

November 2009

Whatcom Weaver's Guild

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

Regular Meetings:

September through June, 2nd Wednesday of the month

6:30pm- -Social time

7:00pm- -Short business meeting, Show & Tell,

7:30pm- - Scheduled program

St. James Presbyterian Church (Westside, lower level)

910-14th Street, Bellingham, WA

Next Meeting:

Wednesday, November 11, 2009 --6:30 p.m.

Crochet Me Author Kim Werker Speaks to Weavers Guild

Crochet anyone? Author Kim Werker will make you want to pick up your hooks when she visits the Whatcom Weavers Guild's November 11, 2009 meeting to discuss her new Interweave Press book Crochet Gifts.

As former owner of the internet site crochetme.com and author of the book of the same name (i.e. Crochet Me), Kim's career has taken

off. She recently stepped down from her position as editor of Interweave Crochet magazine to venture into new territory. Kim is also a self-proclaimed social networking junkie and can be found at <http://www.kimwerker.com>, <http://www.thecreativelife.net>, and <http://twitter.com/kpwerker> promoting fiber arts, crafting and more. Full of spit and vinegar, Kim's going to charm everyone as she talks about her adventures in crochet, the fiber world, and the internet.

Kim posted this to her website ~

"I'll be talking crochet and will specifically be focusing on the rise of new generations of yarn crafters – something I think weavers can relate to. I won't talk technical crochet at all (unless folks want me to), and I'm sure I'll do lots of arm-waving and hope to do lots of question-answering. They'll have copies of Crocheted Gifts on site, and I'll be signing copies. Mostly, I'm excited to hang with yarn people for an evening – it's been a long time!"

Yes, that's right! Kim will be signing her new book Crocheted Gifts, and we are fortunate to have our LYS NW Handspun Yarns be our special vendor to secure copies of the book for you to purchase and have Kim sign. Now wouldn't that make a great Christmas gift for your mom (or self), sister (or self), cousin (or self)...well, heck, why not just buy a copy for yourself!

To make sure we have ample copies for folks to purchase, drop me (Julie at <mailto:jahbarnes@msn.com> or Nancy Bjerke nancy@nwhandspun yarns.com an e-mail to get on the list for a book (or two!).

WWG Annual Theme

By taking a broader look at what our membership is interested in these days, this year's theme will be "Influences". Guild programs will reflect how we are influenced and gain influences from the things around us ~ influences could mean a lot of things to a lot of people. Each area of fiber arts influences the other ~ each skill we learn in one area translates to the next ~ each exposure to an artistic expression influences our personal work ~ one guild member influences the work of another.

How do guild members, meetings and programs influence you? Feel free to take this theme as far as you want this year. Try something new that has been influenced by something you have learned, heard, or even read. Dazzle us with your work at the last meeting in June when we have our wrap-up show and tell and stash sale.

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:

Clubhouse @ Darby Estates

Wednesday, November 18th @ 6:30 p.m.

The Daytime Weavers:

I confirmed with Rob that we can use the Roeder Home for Daytime Weavers on

Thursday November 5, 10:30 to 1:30

and

Thursday, December 3, 10:30 to 1:30.

It is a great space to gather, lots of room.. . there is no set agenda...it is drop in when you can.

We do not have to pay for using the space because it is open to the public while we are there. The kitchen is available to us..stove, fridge, dishwasher, table, utensils, lg. coffee pot, tea kettle, cups, etc. We will bring our own lunches...unless we want to do potlucks ...and perhaps take turns bringing snacks for our morning coffee!

We will pass an envelop around in case people want to make a donation (last time we collected \$13) to help keep the Roeder Home open. County Parks does not know what will happen with the Roeder Home...they don't have the funds to pay electricity, etc.

- -Joan Dudley

Sneak Peak at Future Programs ~

And the rest of the year (so far!) ~

December ~ Yarn Bombing authors Mandy Moore & Leanne Prain (there will be a book signing too!)

January ~ Al Currier will present the history of Barber's Hand Weaving and its roots in our community

February ~ TBA

March ~ Linda Rees ~ Oregon based tapestry artist (and former WWG member!)

April ~ Toby Smith ~ Fiber arts, travels, and their

influences

May ~ TBA

June ~ Annual Stash Sale & Dessert Potluck/Social

Fibers and Beyond Sale

We had yet another fantastic sale, thanks to each and every one of you. This is a true example of all sections together make an orange. We brought in \$20,047 before tax. After paying artists and expenses, we made an estimated \$600, which is excellent. The sale is designed to showcase our members, not make money for the guild. There were 60 people who entered, 54 brought items for sale, 1995 items entered, 874 items sold (43.8% which is wonderful). It was such a mix of items sold from rugs to scarves to jewelry to felted creatures to linens. In the December or January newsletter it will show items entered, items sold and price range.

We need to think now about next year's sale. Start weaving (more weaving!), felting, making jewelry, knitting, crocheting. Plan to add new items to your repertoire. Give our returning customers some new and fresh items to look at (and hopefully purchase).

Next year's date: Friday Oct. 15

Saturday Oct. 16, 2010

Fox Hall

Next year's chairman: Mary Oates

As always, your help is important.

Joan Cunningham

Chairman, 2009

Community Outreach Project

Here is a request for basket weaving assistance. Can you include this in the newsletter? Thanks! -- Julie

Joy Monjure <mailto:monjjoy@aol.com> is looking for basket weaving assistance. If you have time to help or teach, please send her an e-mail

Community Events & Classes

For more info on the International Year of Natural Fibres 2009, visit
<<http://www.naturalfibres2009.org/>>www.naturalfibres2009.org.

ANWG NEWS

From Gloria Lebowitz, ANWG representative/Member-at-Large:

Barbara Young, our new Treasurer, has sent the dues for this year, thus putting our Guild in the running for a \$50 raffle prize of books or DVDs for our Library.

The ANWG newsletter is now being published only in an online version. You can all read the latest (as well as older issues) at
<<http://www.northwestweavers.org/Newsletters.htm>><http://www.northwestweavers.org/Newsletters.htm>.

As Member-at-Large to the WWG Board, it is my responsibility to share with the Board any thoughts or opinions that you have with regard to the direction of the Guild, whether it be about meetings or programs or what you would like to see happen. I will keep your comments confidential unless you specify otherwise.

Current Exhibits

Seattle – Seattle Art Museum downtown, Textile Gallery, Aug. 2008 – Feb. 28, 2010. Cultural and historical aspects of beads on the international scale, incl. bead necklace collections. More at <http://www.seattleartmuseum.org/Exhibit>

Tacoma – “Joe Feddersen: Vital Signs.” Tacoma Art Museum, Sept. 26 – Jan. 10, 2010. NW artist - printmaker, basketweaver, glass artist. Touring exhibition of 60 pieces. Details at <http://www.tacomaartmuseum.org/>

Sequim – Exhibit “Cultural Fiber – Civilization, Ethos and Strength of Character” in conjunction with 2009 North Olympic Fiber Arts Festival. Oct. 2 – Nov. 28, 2009 at Museum & Arts Center. All details at <http://www.macsequim.org/>

La Conner – Quiltfest 2009 at La Conner Quilt Museum, Oct. 2, 3 and 4 (Fri. – Sun., 10 am – 5 pm). Handwoven quilt by 60 SWG members in 1997 on display Sept. 30th – Dec. 27th. Details at <http://www.laconnerquilts.com/>
More in next issue...

Vancouver, BC – Maiwa Textile Symposium 2009, “Every Thread Has A Story.” Lectures, events, workshops, podcasts, Sept. – Nov. 2009 . Maiwa Foundation supports artisans and craftspeople in developing countries; many activities in conjunction with Vancouver Museum. Details at <http://www.maiwa.com/>

--Calls for Artists – Shows to Enter--

Group Fibers and Textile show - 2 and 3 dimensional fiber creations on general theme of "pocket." Juried exhibit in March 2010. Submission deadline Dec. 1,2009. Beet Gallery - Portland, OR . More info at beetgallery@<mailto:beetgallery@mas.com>msn.com

Convergence 2010 in Albuquerque: "New Visions: Ancient Paths." Four juried exhibits (Small Expressions, "Eye Dazzlers," yardage and fashion show). Deadlines for each in Feb. 2010. Details at <http://www.weavespindye.org/

Other Guild Meetings

Thursday November 5, Whidbey Weavers meet at Greenbank Farm
765 Wonn Road off SR 525
<http://www.whidbeyweaversguild.org/
Inventory check in A-L at 9:30 And M-W at 10:30
Short business meeting at 12:00
Afternoon will be sale set up.
Uncommon Threads Sale
Greenbank Farm
765 Wonn Rd off SR 525
Friday Nov 6 11-6
Saturday, Nov .7 th,
10 a.m.-4 p.m

WORKSHOPS

<mailto:tobyMsmith@hotmail.com

Workshops Update

There is an opening in the Linen and Lace Workshop, Nov 7,8,9. Are you interested in spending the weekend and Monday with us? It is really the last minute, if you or

anyone you know is interested please give me a call.

Details.....

Suzie Liles - Linen and Lace Workshop - November 7, 8 & 9
(Sat, Sun, Mon) at the Allen Fire Hall. 15 participants.

The workshop schedule is

Saturday 10 - 4:30

Sunday 9 - 4:30

Monday 9 - 4:30

The Hall will be open one hour before and after class.

There will be coffee and tea available, bring a cup. You are welcome to contribute to the goodie table. To be discussed later is the option of having dinner together before Monday evenings guild meeting. The meeting should be a perfect cap to the workshop

"Be kinder than necessary, for everyone you meet is fighting some kind of battle."

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The warp is a simple 4 shaft straight draw.

Suzie is also bringing 2 warped looms for us to weave on!
Here are details about the workshop that came from Suzie:
Warping with Linen

Please pretend you are using cotton and just wind it on evenly and with tension. My goal is to let you know it is

not a scary fiber. When you are winding on use sticks or heavy paper .

Here is the materials list for you all

Equipment and supplies provided by Participant Scissors
Pencil Tape measure Tapestry needle Pick up stick (if you have one) Masking tape 1 inch wide Shuttle Paper to write on.

4 or 8 shaft loom

I will provide you with a note-book for your samples

November Workshop Report

Submitted by: <mailto:tobyMsmith@hotmail.com>

COME-FROM-AWAY WORKSHOPS

Both the instructors we have lined up so far this year have articles in the Nov/Dec Handwoven magazine. The Bonnie Tarses workshop on ikat is full and is set to go Nov 5th. Robyn Spady's "Fab Four", a workshop on four shaft weave structures will happen the weekend of 20 and 21st of March, 2010. That workshop is presently full but I would like to take some names for the waiting list in case someone drops out: March is a long way off. So if you are interested, please let me know at the above email address. I am now working on getting Sarah Swett to do a three day introduction to tapestry weaving for May. I have applied to ANWG for a grant to help defray the costs for this workshop, but we are in the running with a number of other guilds, so we'll just have to wait and see.

LEARNING CURVES

I have had a good response from people willing to do Learning Curves, although no specific ones have been scheduled yet, due to everyone being so busy with the sale. I will get busy on this immediately, now that our sale and the Maiwa Textile Symposium are over and I have a bit more time. If you are interested in giving a Learning Curve and have not received an email from me by the time you read this, please e-mail me at the above email address and we'll get going.

Registration is open for the Threads, Ruins & Tunes tour, April 8-21, 2010.

I'm looking for people who have a great desire to visit Scotland to join me

on

this 4th annual tour. I welcome a group of travelers from a guild that wish to share a fiber adventure, individuals, or couples. Detailed information is

available on my website <http://www.singingweaver.com>

while images and stories from past tours can be viewed at

<http://www.singingweaver.blogspot.com>

Contact me to request a brochure mailed directly to you.
Nadine Sanders,

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Classified Ads

No ads this month

WWG Updates

Velma Fitz

<<mailto:janna.cecka@wwu.edu>>

please change my e-mail address:

Old address: <<mailto:nlihach@yahoo.com>>

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Nadine Lihach

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<<mailto:carolmarcin@centurytel.net>>

Toni Wade

<<mailto:tprwade@yahoo.com>>

<<mailto:nora@alegrealpacas.com>>

Nora Weisenhorn

Candy Meacham

<<http://www.candymeacham.com/>>

We have a new member:

Torrey Joyce Kahn

<<mailto:torreybest@msn.com>>

And a renewing member (after an absence of a year):

Dee Dee O'Connor

<<mailto:doinkness@yahoo.com>>

A Message from Hospitality:

Hospitality needs your help. We would like to respond to our members' times of happiness and/or stress with appropriate cards (get well, sympathy, congratulations, etc.). Donations of cards would be great, but we also need to be notified when needs arise. If you know of a member who could use some cheer or a pat on the back please email (preferred) <<mailto:louisebayma@comcast.net>>

Thanks, Louise

Holiday Opportunity

Update for WWG newsletter on Fall Whatcom Art Guild events

The Whatcom Art Guild has asked us to be their guests in two Holiday Season sales events.

1. WAG Arts and Crafts on the Lake – Bloedel Hall, Electric Avenue, Bellingham. Saturday November 14-Sunday November 15, 10am-6pm each day.

2. WAG and Friends Holiday Show – Waldron Building, 12th and McKenzie Streets, Fairhaven. Five weekends (Friday-Monday) from November 20th to December 18th; 10am-6pm each day; November 27 and 28th (Fairhaven Gallery Walk days) 10am-9pm.

Our participation is being coordinated by Marcia Ford,

Donna Hunter and Pat Fisher.

For all members who have decided to join one or both of these events, thank you for volunteering to help set up, staff, demonstrate and take down. The shift schedules for both events is almost complete and will be emailed to the individual participants by the next Guild meeting (November 11th) and will be available for discussion at the Guild meeting.

Check-in for the Bloedel show is Friday November 13th, 7-9.30pm. Check-in for the Fairhaven show is Monday November 16, 11am-2pm and Tuesday November 17, 10am-2pm. If check-in times for the Fairhaven show do not work (because you do!) contact one of the organizers to arrange another time.

We will use our usual F&B tags and inventory sheets, and comply with our normal acceptance criteria. Please add "WWG" to the top right corner of the two parts of the tag and provide two copies of the inventory sheet. WAG will do all cashiering. If you require more tags, contact Marcia Ford or Donna Hunter. Extras will be available at the November 11 Guild meeting.

Pat Fisher <<mailto:pat.fisher@comcast.net>

Marcia Ford <<mailto:samiyo@az.com>

Donna Hunter <<mailto:gndhunter@telcomplus.net>

Hi Folks,

Just put up a blog for the guild. This can be used as little or as much as we want

<<http://www.whatcomweavers.blogspot.com>

If you accept the invitation you have received through <<mailto:whatcomweavers@gmail.com> you will than be an

approved author for the blog (we can have up to 100 authors). The password for the e-mail account and the blog account is 19weavers71.

The Blogger user Whatcom Weavers Guild has invited you to contribute to the blog: Whatcom Weavers Guild.

To contribute to this blog, visit:

<<http://www.blogger.com/i.g?inviteID=572230406839366358&blogID=8745075619736755428>>
<http://www.blogger.com/i.g?inviteID=572230406839366358&blogID=8745075619736755428>

You'll need to sign in with a Google Account to confirm the invitation and start posting to this blog. If you don't have a Google Account yet, we'll show you how to get one in minutes.

To learn more about Blogger and starting your own free blog visit <<http://www.blogger.com/>

I have opened a yahoo group the guild. It will make for easy communications if any one wants to use it.

<<http://groups.yahoo.com/group/Whatcomweavers/>

---Maggie Weyers

F.Y.I.

Maggie Weyers has volunteered to be the "Announcement Person" to pass on messages to the Guild at large that come up between newsletters. If anyone has information, please

email it directly to Maggie.

Flu prevention advice

Submitted by Tracy L. Vandermay

I received this email and checked it out online. This same information is being used on health-centered websites. All of it is useful, even if you can only stomach doing some of it (those neti pots gross me out a little!). I apologize if you've already suffered with it. I just thought it would be great to have this info out there!!!

Prevent Swine Flu - Good Advice

Neti pots and sinus rinse kits are available at the drug store and relatively inexpensive and under \$15.

Dr. Vinay Goyal is an MBBS,DRM,DNB (Intensivist and Thyroid specialist) having clinical experience of over 20 years. He has worked in institutions like Hinduja Hospital , Bombay Hospital , Saifee Hospital , Tata Memorial etc. Presently, he is heading our Nuclear Medicine Department and Thyroid clinic at Riddhivinayak Cardiac and Critical Centre, Malad (W).

The following message given by him, I feel makes a lot of sense and is important for all to know

The only portals of entry are the nostrils and mouth/throat. In a global epidemic of this nature, it's almost impossible to avoid coming into contact with H1N1 in spite of all precautions. Contact with H1N1 is not so much of a problem as proliferation is.

While you are still healthy and not showing any symptoms of H1N1 infection, in order to prevent proliferation, aggravation of symptoms and development of secondary infections, some very simple steps, not fully highlighted in most official communications, can be practiced (instead of focusing on how to stock N95 or Tamiflu):

1. Frequent hand-washing (well highlighted in all official communications).
2. "Hands-off-the-face" approach. Resist all temptations to touch any part of face (unless you want to eat, bathe or slap).< like the last one. :-)
3. *Gargle twice a day with warm salt water (use Listerine if you don't trust salt). *H1N1 takes 2-3 days after initial infection in the throat/ nasal cavity to proliferate and show characteristic symptoms. Simple gargling prevents proliferation. In a way, gargling with salt water has the same effect on a healthy individual that Tamiflu has on an infected one. Don't underestimate this simple, inexpensive and powerful preventative method.
4. Similar to 3 above, *clean your nostrils at least once every day with warm salt water. *Not everybody may be good at Jala Neti or Sutra Neti (very good Yoga asanas to clean nasal cavities), but *blowing the nose hard once a day and swabbing both nostrils with cotton buds dipped in warm salt water is very effective in bringing down viral population.*
5. *Boost your natural immunity with foods that are rich in Vitamin C (Amla and other citrus fruits). *If you have to supplement with Vitamin C tablets, make sure that it also has Zinc to boost absorption.
6. *Drink as much of warm liquids (tea, coffee, etc) as you

can. *Drinking warm liquids has the same effect as gargling, but in the reverse direction. They wash off proliferating viruses from the throat into the stomach where they cannot survive, proliferate or do any harm.

I suggest you pass this on to your entire e-list. You never know, 20 who might pay attention to it - and STAY ALIVE because of it.

Coming Events

We will be holding our annual WWG Spin-In

on April 10-11, 2010.

It is also the weekend of the marathon on Whidbey Island, but Easter is the weekend before so this is what has been chosen. We are just trying to let folks know ahead of time so they can make hotel reservations, etc. before those "peskie runners" do (we love them, though). We are really thrilled to have Amelia Garripoli as our featured presenter. She is preparing a great program on spinning yarns for durability and color design- ie for socks, mittens, etc. We plan to have our two day admission at \$15.00 with an optional fiber packet for \$10.00.

June 2010

Under the Rims MAWS Con-ference, Billings, Montana.

July 31, 2010

ANWG AGM, Willamette Uni-versity, Salem, Oregon

I just learned of this online journal/blogzine from Barbara Heller. It is an online magazine about fiber arts in Canada.

Thought you might want to share the links in the next WWG newsletter. -- Julie

<http://www.velvethighway.com/>

http://www.velvethighway.com/joomla/index.php?option=com_frontpage&Itemid=1

Produces' Fleece Sale

November 14th, 2009

9a.m.-3p.m.

17543 Peterson Road

Burlington, Washington

360-757-6281

WWG Business-

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

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