

**Whatcom Weavers Guild
Summer Supplement
August, 2007**

Isn't today just lovely! The temperature is PERFECT – sun with a breeze. We are lucky to be living in the most beautiful place in the country!

Feel free to forward any newsworthy items to me for the September newsletter at info@whatcomweaversguild.org. The August “news” has been pretty slow, so sorry for the lack of excitement in the newsletter.

And remember...visit our website (www.whatcomweaversguild.org) for information on all aspects of guild news including our library holdings, equipment to rent, Fibers & Beyond information, Northwest Washington Fair details and more!

Enjoy the sun! – Julie Barnes



Annual Dues

It's time to renew! Remember to renew your dues – they need to be paid by November 1st of each year to remain an active member.

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

Checks should be made out to the Whatcom Weavers Guild and mailed to Whatcom Weavers Guild, P.O Box 403, Bellingham, WA 98227.



Northwest Washington Fair

Marcia Ford is still looking for weavers to demonstrate at the Fair's Wool Show. Demonstrating is great fun and allows visitors the opportunity to see fiber arts in action. It also gives the Whatcom Weavers Guild good public exposure.

The Wool Show will be open 9am to 9pm Monday through Saturday, August 13 -18. The shifts for demonstrations are 10:30am to 2pm, 2 to 5:30pm, and 5:30 to 9pm each day.

For further information and to volunteer for a shift, please contact Marcia Ford at 360-734-8399.

If you are interested in entering this year's fair, entries should be submitted at the Wool Show location at the SE corner of the Jansen building between 1pm and 7pm on Friday, Aug. 10. See the link below to view details about the fair, the premium book and online registration.

<http://www.northwestwashingtonfair.org/>

click on “The Fair” tab at top right
click on “Premium Book” tab



Announcements of Interest

Marilyn's Yarn, located at 3110 Northwest Avenue in Bellingham, will be closing at the end of August. Everything in the store is now **50% off!**



WORKSHOP LEADERS WANTED!

ANWG 2009, Spokane, WA

Spokane Handweavers' Guild is now accepting proposals for seminars at the 2009 ANWG Conference and post-conference workshops to be held at Gonzaga University in Spokane, WA. Conference: May 28-31 Post-conference: June 1-3

For proposal guidelines, please e-mail vleuba@comcast.net

Send resume, workshop and seminar proposals, digital photos or slides and a SASE to Victoria Leuba, Chair, 2009 Education Committee, 704 W. Cleveland Avenue, Spokane, WA 99205 (vleuba@comcast.net). Deadline: July 1, 2008.

Read about other ANWG events at –

<http://www.northwestweavers.org/Events.htm>



Nordic Knitting Conference

Nordic Heritage Museum, Seattle, WA

Friday, October 5, 2007 to Sunday, October 7, 2007

<http://www.nordicmuseum.org/index.php?t=events&c=full&e=257>

Meet fellow knitters and enjoy classes and lectures focused on a variety of Nordic knitting techniques.

Learn traditional and contemporary knitting techniques from Nordic experts such as Vivian Høxbro, Denmark, Annemor Sundbø, Norway, Elsebeth Lavold, Sweden as well as local knitters representing Nordic knitting specialties, Marilyn Van Keppel—Iceland and Denmark, Carol Rhoades—Finland and Sweden, Susanna Hansson—Sweden and Finland, and Terri Shea—Norway.



Just for Fun

Looking for inspiration? Check out **Kirsten Glasbrook's** website and her book Tapestry Weaving. This Danish fiber artist creates stunning work full of vibrant color and texture using “mythological, mystical and meditative themes.” <http://www.kirsten.glasbrook.com/>



Endless Possibilities, a fund raising program of the Outer Banks Hotline Crisis Intervention and Prevention Center, is part weaving program, part community center, part recycling program, and part haven. Visit <http://www.ragweavers.com/about-us.aspx> to learn more about their mission and how they bring weaving and service to their community.



Antique fiber tool ~ Can you identify this fiber-related tool brought to the US from Norway before the turn of the century?



August 14, 2007 Update ~

A request from Randi Cattarin, Fibers & Beyond Refreshments chair

I am looking for 12 people to bring 2-3 dozen non-greasy, non-crumbly cookies to the sale for the Refreshment Area. A sign up sheet will be circulated at the September meeting or you can email me and I will add you to my list. Also, I still have a couple of shifts open for helpers in the Refreshment Area during the sale. Duties include welcoming patrons, helping pour refreshments, refilling cookie plates as needed, and keeping tables and the Refreshment Area clean and tidy. We will work in two hour shifts. If you are still looking for a fun way to help with the sale, contact Randi Cattarin at cmark25@qwest.net or 647-5970.



Swedish Rag Rug Weaving with Joanne Hall

The Skagit Valley Weavers Guild has a few spots open for their next workshop with noted weaver Joanne Hall.

Workshop dates: Sept 15-16, 2007

Contact: Liz Colombi 360-826-4143

Registration Deposit: \$50 -- Final cost could be as low as \$60 (no promises on that though!)

Payment mailing address: P.O. Box 241, Lyman, WA 98263

The information below is clipped from Joanne Hall's website.

<http://www.glimakrausa.com/workshop.html#ScandinavianRagRugWeaving>

Swedish Rag Rug Weaving

Rag rugs woven in Sweden have some distinctive characteristics. They seldom weave the hit and miss rugs often seen here. The designs are seldom busy and often carefully planned. There are some beautiful designs woven in plain weave with some tapestry and laid-in techniques. Also, there are rugs woven in many ways on a twill threading. Monk's belt, crackle, goose eye and rosepath are some of the common threaded patterns for rag rugs.

Joanne Hall received her MA Masters Degree in Textile Design, University of Minnesota. She has taught weaving for 30 years at the University of Montana and design classes at Cal Poly in California. She has primarily studied the areas of tapestry, color and design and Swedish weaving. As a Swedish American, she is very interested in her heritage. Joanne has done research in Minnesota on the looms made by Scandinavian immigrants and the weaving done by immigrants. She has traveled several times to Sweden to study weaving and the Swedish language. Her studies included the dräll weaves, the art weaves and rag rug weaving.



Come see Sally be transformed!

This Saturday, Aug. 18th beginning at 10a, there will be a Sheep to Shawl demonstration at the Northwest Washington Fair's Wool Show. The SpinDrifters will be spinning and weaving "Sally" into a lovely shawl outside under the eaves of the building. The shawl will be raffled off - be sure to buy a ticket!

Sally's fleece, a Romney/Border Leicester mix, was donated to the Kathy Green who wants all of you to know that she has many, many quality fleeces to sell (see below).



Spinners!

I have too many raw fleece and need to sell them. My shop is running out of room! The fleece are from Border Leicester/Romney cross sheep, some also have Columbia crossed with them. I have white, gray and some black lamb fleece. Price is \$5 or less per pound, fleece weights vary between 6 and 3 pounds. Please contact me if you are interested, bring a friend.

Kathy Green, kmgreen196@msn.com // 384-0169



Waulking at NW Handspun Yarns

NW Handspun Yarns is getting ready for another Waulking Event, scheduled for Saturday, September 29th. We need weavers to weave (at the shop) 1, 1.5 or 2 yards of wool plaid during the next six weeks. For your weaving time, you will receive the same amount of waulked fabric back. Please join us!

Call Nancy at the shop to schedule your time -- a time that is most convenient for you. The colors this year will be jewel tones. This is part of our Anniversary Sale week end, as well as the beginning of National Spinning and Weaving Week. Hope you can join us! Looking forward to hearing from you!

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Nancy Bjerke
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