

October 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. 98225

OCTOBER MEETING:

Wednesday, October 13,2010

6:30 pm

OCTOBER PROGRAM: PHYLLIS EVANS PRESENTS KIMONO COLLAGES

Phyllis Evans, kimono collage artist, will be presenting our October program.

For her framed collage pieces, in the place of oil or watercolor, Phyllis uses aged Japanese kimono fabric to portray an image. Through this medium, she is able evoke her passion for the places she has visited, particularly in Europe and the Pacific Northwest.

She said she always wanted to work with fabric in this way, but felt overwhelmed by the thought of acquiring the many colors of fabric she felt she would need. Then along came the opportunity to buy kimonos by the bale, and she knew she had found her medium.

Phyllis is an avid hiker, and has completed solo journeys around Mt. Rainier, in the Olympics, and, more

distantly, in the Alps. Much of her work reflects her intense feelings for the Italian fishing villages she explored while she was there, and her close ties to that area through her father's origins.

Her artwork was regularly sold through a gallery and has won numerous awards, including the grand prize at the Texuba International Competition and selection for the Art in Embassies Program.

Her presentation will include slides of her work, along with a display of some of her work, some kimonos, and some origami boxes.

Phyllis moved from Bainbridge Island to Bellingham within the past year, and has family in the area.

#### PROGRAMS THIS YEAR

We are excited about the line-up of programs we have coming our way this year.

And here's our line-up for this year:

Upcoming programs

Oct. 13: Phyllis Evans – Kimono collage

Nov. 10: Patricia Leach – Whatcom Museum

Dec. 8: Charllotte Kwon – Maiwa Foundation

Jan. 12: ANWG goodie bags

Feb. 9: open

Mar. 9: Madelyn van der Hoogt – The state of handweaving today

Apr. 13: Barbara Heller, tapestry

May 11: Anita Mayer – The Creative Journey

June 8: Stash sale

#### \*NEXT BOARD MEETING:

Next board meeting will be Thursday October 21 at 6:30 pm.

Location is at Richard Harvey's community room.

Thanks, Donna

**\*THE DAYTIME WEAVERS:**

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

>From your ANWG Representative:

**2011 ANWG Conference Grants**

Once again, ANWG will be awarding conference grants (previously called scholarships) to selected members of ANWG member guilds. As in most recent conference years, 10 grants of \$400 each will be awarded to cover conference costs -- registration, housing and meals. Three alternates will also be selected in the event that one or more winners are unable to use the award. The ANWG Board approved the following criteria for

conference grant selection:

- \* Applicant must not have previously received a ANWG conference scholarship/ grant
- \* Applicant must indicate that acceptance of the grant would make a financial difference and enable conference attendance
- \* Applicant must be an active and supportive member of her/his guild
- \* Applicant must be willing to share the conference experience with their Guild members

In addition to the above requirements, preference will be given for:

- \* An applicant who has never attended an ANWG conference
- \* An applicant who has been weaving less than 5 years

There is no application form, rather, a nomination letter from the Guild President or ANWG Representative must be sent to the Conference Grants committee addressing the

above criteria. A statement from the nominee must also be included\*. Only one applicant per guild may be nominated. \*The \*deadline\* to receive applications is \*October 31, 2010\*. Awards will be announced by December 15, 2010 (note: conference registration is due to open on January 1, 2011).

PLEASE NOTE:

Only one grant per guild can be submitted to ANWG. Anyone interested in applying for the grant should submit a statement explaining why she/he should be awarded a grant. This statement must be accompanied by a letter from the WWG President or ANWG representative in support of the candidate. Please give your application statement to your ANWG representative, Gloria Lebowitz. In the event that several people apply for the grant, a committee will be formed to decide the name to be submitted.

Your submission can be e-mailed to Gloria Lebowitz, [glolebow@yahoo.com](mailto:glolebow@yahoo.com) or given to her at the October WWG meeting.

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\*CLASSIFIED ADS:

Backstrap, anyone?

One of our recent visitors to the walk-in spinning and weaving event at the Roeder Home was an older woman who has done quite a bit of weaving in the past. Because of her small living quarters, she's thinking about doing some backstrap weaving and would like some help getting started. If you're an experienced backstrapper, or would like to explore this type of weaving with her, she would be delighted to hear from you. Contact me if you're interested, and I'll give you her name and phone. Sheri Ward, [sheriward@clearwire.net](mailto:sheriward@clearwire.net), 961-4956.

## \*FIBERS & BEYOND

### Fibers and beyond News

Well we are in the home stretch. It is time to put up signs and mail postcards. Lets make this a very successful sale!

We are still looking for people who would like to demonstrate a skill for about an hour. If you have some interesting technique that you use, we would love to see it. It could be pin loom weaving (weavette), tatting, drop spindle, bobbin lace, hardanger, needle felting, bead loom, basketry, card making? Anything that you feel would be of interest, please give me a call (Mary Oates (671-9229)

To sales chairmen a reminder that the next board meeting is Monday October 4, 12:00 , Security First. Mary Oates

### OUTREACH /COMMUNITY EDUCATION

Mug-rug presentation to the YWCA on Oct. 5

First, thanks so much to all of you who made such lovely mug-rugs for the women at the YWCA. We've packaged up the mugs and mug-rugs with an assortment of tea, hot chocolate mix, cider, and coffee, wrapped in attractive cello bags. We have enough for each of the 36 women residing there, and we think they'll be delighted with your gifts.

The women who live there now are a different group than received the mug-rugs last year, since the length of time a woman stays at the Y is typically around six months. Last year, we heard that women lined up at the office well ahead

of its opening in the morning to get first choice, and they were very pleased.

We'll be presenting those gifts to the staff at the Y on Tuesday, Oct. 5, at 10:30 a.m. Any guild members who would like to attend are welcome. Because of privacy considerations, the women residents will not be attending.

The YWCA is located at 1026 N. Forest in Bellingham, at the corner of Maple and N. Forest. The Y provides transitional housing for women who are recovering from abusive situations, drug and alcohol dependency, and other similar difficulties.

Joyce Noordmans & Sheri Ward

Walk-in weaving and spinning

The guild's PROGRAM AT THE ROEDER HOME to provide walk-in weaving and spinning opportunities has been a rewarding experience for guild members and helpful for people who have attended.

Our attendees have spanned the range from a group of 10 home-schoolers to a retired lady who had been a proficient weaver once upon a time and just needed some help getting started again. Time will tell, but it seems likely that several of our visitors may eventually attend guild meetings and become active. They vary in how much help they need, and may well be looking to you, other guild members, for encouragement and advice.

In general, we are there each second and fourth Wednesday of the month from 1 to 3 p.m. On Oct. 13, we have an additional late-afternoon session with the Girl Scouts, from 4:30 to 6 p.m. to accommodate their schedule.

We are always open to additional guild members who would like to help, either at our special time with the Girl Scouts or at our regular times. We like to have three to four guild members present, with at least one spinner and one weaver. If you can offer some time, please contact me and let me know when you would like to help.

Thanks. Sheri Ward, 961-4956, shereward@clearwire.net.

#### FOR YOUR INFORMATION

##### Rags to Riches Workshop 2010

This workshop is to create garment weight fabric samples by using yarns from your stash and fabrics from stash or used clothing. The fabrics are made to be drapeable by weaving one or many shots of yarns between the rag strip wefts. Various weights of warp and weft result in fabrics suitable for all weights of clothing, from blouse to coat weight.

This is a round robin class where participants will weave samples on each other's looms. Several weave structures will be used - plain, twill, herringbone, rosepath and honeycomb. Notes will include drafts, sample pages, techniques for creating several types of rag yarns<sup>2</sup>, weaving tips for lightweight fabric, sewing tips and the Trudie Roberts method of rag weaving, where the print of the original fabric is featured.

Participants will supply materials - warp plus a selection of fabrics (one or two for their warp plus others to sample on other warps and share ). Fabrics can be knits (sweaters, t-shirts, synthetics, velours, even old socks!), wovens (denim, silk, prints, corduroy, rayon, wool, plaids), leather - just about anything.

The class is in three sessions.

Nov. 6, Saturday or other time with Donna. Participants will have reviewed possible warp and weft choices then bring possibilities from their stash to decide who weaves what. Bellingham location TBA for hour or so.

Nov 20, Saturday: We meet at Donna's studio in Blaine with fabrics to cut, rip, fray or stretch strips to make yarns<sup>2</sup>. 10am to noon.

December 4, Saturday. Weaving Class at the Cordata Food Co-op classroom 10-4. Bring looms all warped, tied and headings woven.

Class is \$25 per person up to 10 people. This is a learning curve class with payment directly to the instructor.

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Whidbey Weavers Guild Meeting

Thursday October 7, 2010 Rene Evans - Our October program will be given by Rene Corder Evans a weaver and felter from Vancouver BC. She is involved in an an extensive range of textile arts and makes wearables from her woven cloth, felted cloth and hanji paper. Rene will talk about Wearable Art and the Felt she makes. She will also give a two day felting workshop following Guild meeting.

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

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.

Check out the GUILDS'S BLOG

If you like to surf the web from time to time, be sure to check out the guild's blog at [www.whatcomweavers.blogspot.com](http://www.whatcomweavers.blogspot.com). Julie Barnes got this going about a year ago, and we've used it primarily to describe official guild happenings – programs at meetings and workshops. But is open to any guild members who want to post fiber-related cool stuff that would be of interest to other members. So your latest project, a small mini-workshop or a gathering of the Daytime Weavers would all be great things to post and let everyone share in what's going on. Be sure to take some photos!

If you need help getting started, contact me or Julie (and I'm a novice, Julie's the pro).

While you're surfing, you might also have a look at the

Spindrifter's blog at  
[www.spindrifters1.blogspot.com](http://www.spindrifters1.blogspot.com), organized by the local  
spinners guild.

Thanks.

Sheri Ward, 961-4956, [sheriward@clearwire.net](mailto:sheriward@clearwire.net).

## COMMUNITY EVENTS

SPARROW'S NEST STUDIO, a gathering place where creativity thrives, is pleased to announce their new fall schedule of a wide variety of art classes and workshops.

For a complete list of classes please visit [www.Sparrows-Nest-Studio.Blogspot.com](http://www.Sparrows-Nest-Studio.Blogspot.com) or contact Sherri Angie & a copy will be mailed to you.

All questions can be directed to Sherri Angie at  
360.733.9031 or [sherangie@comcast.net](mailto:sherangie@comcast.net).  
Be sure to follow us on Facebook.

### \*WWG BUSINESS:

The Guild is now on a calendar year (January-December) schedule for dues. We will collect dues for 2011 in January.

Whatcom Weaver's Guild

Annual Membership Dues:

Adult: \$20-- , Student: \$15.--, Family: \$30--

Make checks payable to Whatcom Weaver's Guild, mail to  
Whatcom Weaver's Guild, P.O. Box 403, Bellingham, WA 98227

2010/2011 BOARD

President: Donna Hunter

Past President: Pat Fisher

Vice President and Programs: Sheri Ward, Julie Barnes  
assisting

Treasurer: Barbara Young

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

Membership/Hospitality: Toni Wade, Carol Henry

Library:

Member- at- Large: Gloria Lebowitz

Newsletter: Tracy Vandermay

Education: Joyce Noordmans

Wool Show: Marcia Ford

Fibers and Beyond Chair: Mary Oates

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