

MAY 2010

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

MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT:

Updated Slate of Officers for 2010-2011

President: Donna Hunter

Past President: Pat Fisher

Vice President and Programs: Sheri Ward, Julie Barnes assisting

Workshops: Toby Smith, Donna Hunter. We would like a third person to be on the team.

Membership/Hospitality: Toni Wade, Carol Henry

Library: Elinor Tapio

Member- at- Large: Gloria Lebowitz

Newsletter: Tracy Vandermay

Education: Joyce Noordmans

Wool Show: Marcia Ford

Fibers and Beyond Chair: Mary Oates

Webmaster: Maggie Weyer

Summary of Board Minutes of April 21: Complete minutes are available in the library. Some items are not mentioned here as they are reported elsewhere in the newsletter.

Treasurer: Balance : \$14,343.63. Some payments to workshop instructors yet to clear.

Membership: Toni will assemble the new directory and send it out by email.

Member-at-large: Gloria is requesting ideas for goodie bag items

for the ANWG Conference in 2011.

Fibers and Beyond: New props have been purchased by Jenni and Yvonne - about \$500.

New Business: 1. Pat, Donna and Julie will meet with Trisha Leach from the Whatcom Museum to discuss possible liaison.

2. Larger storage unit needed. Voted to move from 4x6 space at \$44/mo. to 5x10 at \$65/mo. Marcha, Gloria and Barbara will make the move.

May 12 Member Meeting - Things to do at our May meeting:

1. Short meeting and election of officers
2. Expanded Show and Tell (in lieu of a program as our May program is Sarah Swett on May 9). Bring you items for this year's theme of "Influenced". Also, bring your creations from the recent workshops - Mary Oates baskets, Robyn Spady and Sarah Swett tapestries. Bring old things that you are proud of and your "hot off the loom" items.
3. Save \$ by signing up early for Fibers and Beyond. \$10 to sign up before June 30, \$15 for later sign-up (Sept 30 deadline).
4. Eat nibblies. Veggies, fruit, cheese and crackers, cookies with be provided at this meeting.

NEXT MEETING:

Wednesday, May 12th--6:30pm

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SPECIAL EVENT, Sunday, May 9th. See information below.

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May Details ~

As many of you know, Sarah Swett will be here in May to present a workshop and is also available to present a program prior to returning home to Idaho. She isn't available to be at our regularly scheduled meeting in May, but the board thought it would be worthwhile to have Sarah present a program while she is in town. Therefore, we have scheduled a special program event for Sunday, May 9th starting at 7:30p at the YWCA in Bellingham. We will still have our regular meeting on Wed, May 12th at the church primarily as a business meeting, etc. Donna will fill you in on

those details at this Wednesday's meeting. See below for the press details I've sent out on the Sarah Swett program.

NOTE: Because this special event is at the YWCA, we would like a small group of helpers to make sure we are set up and organized for the presentation. This won't be complicated ~ we just need about 3 additional helpers who are willing to move chairs around, greet and guide possible guests, and make sure it is a fun evening. Gloria and Sheri have already volunteered, so please add your name to the list. You'll get a chance to help out the wonderful Sarah Swett ~ she's a dynamo! If you can help, send me an e-mail (jahbarnes@msn.com) or let me know at the meeting on Wednesday.

Sarah Swett ~ Slow literature: story telling in tapestry
The Whatcom Weavers Guild presents a special program with nationally recognized tapestry weaver Sarah Swett on Sunday, May 9, 2010 beginning at 7:30 p.m.

Idaho resident, by way of the East Coast, Sarah Swett isn't bound by one medium, she explores them all ~ tapestry weaving, knitting, painting, writing. As a creative woman in the 21st century, Ms. Swett allows each artistic form to influence the other when communicating her work's many themes and stories. Her writing influences her painting: her painting influences her tapestry design.

By intertwining many methods of creative expression, Sarah shares her enthusiasm for her work, "The design worth pursuing is not a design at all, but love made manifest in color, texture, image. It is a second captured in cloth, an unfolding story, a small miracle...(My) work infiltrates my dreams, builds my biceps, thrills me to the bone and drives me to tears."

Sarah Swett's May 9th program is open to the public and will be held in the YWCA Ballroom located at 1026 N. Forest St., Bellingham, WA. Admission: Whatcom Weavers Guild members FREE, otherwise a \$5.00 suggested donation to

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:

Board meeting is the 3rd Wednesday, at 6:30 pm at the Clubhouse @ Darby Estates unless otherwise noted.

THE DAYTIME WEAVERS:

Dayweavers are now meeting at the Roeder Home on the first Thursday of each month @ 10:30am.

JUNE DETAILS:

Get ready for the Guild's annual stash sale. Last year not a lot of you participated so this year we are adding a few new twists.

Twist #1: Banish the burden! We all have those UFOs (unfinished projects) tucked away in some dark corner. If you are burdened with the guilt of never finishing it, bring it in June and offer it up for sale, trade, or give it away. See if someone else will finally finish that sweater you started knitting in 1989.

Twist #2: Go beyond the weaving stash! Think outside that box (aka loom) and bring in some of those creative craft items that may not specifically be weaving related but might just inspire another member to create something new and fantastic. Sell off that unused but inspirational stuff at the stash sale!

Twist #3: Find some funky junk! Okay, so maybe it is time for that useless kitschy item to move on ~ move it on to another guild member! Tshotshke, tshatshke, tchachke, chachke, or chochke ~ whatever the spelling might be ~ bring that funky junk to the June meeting and find it a new home. Sell it, trade it, or force it on an unsuspecting new member, hah!

Twist #4: All I can say is, In Progress! Twist #4 is still being developed. If it doesn't pan out, Twist #4 will be that there are only 3 twists for June.

So you better start that purge right away so you are ready for June. I'll be Debbie Day's assistant this year and will schedule/track the table reservations. So e-mail (jahbarnes@msn.com), call (360-380-9203), or give my hair a yank when you see me next to reserve your table for June. Thanks!!!!!! -
- Julie

COMMUNITY CLASSES & EVENTS:

EARTHUES, Michele Whiplinger will be here again to dazzle us with dyeing colors and telling tales of her travels and cultures where she gets the dyes from.. This year we will learn all about instant INDIGO. The first day we will dye many colors to be over dyed with indigo on the second day. This will be an information packed session, so come ready to learn and play! April 30 and May 1. 10:00 5:00 each day, \$145. BBLunch. Call 738-0167 or email nancy@nwhandspun yarns.com to sign up and get the materials list.

Nancy Bjerk-NW Handspun Yarns-1401 Commercial Street-Bellingham, WA 98225-(360) 738-0167
Hours: 10:00 - 6:00- Mon-Sat, 11:00 - 3:00 Sun
Visit our website and blog at www.NWHandspunYarns.com

Whidbey Weavers Guild Meeting
May 6, 2010

Our meeting runs as follows:

10:00 - 11:00am Business Meeting
11:00 - noon Show & Tell and other fiber presentations
noon - 12:45pm Brown Bag Lunch
12:45 - 1:45 Program
1:45 - 2:00 Wrap up/clean up

May 6, 2010 Anne Field will speak on Collapse Weave followed by a workshop on that subject on May 7 and 8. Before the Guild meeting

on May 3,4,5 she will teach a spinning workshop entitled Beyond the Basics.

Pacific Northwest Art School
(formerly Coupeville Arts Center)
15 NW Birch Street
Coupeville WA 98239

The Pacific Northwest Art School is the first street on the left off North Main Street as you enter Coupeville from Highway 20. Important parking information! Parking on the street can only be the side opposite the School and the additional space at the end of the street in the unpaved area. There are only a few spaces in the Art School lot itself so you need to drop off items or people please do then park elsewhere. Do not park on the street on the same side as the Art School as this is a tow away zone.

WORKSHOPS

Workshop Committee Report

-- by Toby Smith -- tobyMsmith@hotmail.com

1) The Committee Needs You

Yes, I do mean 'committee'. There are two of us who have agreed to be a part of the committee but we need at least a third person. I am in Vancouver, the other person is in Blaine, and we need someone from Bellingham, don't you think?

2) The Survey from Last Month's Meeting

Perhaps because of the economy, it has been hard to fill workshops this year. If you were at the last meeting, you will remember I sent around a list for you to tell me what your interests are along with your contact information. If you were not at the meeting, you can email me with your interests. I have gone over the survey and organized it into topics. There are no more than three people for any one area of interest. So the committee is reluctant to plan any full scale workshops at the present time. The good news is there is lots of interest in learning and getting together with others. Before I do any study group organizing, I am going to give you a chance to add your name to the contact list.

So here are the topics that 1-3 people expressed an interest in learning [more] about. If you yourself did not list any of these ideas when the survey went around [or were not at the meeting] and would like to add your name for any of these topics, e-mail me at tobyMsmith@hotmail.com. Please do so forthwith, as I will be off for further adventures soon. Have Journal will Travel [you won't get that if you weren't at the last meeting]. I would like to get some contacts happening this guild year so that people may want to get together sometime in the summer to begin pursuing their community of learning. Here is the list:

Braiding

Card Weaving

Colour Theory<

Dyeing<

Felting<

Felting – needle and/or pre-felts<

4 shaft study group<

Sewing Handwovens

Spinning<

Spinning - Drop Spindle<

Surface Design<

Tapestry <

Theo Moorman Technique <

Uses of different yarns in weaving

Weaving with fine silk<

Basketry - Willow<

Basketry - Free Form<

3) Wanted – drop spindle mentor

One person on the list would like to learn to drop spindle by mentor. Is there anyone out there who can spin on a drop spindle and would be willing to help someone else learn to do that. Please contact me at tobyMsmith@hotmail.com. Thanks.

4) Wanted – sock knitting mentor

I also have someone who would like to learn sock knitting any way she can. Is there anyone out there who might be willing to work with someone to show them the magic of sock knitting, or perhaps a little sock knitting study group would like to form. <

CLASSIFIED ADS:

For sale: \$100- Nilus Leclerc 36", 4 shaft floor loom. clean, no rust, has new aprons ready to go on. One reed. No bench. It is in Gibson's BC but will be brought down to North Vancouver. If you are interested, please email Toby Smith, tobyMsmith@hotmail.com or phone 604 924 1712.

I have a Pipe Loom made according to the directions in Sara Swett's book Kid's Weaving I'd love to pass on to an interested soul:

\$25 will get it along with whatever is warped on there. I can be contacted at debhall1936@gmail.com. It's a great tapestry/starter loom. All the best, Deb Hall

I have a beautiful skirt made from fabric woven by the Lummi Indians that I am interested in selling. What help can you give me? Kathleen Yedinak, 509-754-4880 o

FIBERS & BEYOND

First, just a reminder about the sale on starting on October 15. I hope you have been busy making all sorts of goodies for the sale. We want to put on another great sale this year.

Also the next Fibers and Beyond Sale meeting will be May 18 at 12:00 at First Securities at the corner of Illinois and Meridian. Mary Oates

WWG UPDATES

At the April meeting of the Board of Directors, revisions to the Guild's Policies were approved. The majority of the changes reflect the Guild's change to a fiscal year of January through December. One additional change allows updates to the Guild roster to be distributed electronically rather than in print. The revised Policies document is posted on the Guild's website.

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Roeder Home Fundraiser:
Preservation Through Photography
April 30, May 1 & 2, 2010

Come join The Bellingham Photography Club as they host a fundraising gallery show and sale to help raise money for the preservation of the historic Roeder Home. Club members will offer a variety of works, including framed prints, matted prints and cards for sale. For more information, please visit www.bellinghamphotographyclub.org or find us on Facebook. The Roeder Home. 2600 Sunset Drive.

This is to make you aware of our existence.
GalaWool is a small commercial natural dye studio on Cortes island in British Columbia, Canada .
Dyed exclusively with natural dyes, our 2 ply worsted wool yarn is available in a palette of 18 vibrant colours and is a perfect weaving yarn.
We wholesale our yarn online to weavers who earn whole or part of their income from their work, and we retail online to those who weave for their own use, and where no store carries our yarn. We mail free sample card.
Our website is at www.galawool.ca

Ferndale Fiber has been doing custom wool processing for over 10 years and we have come to the difficult decision that our business must move in a different direction. Our wholesale products of Potluck Roving and Needle Felting Wool are becoming increasingly popular and in order to fill the demand for these products we must discontinue the custom processing part of the business. I am sad about this decision, but the economic reality is that this is the right move for us. Since this is shearing time, I thought I would get the word out asap. If you are looking for a custom processor, this website is a really good

resource:<http://hem.bredband.net/ronpar/Processors.html>

Please visit the Ferndale Fiber website and blog to see our Potluck Roving, Needle Felting Wool and follow the doings of our business and farm. www.ferndalefiber.com

ferndalefiber.blogspot.com Thank you for your support over the years! Kathy Green

Hi folks. As mentioned in the WWG newsletter, we have been invited to show in the Whatcom Art Guild Memorial Day show (Art on the Lake, at the Bloedel Center on Electric Avenue). The show is open Friday/Saturday/Sunday/Monday of Memorial Day weekend. Our Board has approved that we will show under the WWG banner.

We already have 8 of our members who are interested in participating. This year, we will likely rent one booth, since most people have relatively small numbers of items to show at this time of the year. As for last year, WAG handles the cashiering and charge 20% on sales, we use our usual tags/inventory sheet/acceptance guidelines as for Fibers & Beyond. Last year, this was a great opportunity to get advanced notice out about Fibers & Beyond - many membership pamphlet and F&B handouts were picked up.

If you are interested in being involved again, I would appreciate hearing back from you soon.

Pat Fisher
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Mug and mug-rug reprise

Many of you participated in the gifts of mug-rugs and mugs the guild gave to women at the YWCA last year. It was a wonderful success, and the gifts were very appreciated.

With your support, we'd like to do that again. The gifts will again go to the YWCA, because the women who were there last year

have since moved on. Depending on the number we have, we may be able to expand to other group homes in the area.

The mug-rug can be your choice of medium: woven, felted, crocheted, quilted, whatever.

The idea is to present each of these women with something personal and hand-made that will make her feel special. For the mug, you might find something in your own cupboard that's appropriate or find something at a thrift shop. Again, your choice, but there's no need to spend much money.

During the month of May at the YWCA, we will be doing two more classes on weaving using cardboard looms. We will mention to the women that they can, if they so choose, participate in making gift mug-rugs for this project, make ones for friends, or simply make ones for themselves.

As we did last year, we will collect these at the September guild meeting and present them late September/early October.

Presentation is important, so if you could provide a card, that would be wonderful. Feel free to write your own message in the card. We'll procure some cellophane bags for wrapping, along with an assortment of teas and cocoa to include in the cup.

As last year, we will plan on some publicity just before Fibers & Beyond, and a display at F&B about the project.

So, bring your mugs and mug-rugs to the Sept. 8 guild meeting. Your special gift could mean a lot to a woman who has been through substantial difficulties. Happy creating!

Please contact Sheri Ward, 961-4956, or Joyce Noordmans, 384-1930, if you have any questions.

FiberHearts application

As you may know from our April meeting, the guild is applying for a grant from Handwoven: the FiberHearts grant advertised in the latest issue. The application has several parts, including an application worksheet and an essay.

NW Fibers at the Roeder Home needs your help

As many of you know, we are hosting walk-in spinning and weaving opportunities at the Roeder Home on the second and fourth Wednesdays each month, from 1 to 3 p.m.

We have several pre-warped looms and spinning wheels ready to use, along with a nice selection of donated fibers and yarns.

We are looking for a few more folks to help. If you would like to introduce people to spinning or weaving, please let us know what times you might be available. You need not be a master spinner or weaver, just someone with an open and helpful attitude.

Also, please help spread the word. If you know of someone who would like to try their hand, let them know they are welcome to just walk in and join the fun.

If you would like to help or have questions, please contact the committee through Sheri Ward, 961-4956 or sheriward@clearwire.net.

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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