

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

SEPTEMBER MEETING:

Wednesday, September 8, 2010.

Our September program leads things off with Laura Fry, author of *Magic in the Water: Wet-Finishing Handwovens*.

Laura will speak about the steps one should take to finish woven fabric properly once it's off the loom. Her book, a classic reference for weavers, includes samples of fabric before and after wet finishing. By examining her actual fabrics, you will understand why Laura says, "It isn't finished until it's wet finished."

Laura will bring a few copies of her book, so you'll want to have a look at that while she's here. She'll also be bringing along lots of samples, so there will be plenty to touch and feel.

Laura has long-standing ties to the Pacific Northwest, including her connections with the Seattle Weavers Guild. She chose weaving as a career in 1975 and took weaving classes at every opportunity, including study at Banff School of Fine Arts in Alberta and Varpapuu Summer Weaving School in Finland. Laura teaches throughout Canada and the United States, writes for a variety of textile

publications, and wins awards for the beautiful clothing fabrics that have always been her passion. After years of work and study, Laura earned certification in 1997 as one of Canada's Master Weavers, the 27th weaver to achieve the honor. She currently resides in Prince George, B.C. More information about Laura and her work can be found at <<http://www.laurafry.com/>>www.laurafry.com.

MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT:

Our new Librarian has stepped down due to other commitments. It would be greatly appreciated if someone would like to take on the position. Please let me know if you are interested. Sheri Ward, our former Librarian, can provide information about the position.

SUMMARY OF August 11 BOARD MEETING

Complete minutes are in the library:

Special guest, Patricia Leach from the Whatcom Museum, was unable to attend. She will present at a future meeting.

Treasurer: Rent at St. James paid to December. There are 99 members and 47 participants in Fibers & Beyond. Second installment of the ANWG grant was received (\$200). \$60 was donated to the Co-Op for Sarah Swett workshop space and the rest was refunded to participants (11.27 each).

Programs: Costs are rising. Amount in the budget will be increased later.

Membership: The roster has been completed by Toni Wade & ready for emailing to members. Updates in January and every 6 months.

Education: Joyce Noordmans requested loan of small, easy to use, looms for use by school children at the Roeder home (Oct & Nov).

Reminder to all: Bring mugs and mug rugs for donating to

the YWCA to the Sept 8 meeting.

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:

Oct. 13: Phyllis Evans – Kimono collage artist

Nov. 10: Patricia Leach – Director of the Whatcom Museum

Dec. 8: Charlotte Kwon – Director of Maiwa Foundation

Jan. 12: Making ANWG goodie bags

Feb. 9: open

Mar. 9: Madelyn van der Hoogt, editor of Handwoven, speaking on the state of handweaving today

Apr. 13: Barbara Heller, tapestry artist

May 11: Anita Mayer, noted clothing artist, speaking on "The Creative Journey"

June 8: 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:

Board meeting change: The next board meeting will be on Thursday September 16, 6:30 at Richard Harvey's community room.

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.

THE WOOL SHOW had another successful exhibit this year with a whopping 157 entries along with 30 volunteer spinners and weavers providing a nearly continuous demonstration of the fiber processes we love to share.

Ferndale resident Kitty Drew provided fair goers with five sessions of spinning stories and demonstration, each day sporting a different ethnic or period costume. I hope you saw her picture on the front page of the Bell. Herald Saturday morning. Janice Hartwell gave a Thursday evening rug hooking demo. to fair attendees, and Nora Weisenhorn fascinated many with her 1920's sock making machine Saturday morning.

Blue ribbon winners among the WWG and Spindrifter members (to the best of my knowledge) include: Louise Bayma, Oksana Brown (3), Chris Conrad (2), Debra Carpenter, Richard Harvey, Meg Jobe, Melissa Johnson, Yvonne Madsen (3), Cecilia Morales, April Muegge, Chris Paul, Heather SeEVERS (3), Sheri Ward, and Nora Weisenhorn (2). Chris Conrad won Best of Class honors for both a mohair fleece and a handspun skein. Best of Show went to Chris Paul for her fine handspun saddle blanket.

Heather SeEVERS was awarded both Judges Choice and Best of Division for her two fanciful boas. Debra Carpenter won Best of Class for a handspun, handknitted shrug. Best Design and Best of Class were awarded to Pat Whitaker, a resident of The Willows assisted living apartments, for her beautiful pictorial hooked rug. Thanks to Chris Conrad, several residents there entered their work this year.

Many thanks to our volunteer weavers: Pat Fisher, Kathy Sano, Gina Saettone, Barbara Snow, Rosalie Nast (2 sessions), Maggie Weyers (2 sessions), and Sondra Rose.....

and to our volunteer spinners: Kathy Green Donna Starr, John Munroe, Gabette Andres, Tina Swanson, Joan Dudley, Jenni Jimmerson, Ann Marie Fjeld, Tamerron Underwood, Tina Thompson, Yvonne Madsen, Louise Bayma, Lynda Bylsma, Maryann Kelly, and Anna & Ella Robbins (teen spinners).....

and to our "administrative assistants" Margaret Magic, Oksana Brown, Chris Conrad, Gabette Andres, Sheri Ward. Joan Cunningham, and Kathy Hutchinson.

Submitted by Marcia Ford, Wool Show Superintendent

From your ANWG Representative:

As most of you know, the ANWG Annual Conference will be held in this upcoming year, May 29-June 5, 2011 in Salem, OR. These dates include both the Conference and any pre-and post conference workshops. The theme for the ANWG Conference is "Exploring FIBER Horizons".

The Conference colors are Yale Blue (UKI 63) Winter Green (UKI 138) and Gold (UKI 10).

I hope that you all will be thinking not only about how we can develop the colors and theme but also how and what you can contribute to the booth.

In addition to agreeing to work on a booth for the Conference, members also voted to provide something for the goody bags that are distributed at the Conference. As for the last conference (2009), we can prepare these at the January meeting.

Do you have a suggestion about what we can include in the bag? Two suggestions already brought forth include using the woven pieces from the Wool Show to make sachet covers

(stuffed with ???) ... or perhaps making little books and/or book covers, using designed papers. What other suggestion do YOU have?

*CLASSIFIED ADS:

*FIBERS & BEYOND

Postcards from the mailing list will be available at the September meeting. Please plan to pick yours up to mail. Additional postcards will be available.
-Joan Cunningham

OUTREACH /COMMUNITY EDUCATION

A "Mugs & Rugs" Reminder

Please remember your "rugs" and coordinating mugs are wishing to attend the September meeting with you. They're looking forward to being stuffed with goodies and packaged sweetly by Sheri and Joyce. Then they'll be presented to the women at the YWCA where they will be lovingly accepted, warming each and every heart involved.

If you or your "rugs" have any questions, contact Joyce Noordmans, 384-1930, or Sheri Ward, 961-4956.
Thank YOU!

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, <<mailto:sheriward@clearwire.net>>sheriward@clearwire.net.

FOR YOUR INFORMATION

Our 40th Anniversary and the Bellingham Public Library

During the month of October, the guild is responsible for providing a display in the museum case at the entrance to the Bellingham Public Library. This is a great opportunity to let others in the community know about our guild and provide a little extra publicity for Fibers and Beyond.

Since this year marks the guild's 40th anniversary, we thought it would be fun to highlight some of the guild's

activities over the years. The library has some records from our history we might be able to use: clippings and slides from the fashion shows, from our first Fibers & Beyond show, and many other events over the years. If you have items, either photos of events or fiber items that are particularly relevant to our history as a guild, we would love to be able to display them.

If you have items you would be willing to loan for display, please bring them to the September guild meeting, or contact me and we will arrange for pick-up. Be sure to label any items you bring, including: your name and contact info, how the items ties into the guild's history, and any other interesting notes.

Sheri Ward

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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 <<http://www.whatcomweavers.blogspot.com/>>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 <http://www.spindrifters1.blogspot.com/>www.spindrifters1.blogspot.com, organized by the local spinners guild.

Thanks.

Sheri Ward, sheriward@clearwire.net.

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.

Thursday September 2, 2010

Our September program is entitled Beads and will be given by Kathy Dannerbeck. Kathy recently retired from Beads and Beyond, a business she and her husband owned for 14 years.

Prior to Beads and Beyond, Kathy owned The Ranch, a studio in her home where she taught weaving, basketry and beading.

She has travelled to Africa, Asia, Europe and South America pursuing her interest in beads and collecting beaded jewelry and objects. Kathy will give us a brief history of beads, share beaded treasures gathered from around the world and bring a trunk show of vintage beads for sale. Her new company, Lines of the Compass,

incorporates her passion for beads, travel and teaching and she is excited to be sharing her knowledge and passion with all of you.

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

COMMUNITY EVENTS

TAPESTRY WEAVER Kathe Todd-Hooker to teach at NW Handspun Yarns

This class is for weavers who have had some tapestry experience in the past. Kathe received her BFA in textiles, tapestry from the Oregon School of Arts and Crafts. She has been doing tapestry as an art form and teaching for over 30 years. In this class she will take the novice weaver to the next level of their development as weavers, focusing on lines, shapes, shading, wedge weave, with some focus on producing weavable cartoons.

This class is limited to 12 students, so register early!

Friday, Saturday and Sunday, September 24, 25, 26 10:00

4:30 each day

\$150.00 for this workshop plus \$15.00 materials fee

See the materials list at the shop.

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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

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. Our kick-off event is a fall retreat, September 24 & 25, 2010. We would love to have you join us, the cost is \$30.00. All questions can be directed to Sherri at 360.733.9031 or <mailto:sherangie@comcast.net>sherangie@comcast.net. Be sure to follow us on Facebook.

JUST FOR FUN

This summer my nephew, age 10, & my nieces, age 12 & 15, asked if I would like to help them form a 'Yarn Bombing' crew.

They had found the book on their weekly trek to the library. We have had so much fun! They created a blog and would be THRILLED to have followers & comments on their posts.

<<http://TheCastOffCrew.blogspot.com/>>TheCastOffCrew.blogspot.com or follow them on Facebook at 'TheCastOffCrew'

Thank you so much. - Tracy Vandermay

*WWG BUSINESS:

You do NOT need to pay your dues in September! The Guild is now on a calendar year (January-December) schedule for dues. We will collect dues for 2011 in January, so you don't need to pay until then.

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

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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