

APRIL MEETING

Wednesday, March 11, 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.

April Program: Julia Menkee of Fourth Corner Quilts will be here to show us how to create fabric postcards that can actually go through the mail! These little pieces are addictive!

Julia will provide a kit for \$7.00 or you can bring your own makings.

You will need:

fabric scraps, embellishments you might want to add....beads, etc., scissors, rotary cutter, pinking sheers, something to cut with!

pencil, bits of fleece or wool felt

your sewing machine if you would like.....we will have a few there so you will have to take turns if there are only a few machines

We need at least 5 irons....so dig out your old one that you save for crafts..... ironing board, if you have a small table top model that would be great,

Julia will bring 2 sewing machines and 2 felting machines....This will give you a chance to try out the new Janome felting machine. It only needle felts!!

Any questions or if you want a postcard kit before the meeting please email Barbara Snow (snowdyer@comcast.net) or 676-4379 before April 8.

A PS from Barbara Snow -

I went to the quilt museum in LaConner on Saturday.....a great exhibit! In the gift shop they had fabric postcards for sale for \$30.....

A QUICK LOOK AT FUTURE PROGRAMS

May: Twining and Twill Baskets

June: Annual Guild Stash Sale

UPCOMING WORKSHOPS

Woven Shibori: Jo Anne Ryeburn.

Everyone has their warps and will be meeting at Barbara Young's on April 21 from 1 to 3 pm for the first session. This is informational and there is no need to have warps completed at that time. Total cost is \$49. Two people need to send in their final \$24 to the treasurer.

Cedar and Rush Tote. May 5.

The workshop is full with 15 people. Some need to send in their final \$35 to the

treasurer. Location: Lummi Island - hosted by Mary Oates.

Ikaanbari- June 9, Saturday, Chris Conrad

(kakishibu dyeing) This workshop is full at 12 people but if you wish to be on a waiting list, let Kathy Green know at the April meeting. For those on the list, time to make your deposit of \$25 to hold a place. Total cost is \$38, less than expected, which includes \$13 for materials.

SLATE OF OFFICER CANDIDATE FOR NEXT YEAR'S BOARD

President: Pat Fisher

Vice president (programs): Nancy Bjerke

Treasurer: Kathy Hutchinson

Secretary: April Muegge

Workshops: Barbara Snow and Karen Perry

Hospitality: Randi Cattarin (would like one other person to share this position)

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.

If you would like to run for any of these positions, please submit your name to Maggie (newsletter) and she will send out an announcement.

Voting of board members will take place at the May Guild meeting.

FOR SALE

FOR SALE Woolhouse 23" wide 24 harness loom. Stand with two trays. Raddle. Sectional beam. Raddle. Two back beams. Swivelling beater. 6, 8, & 10 dent reeds. Four 24 harness pattern books (an \$80 value). New \$1150. Sacrifice \$700. or best offer. Contact Doratha Hays Bracken 715-8843.

FOR SALE Brabara V floor loom. 52" wide. 12 harness. Sectional back beam. Convertable to five different modes (tapestry, jack loom, countermarch, rug, and ??). Bench with sliding top. New \$2000+ \$1200 or best offer. Contact Doratheia Hays Bracken 715-8843

FIBERS AND BEYOND SALE MEETING

This year's theme is 'Black and White and Color All over'.

The next meeting for the Sale Committee is April 4, at Sondra Rose's home, 1748 Electric Ave, Bellingham, 7:00 PM.

Any one interested is welcome to attend.

Thanks,

Pat

SALES OTHER THAN FIBERS AND BEYOND

After listening to feedback from the guild and much discussion among the board it was decided that the guild could support a sub-group dedicated to selling work at other venues. This sub-group would be similar to the other guild study groups, and their roll would be to help guild members with selling their work outside of the guild sponsored F & B sale. This "selling group" could help identify venues, address issues like business licensing, tagging, sales tax, marketing, etc.

Selling at venues other than the F & B sale (or other guild-sponsored sales) would be by individuals and **not** be named a Whatcom Weavers sale. Those interested in forming a "selling group" (you could think of a better name!) should contact the board and we will publish your information in the newsletter and make announcements as needed.

LIBRARY NEWS

Please see the web site (<http://whatcomweaversguild.org>) to see an up-to-date list of books. The guild has several new books and many 'new to us' books donated from Gisela's estate. Plus a copy of Australian Yarn Art donated by The Handweavers and Spinners Guild of Victoria Australia. This was a gift to Kathy Green when she was visiting there.

ATTENTION '50 WAYS TO WEAVE YOUR COLOR' PARTICIPANTS

We need to figure out who has extra samples that belong to some one else and who is missing samples from which structure.

Please bring your extras to the meeting and if you are missing samples please let me know. Donna is out of town so I am the contact person for these.

Personally I know that i need to weave 3 extra but don't know who they should be going to.

And if anyone has organized their samples into a notebook please bring it for 'Show and Tell'. I'm sure the guild members would love to see what we accomplished.

thanks

Maggie

HAT COMPETITION

The Guild wants to show the many different hats we can create with wool, mohair or other wool-type fiber. These will be exhibited at the NW Washington Fair in Lynden this summer.

We would like a preview of the hats at our May 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.

Let's see how many we can create in the next month!

AUSTRALIAN TRIP **KATHY GREEN**

Guild members, my trip to Australia was wonderful on many levels, but I would like to comment specifically on my visit to the Handweavers and Spinners Guild of Victoria in Melbourne and my visit to the National Wool Museum in Geelong. I was invited by Joy Dove, the president of the HWSG, to visit their guild rooms during the 2nd afternoon of our arrival in Melbourne. They were hosting a group of spinners from another town and had a brief program and lunch planned. I was warmly welcomed, and was not surprised to learn that fiber people are also very friendly "down under".

The guild rooms consist of a converted Scouts Hall, which the guild leases. They have divided the space into smaller rooms, one for sales to the public of finished items, one for supply sales (fiber and weaving supplies), a library, and a large meeting space. The guild has just over 500 members who pay \$50 per year to belong. They seem to have many different meetings during each month, each meeting focused on different fiber related topics (dyeing, spinning, weaving, etc.) Their rooms are open most of the time and staffed with volunteers. They raise money through membership, sales to the public and guild members, classes and summer school, and they have a yearly arts sale.

They were thrilled with our gift of the Date Book and in return gave us a book on knitting artists in Australia (one of the knitters in the book is from their guild). It will be in our library.

Here is their web page if you are interested:

<http://home.vicnet.net.au/~handspin/>

My visit to the National Wool Museum was fascinating also. Their displays included a history of the wool industry in Australia and old processing machinery (scouring, carding, combing, spinning, weaving) They had a working sock knitting machine and a wonderful working rug loom which made cut pile rugs. I had the opportunity to meet and speak with the loom operator (retired from the weaving industry). He was quite a character and explained how this complicated jacquard type loom operated. It's too long to explain here, but Maggie will post my photos on our web page and I will be happy to answer questions.

<http://www2.visitmelbourne.com.au/displayObject.cfm/objectid.0009162E-01CB-1A54-B41880C476A90000/vvt.vhtml>

FIBERFEST INTERNATIONAL 2007

Every year Fibrefest gets bigger and better.

The fashion show is fantastic!!

Fibrefest International 2007 will be held on Friday May 11th from 11am to 8pm and Saturday May 12th from 10am to 6pm at Tradex in Abbotsford, Canada (10 minutes north of the Sumas or Lynden border crossings, just beside the Abbotsford airport).

The show is focusing on everything from fleece to fibre arts. There will be all sorts of demonstrations, workshops, vendor booths,

This year there will also be a new "Country Living Expo" section of the show. It will focus on living the rural dream for pleasure and profit and will highlight the animals that produce fibre for us.

Further information regarding the show's vendors, workshops and attractions may be found on the show's websites at <http://www.fibrefestinternational.com> and

<http://www.countrylifeexpo.com>

Driving from Whatcom:

From Lynden, go north to about 1 mile to first intersection, a right turn only onto eighth. Go east a few minutes to airport and follow signs.

From Sumas, go north about 1 mile to first traffic light, signed VYE street, and turn left. Go west a few minutes to airport and follow signs.

HERITAGE OF DESIGN

American Indian and First Nation Treasures from the Maryhill Museum

January 14 - June 10 2007

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!

Toni L. Nagel, Photo Archivist/Curator

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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>

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

you can download the brochure with adobe

SLIDE SHOW ON ORIENTAL RUG PRODUCTION

<http://www.rothsteinonline.com/rugs/slideshow.asp?slide=1>

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