

Whatcom Weavers Guild Newsletter



Celebrating 40 years!

Midsummer supplement—July 2011



It's the middle of the strangest summer we have had in a long time.

Although the Weavers Guild is enjoying a break to relax and refresh and think about all those great new projects, there's still news for the telling.

So this is by way of being a catch-up and reminder for things to come. A regular newsletter will be coming out at the end of August with more detail about what's coming in our fall and spring programs. Until then - a few reminders then back to the summer reading and the plans!

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Fibers & Beyond Registration

HELP! Only 25 participants have signed up for Fibers and Beyond so far. That will not give us enough items for a sale. If you plan to participate, but haven't yet paid your fee, please send me an e-mail so we will have an idea about final numbers. It's important to get as many participants as possible so we can guarantee diversity in our offerings. Let's show the community our skills in weaving, knitting, basketmaking, beading, etc. The Guild (and our faithful friends and customers!) are counting on you.

Karen Perry, WWG President
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Library News

We have 2 new books in the Library, “The Willfull Pursuit of Complexity” by Kris Leet and Linda Malan and “Special Tablet Weaves” by Marijke van Epen. Both are ready for check out from the library.

If you want to look at the library during the summer break please contact Megan Kinman (megkdolphin@yahoo.com or 360-778-1029) or Betsey Turner (bltweaver.betsey@gmail.com) to arrange a meeting. They are also the contacts for loom rentals. Remember we have both a Baby Wolf and a Rasmussen loom available for rent.

Meg Kinman
WWG Librarian

Bring your mug-rugs to the September meeting!

For the past couple of years, the guild has presented gifts of hand-crafted mug-rugs and coordinating mugs to women at the local YWCA. The gifts have been very gratefully received, and we're hoping to make this kind of gift once again, maybe to the Y, maybe to one of the other local shelters or transition homes for women. These small gifts are genuinely uplifting for someone who is going through a tough time and help convey our loving concern.

The mug-rugs can be made with any technique: woven, felted, crochet, whatever you prefer. The mugs can be from your own cupboard or something you find at a thrift shop - there's no need to spend a lot of money. Bring your completed mug-rugs and coordinating mugs to the September guild meeting. We'll have supplies - packets of tea, coffee, cocoa - to fill the cups and wrapping materials to make a pretty present. Keep making those mug-rugs over the summer and help brighten a woman's day!

Sheri Ward
WWG Vice President

Joyce Noordmans
WWG Education





2011/12 Programs

We have an exciting program year coming up. One of our own, Marilyn Olsen, will be in charge of the fashion show at ANWG 2013, which will be held here in Bellingham. In anticipation of this, and hoping for great participation from our guild, we have put together a program and workshop year focusing on wearables.

To start things off, September's program will highlight the many ways we can approach wearables. Sondra Rose will talk about wearables made from hand-woven fabric for which little shaping is required once the fabric leaves the loom. Barbara Snow will go through some ideas about sewing with your precious hand-woven fabric and getting good results. Donna Hunter will discuss and show us some of her wonderful wearable felt. Bring your own approaches as well, and your questions. It should be fun!

For the balance of the program year, we have several well-known fiber artists who specialize in wearables: Nadine Sanders in November, Linda Kubik in March and Teresa Ruch in April. We'll be doing partner projects this year and showing off the results in May. Seiko Purdue from WWU's art department will talk about ikat in October; broom-maker Ron Snyder will show us how he makes brooms while he tells stories in December. The January and February programs are still in the planning stage, so stay tuned.

Sheri Ward

WWG Vice President, Programs





IT'S NOT TOO LATE ... to join in the Weavers' Stash Reduction project! You can use up a bunch of odds and ends with the free pattern from Webs ... just go to Yarn.com, search for Stash Reduction Placemats, and print it. It's a versatile pattern that could be used for a variety of items, including runners, rugs, wall hangings – and, of course, placemats! Unleash your creativity and bring your finished product to the September meeting for Show & Tell.
Timely reminder from:
Barbara Young
WWG Treasurer

Weaving Learning opportunity
I have a loom open part of the time for a student who wishes to learn in my studio.
Let's talk about what interests the student and whether we are a match for interests, time and cost.
Please talk about inquiries with Joyce A. Noordmans, 360- 384 1930.

FREE LOOM Longtime WWG member Elizabeth Cunningham is offering to give away a BEKA 24" rigid heddle loom with three reeds and a stand.
She can be contacted at 360-733-0504.

Dates to remember:
August 15-20th—The Wool Show at Lynden NW Fair
September 1st—Daytime Weavers. Roeder Home
September 14th—WWG Members meeting
September 30th—deadline to register for Fibers & Beyond
October 14-15th—Fibers & Beyond Show & Sale, Fox Hall, Hampton Inn

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