium: woven, felted, crocheted, whatever.

The idea is to present each of these women with something personal and hand-made that will make her feel special.

Presentation is important, so if you could provide a card, that would be wonderful. We're working on getting some cellophane bags for wrapping. We'll pursue a suggestion at the May guild meeting, and see if individual guild members could present their gifts to individual women at a ceremony of some kind.

There are four women's shelters in the area: the YWCA, Dorothy Place, Lydia Place, and Agape House. Which of these become recipients depends very much on how many mugs and mug-rugs we have in hand by September.

After we talked about this idea to the guild at the May meeting, we were very pleased that nearly 20 people signed up to help with the project. Please consider adding your help to this as well.

Long-term, we may continue some form of outreach to these women ^ fibers classes, other gift projects, other ideas as they emerge. For this specific project, we are planning on some publicity just before Fibers & Beyond, and a display at F&B about the project.

So, bring your mugs and mug-rugs to the Sept. 9 guild meeting. Your special gift could mean a lot to a woman who has been through substantial difficulties. Happy creating!

Please contact [Sheri Ward](#), 961-4956, or [Joyce Noordmans](#), 384-1930, if you have any questions.

A local book group needs assistance:

[Marcelline Finda](#), a [WWU](#) student, comes from a village near [Dareda](#) in [Babati](#), Tanzania. A local book group has gathered enough money to purchase 4 treadle sewing machines for her village to allow women to sew garments for themselves, their children, and perhaps for market eventually. The machines will be picked up in Tanzania through contacts through the American Alpine Institute. They are Butterfly treadle machines.

Is there a Guild member here in Bellingham with a treadle machine who could help also? Could someone instruct [Marcelline](#) on the following treadle machine features:

How to thread the machine,

How to thread and load the bobbin

How to adjust tension, how to troubleshoot, how to replace a belt that breaks...or any basic repairs.

If you are interested or willing, please contact:

Diane Norman

805 Highland Dr.

Bellingham, WA 98225-64

360-527-2990 ([h](#))

360-927-3090 ([c](#))

WORKSHOPS

A BUG IN YOUR EAR.

At the last meeting when I sent around my list for people to express their interest in workshops for next year, there was a lot of interest in [Robyn Spady's](#) "[Fab](#) Four". Just to remind you, here is [Robyn's](#) description:

The [Fab](#) Four - Exploration of uncommon four-shaft weaves such as double-faced overshot, double-faced twill, swivel (petit-point effect on fabric), bead leno, corduroy (both single and double), honeycomb, [myggtjäll](#) (mock leno), Bedford cord, etc."

Well, great joy, we have been able to book [Robyn](#) to come to Bellingham and give us this workshop, although not until next March. So this is just a heads' up on the workshop. It will be March 20 and 21, 2010, which is a weekend. This workshop is for everyone so beginners should be no more shy than experienced weavers in signing up. I don't know how much it will cost yet but I'm working on it and will let you know when I get a better idea.

Toby Smith - next year's workshop coordinator.

THE LEARNING CURVE

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 by 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, [5](#) Learning Curve workshops were well received and we have heard lots of raves about the experiences had by our members.

Here, [5](#) 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 a piece 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 the 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.

[ANWG](#) Update

Congratulations on the [Honorable](#) Mention, booth Award!

The theme for the next conference was announced: ,Exploring New Horizons,

To: [Whatcom](#) Weavers Guild,

I would like to thank you for your participation in the [ANWG](#) Conference Guild Booth Display. All of your hard work, creativity and design went together to make a wonderful "Under Sea" booth display. The fish were just too darling.

Thanks to all of you for being part of a very successful conference!

Sincerely, [Sandi Goede](#), Guild Booth Chair

COMMUNITY NEWS

A meeting about the [Roeder](#) Home will be on Tuesday night. Folks can call council members. As I understand it, Fleetwood is already on board.

It's a long list to get through but, as Flip summarized it, basically it is saying that the [Roeder](#) Home activities would be staffed by docents, teachers would not have to pay for insurance.

please post this link

<http://www.openaccess.org/~flipandzeke/rodrfrnd/>

I'm not available to go to the meeting. ^Gloria [Lebowitz](#)

CLASSIFIED ADS

[Ashford](#) Traditional spinning wheel, single pedal, single drive, outfitted with wooly winder, and a set of large bobbins and attachment piece for it. It has been cared for and lovingly used. \$250 Barbara [Atkins](#) 366-4030. Location ^ 3639 [Grandview](#) Road, [Ferndale](#).

I have a small 4 harness [Pendleton](#) loom for sale. It is about 27" with a 24" working area. It fold up to about 12" or so and is light weight. It works beautifully and is in good condition. I also have some shuttles and bobbins, a bobbin winder and warping board. \$250 for the loom, \$350 for the loom and all the extra equipment. Barbara [Atkins](#) 360-366-4030.

Updates

New email address for [Randi](#) rcattarin@comcast.net

FOR YOUR INFORMATION

2009 has been named [CEInternational](#) Year of Natural Fibers,

Check out this cool web-site www.naturalfibres2009.org

I got this from The Tucson guild and I think that it has great implications for some members in our guild. It could affect things that are made for the Guild Sale. I would hope that some of our members might respond to the call for sending info to our lawmakers. This means the end of Children's resale shops also. -
Barbara Snow

Subj: [TNNA](#) Important Information on Consumer Product Safety Improvement Act

April 20, 2009

To All Members:

On August 8, 2008, the Consumer Product Safety Improvement Act ([CPSIA](#)) was signed into law by former President Bush. The scope of this new legislation, also called HR 4040, is daunting. Under the new regulations, most craft products could be defined as children,s products by Consumer Product Safety Commission ([CPSC](#)). This will have a huge impact on manufacturers, importers, distributors and retailers in the craft industry. Although we all want to protect our children from unsafe products, this law is like cleaning up a mosquito-infested pond with an atomic bomb.

Under this law, as of February 10, 2009, retailers cannot sell their existing inventory of children,s products that do not meet [CPSIA,s](#) new strict testing standards! This means a potential loss of sales for you and millions of dollars of unsalable inventory in stores and distributing companies.

What does this means for you? Besides the loss of potential sales and inventory value, the enforcement and penalties for non-compliance can be \$100,000 per violation ^ up to \$15 million for multiple violations and imprisonment up to 5 years. [CPSIA](#) is being viewed as a major challenge in our industry, since our products (yarns, threads, accessories and anything with a finish) have the potential to be used for handmade children,s wear, quilts, pillows, toys, etc.

As of February 10, 2009, [CPSIA](#) makes it illegal to manufacture, distribute, import or sell any children,s products (hand-knitting, yarns, accessories, needlepoint and cross-stitch threads, beads and embellishments are included in this) containing more than 600 [PPM](#) lead in the substrate of any component part of the product (including dyes), regardless of its production date. As of August 14,

2009, the limit on lead content in substrates will decrease to no more than 300 [PPM](#) (and will further decrease to 100 [PPM](#) by the year 2011 if the [CPSC](#) deems that level technologically feasible).

Going forward, the law will require that an independent laboratory test the entire existing and new inventory of yarns, threads and accessories (each dye lot) for lead levels. As of this moment, existing facilities are running about 60 days behind. If each dye lot has to be tested, the first day the law goes into effect these labs will be years behind, making it impossible for us to comply with this law.

All of us need to immediately contact our U.S. Representatives and U.S. Senators in Washington, D.C. to let them know how this will affect our businesses. Hand-knitting yarns, stitching threads and embellishments must be excluded from the scope of this law. [TNNA](#) must join forces with other craft and hobby associations to act together and explain to lawmakers how devastating this could be to our industry.

We have formulated bullet points so that you can compose a letter stressing the pertinent facts surrounding this poorly written law and its unintended consequences that will affect the fabric of American small business in this economic climate. We have also provided links (see below) to make it easier to contact your elected officials.

Please take the time to send a letter to your local lawmakers. Because of a similar campaign through [CHA](#) and other craft industry trade associations, the [CPSC](#) agreed to extend the deadline for compliance through February, 2010. Our hope is that because of your participation, the [CPSC](#) will agree that our products fall outside the scope of this regulatory legislation.

We have only nine months to stop this from becoming law and killing our businesses. We must take action NOW!

Be sure you identify yourself as a constituent of the [congressperson](#) to whom you are writing. Use e-mail. US mail is considered dangerous in Congress because of attention-seeking people sending white powder in envelopes. The U.S. Senate receives many [e-mails](#) from many different people for different issues every day. Please personalize your letter when sending it to your Senator and Representatives-do not rely on form letters to get their attention.

Links to your U.S. Representatives and U.S. Senators:

- <http://www.usa.gov/contact/elected.shtml>
- <http://www.senate.gov>

<http://www.house.gov>

Bullet points to include in you correspondence:

ü Ask for their assistance in petitioning the Consumer Product Safety Commission to exempt our products from compliance with the Consumer Product Safety Improvement Act ([CPSIA](#)) HR 4040.

ü The testing agencies currently take 60 days to test a product. If each dye lot of all threads, beads, embellishments and yarns has to be tested, not enough testing facilities exist to make it possible to comply with this law.

ü If the dyes are in compliance with the requirements, there is no reason to test the finished product over and over again. The added costs would have a huge negative impact on their commercial viability.

ü Exposing small retailers to this level of liability threatens the extinction of small business.

ü This law is poorly written and too broad to comply with as it stands.

We urge you again to send a letter to your representatives as soon as possible. Our voices must be heard in this matter. We can make a difference in the outcome of this situation.

Sincerely,

[CPSIA](#) Committee

Sharon [Garmize](#), Sharon [G](#) Needlepoint

Jim [Bryson](#), [Bryson](#) Distributing

[Hal Ozbelli](#), Universal Yarn

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