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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*

Asst. Editor - Cleo the Cat



I am the newsletter editor for 2008-09. I have huge shoes to fill since our previous editors were so great!! Please forgive me for not making this as wonderful as you are used to but I am not very good with the computer. I'm learning but if I have omitted or make an error, forgive me. Lots of wonderful events are happening. Let me know of events and activities that the members would like to know about.

joancunn@comcast.net or 733-8820

WHATCOM WEAVERS GUILD SOCIAL/DINNER POTLUCK/SHOW N TELL

Starts at 6:00 p.m.

The guild will provide plates and silverware so bring a salad, main dish or dessert.

We will then follow with Show N Tell and members are encouraged to bring items of historical significance. A short business meeting also will occur.

This is a great time to meet new and old friends.

Please bring shopping baskets for Fibers and Beyond.

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 -

October 29 at 6:30 p.m.

Clubhouse at Darby Estates

The Daytime Weavers:

Thursday, Oct. 2, 10:30am

Hostess: Joan Dudley

3830 Silver Beach Ave.

Bellingham, WA 98226

(360) 671-5977

~ 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.

PRESIDENT'S CORNER

Randi Cattrain – October Acting President

This month it is my turn to serve as Acting President. As Nancy explained at the last Guild meeting, with Pat stepping down, each board member will be taking a turn to fill in as President for one board meeting and the following Guild meeting. Fortunately Pat is attending board meetings, providing continued guidance. Working together the board intends to provide the continuity, leadership and support for the forward momentum that the Guild is experiencing.

I would like to let everyone know that our first topic of discussion at the last board meeting was how to keep the meetings from running overtime. We all have busy lives and value the time we reserve for our monthly meetings, and we need to be able to count on the meeting ending promptly at nine o'clock. This has been an ongoing effort and it is time again for a new approach. Our new plan will require the cooperation of all members and possibly some adjusting as we try it out as the months go by. We have changed the order of the meeting and will keep to a general time frame. This format will begin at our November meeting and we'll have a timekeeper with a cowbell to help keep us on schedule.

Doors open at 6:30 - come early if you like, help set up chairs, check out show & tell items and socialize.
7:00-7:15 - Meeting begins with socializing and looking at show & tell items.
7:15-7:45 - Business items and short reminders.
7:45-8:00 - Show & Tell and refresh tea cups.
8:00-9:00 - Program

We think this will work by prioritizing business items, using our newsletter for the detailed explanations and keeping meeting time for necessary business, short reminders and answering questions. Show & Tell is highly valued by all members as a time we can share, support and learn from each other. Many members take the opportunity to look at these items during social time. There will be new cards to write up your show & tell items that include more details. Please fill these out with all pertinent information. When it is time for Show & Tell all people bringing items should go over to the tables together. We will save the time it takes for each person to get up and get their item and we will also be able to see how many people have items to share. The time allowed will be divided by how many people there are, so we will know how much time each person has. If we use less than the 30 minutes for business, we will have additional time for Show & Tell. If you have brought several items, choose just one or two to speak about and be sure to mention materials and techniques used. Members may also use Show & Tell time to QUIETLY take a break and refresh their tea cups. We will be ready to begin our program at 8:00. With all of the members working towards our common goal of keeping to our time frame, I'm confident we can make this work. Thanks in advance to everyone for their cooperation and suggestions along the way.

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 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.

Learning Curve Workshop

Beaded Bracelet with Embellished Right angle Weave

This class offered by talented beader Tracy Vandermay is suitable for all skill levels.

Saturday, November 15, 10:30-1:30
\$20 (kit included)
Maximum 10 students.

Contact Tracy Vandermay, (360) 927-1459

This Year's Workshops ~

We are currently working on details for a workshop with Lyn Pflueger of Alberta on Color Theory. The cost has not yet been determined, but will be comparable to Jane Stafford's workshop.

Jane Stafford has rescheduled to September, 2009. The topic will be Blocks. Sign up information will be given at the January meeting along with detailed information on the content and costs. Sign up will be in February with the final payment due in June. We are looking someone to host Jane for three nights and there will be reduction in workshop fees. Start saving your pennies - the price has increased for the class and travel fees.

Contact Karen Perry or Barbara Snow with other workshop ideas.



Workshops & Exhibits ~

Reaching for the Light ~ Oct 17-31, 2009

This annual Blue Horse Gallery exhibit responds to those who have been in some way touched by breast cancer. This year's registration is Oct. 3, 2008 - any media accepted. For more information contact wademarlow@clearwire.net.

Making Waves With What We Wear! ~

ANWG will present a spectacular fashion show during the May 2009 conference. Whether your "waves" are inspired by color, material, style or structure, ANWG wants weavers to submit their entries by April 1, 2009. Visit this link for more information.

http://www.northwestweavers.org/Conferences/2009Conference/FS%20Blurb_.pdf

ANWG 2009 Weaving Waves of Color ~ May 28-31 2009, Gonzaga University, Spokane

Whatcom Artist Studio Tour

October 4-5 & 11-12 from 10am-5pm
www.studiotour.net

SQ3Tsy'a'yay Weaver's Spirit Power

(cutse-ya-ya)

Exhibit of Puget Sound Native American Art
Wednesday-Sunday 12 pm to 4 pm until 11/9
White River Valley Museum
918 H Street SE
Auburn WA 98002
www.wrvmuseum.org

Yarn Tales Guild Meeting

October 6, 11 am - 2 pm
Squalicum Yacht Club (to the right of the Bellingham Yacht Club).

Agenda:

- 11:00 a.m. Welcome & introduction of guests
- 11-12 noon Show and Tell. Bring your knitting - old, new and in progress to share.
- 12:00 noon Brown Bag Lunch
- 12:30 p.m. program
- 1:00 p.m. Announcements & meeting

Maiwa Textile Workshops

www.maiwa.com

Producers' Fleece Sale

November 8th 9 am - 3pm
17543 Peterson Road
Burlington, WA

Fibers & Beyond Update ~

Our Great Show

What a busy time - weaving and creating those wonderful items that everyone loves to see at our annual show.

The dates - Friday October 17th and Saturday October 18th. Show times - 6-8pm on Friday and 9-4pm on Saturday.

The place - Fox Hall at the Hampton Inn, at the Bakerview exit (258) of the I5.

Check-in time for items for the show - 8-11am on Friday October 17th.

Are you still wondering how you can help? The show's success is dependent not only on the high quality and diversity of our work, but also the welcome which we extend to our friends and visitors. If you are participating in the Show, we know you'll be there. If you are not participating, we can still use your help, helping set up and break down, being 'floor staff' during the show, demonstrating in the education area, donating cookies or other baked items for the refreshment area. If you haven't already scheduled yourself to help out, contact either of us (Randi Cattarin or Pat Fisher) by email or at our October 8 Guild meeting. It's a great way to meet other members of the Guild and see what wonderful creations they make!

New things this year - we will have a 15-20 minute break between the end of the show and the start of check-out, so our tally staff can complete their work. During that time, all are invited to the 'end of show' party - get a little refreshment and share your stories before heading out.

Let's make this the best year yet!

Pat Fisher - pat.fisher@comcast.net
Randi Cattarin - randicat@gmail.com

There will be a sign-up sheet at the meeting for bringing cookies to the sale, or email me cmark25@qwest.net to let me know if you can provide 1-2 dozen cookies for our Hospitality area. Thanks, Randi

Don't forget to mail out your postcards and distribute posters!! The first week in October, get those signs out. Remember, this part of your job is important!

Look at page 12 of Entertainment News Northwest. We have a great article! Also scheduled, Pacific Northwest Retirement Magazine and Bellingham Herald.

Bring shopping baskets to the October 8 meeting.

Don't forget - if you have items in the sale, you need to volunteer. Lots of various chores - if you're not good at one thing, there are lots of other jobs. If you will be out of town for the sale, bake cookies!!

Workshops & Exhibits ~

Weaving and Spinning Classes at NW Handspun Yarns

Beginning Weaving Class - Nancy Bjerke
Friday and Saturday November 1 and 2, 9:00 - 5:00
125.00 includes the use of looms and all yarns.

Intermediate Weaving Class - Sondra Rose -
Seven - two hour classes, Tuesdays 3:30 - 5:30,
October 21, 28, November 4, 11, 18, December 2, 9.
Learn to weave six different weave structures. A great class by a wonderful teacher!
\$140.00 Weaving will be done at home, fee includes the warp yarn

Spinning with Judith McKenzie-McCuin
November 5 Comprehensive Spinning
November 6 Spinning for Weaving
November 7 Spinning for Knitting
November 8 Join the Spindrifters for Potluck lunch and presentation from Judith at 1:00 on History of Spinning and Weaving in North America (Free)
Each class is \$60.00 and Potluck lunch. You need to take Comprehensive Spinning in order to take one or both of the other two classes. Call the shop for materials list for each class and to sign up with the wonderful teacher!

Please look at www.nwhandspun yarns.com for additional classes offered this fall.

Announcement:

Spindrifters and NW Handspun Yarns invites the Whatcom Weaving Guild to Potluck Lunch and special presentation by Judith McKenzie McCuin. Judith will do an hour-long presentation on the history of Spinning and Weaving in North America. November 8th, 10:00 - 3:00. Bring your knitting, spinning and potluck dish. Throw in an extra folding chair.



Remember when – 2000 downstairs at Elks with our dear friend Gisela

Library News

This October the updated shelf list will appear on our website - it is still a work in progress but it is more up to date than the current web version. A hard copy version will be posted on a clip inside the door of cabinet #2 (where the check out box is).

We currently have four books on our wish list for the 2008 - 09 year. I intend to continue to purchase items requested by the membership as well as work toward completing our collection of Shuttlecraft monographs. If you have any media requests (in any media) please let me know and I'll do what I can to obtain them.

My goals this year are to complete the inventory and organization of our holdings (reflected on the shelf list) and protect and repair those items in need.

For example some Shuttlecraft monographs and books need protective coverings and binding repair. Anyone who has experience/knowledge of how best to do this type of thing - help! I can sure use your advice and/or hands on!

Currently we have a large backlog of materials that need to be organized and weeded through. I will be doing a "needs assessment" and breaking down the work into projects which I will then publish here along with a sincere plea for help. I don't expect to complete this by the years end but at the very least the work will be organized for the next librarian who takes over.

I am continuing explore options in pursuit of the goal of the uploading our fragile slide collection into a CD format, for backup and increased accessibility for the membership.

As always I welcome your suggestions and urge you to feel free to help out in the library at any time. If anyone is interested in taking over the librarian position for next year please let me know, I'd love to work with you!

Kaea Morris
Librarian

Library Case Display Project

Bellingham Public Library Main Entrance October 2008 - '09
Our display committee of five met on the 19th of September for an organizational meeting where we decided on a general theme (Textures of the Pacific Northwest/Fall) and display options. Thanks to our talented and prolific membership we have obtained a cascade of amazingly beautiful and technically exquisite items for the display. It is now the committees unenviable task to distill this wealth of offerings into what is basically a "sound bite" of what the guild has to offer it's members and the general public. The committee will be meeting the last week of September to finalize the display. It will be installed during the first week of October and will remain in the case for the entire month. So check it out!

Classified Ads ~

Loom for sale: Looking for a new home for a 4-harness, 45" Leclerc counterbalance floor loom. Well-used but very functional and sturdy. Will weave anything from rugs to fine scarves. \$350. Call 360-961-4956 or email shereward@clearwire.net

Stuff! ~

Each season new programs, workshops, and stuff pops up everywhere. Here are just a few places to look for things that might interest you.

Apple Yarns ~

This store has a long list of classes! Visit their website at www.appleyarns.com

SewFerndale Fabrics, Yarns, Beads 'N More

Located in the Carnation Building on Main Street in Ferndale, SewFerndale (formerly Faerie Jae Designs), has acquired a much bigger space and can now accept local artists' handmade arts/or crafts to sell in the store. For information call 360-384-2598.

Bellingham Public Library ~

They have Handwoven and Shuttle, Spindle and Dyepot. Also Handweaver & Craftsman 1954/57 and 4/67 - 10/75

New Book

The Big Book of Weaving - originally published in Swedish in 1981. Madelyn van der Hooght did a book review in Handwoven May/June 2008