

NORTHWEST ARKANSAS HANDWEAVERS GUILD

NOVEMBER 2017

NOTES FROM OUR OFFICERS

FROM YOUR PROGRAM COMMITTEE

Fall Field Trip! Our regular November meeting will be held on Saturday the 11th at the Prairie Grove Battlefield State Park. We will have the opportunity to see two types of looms, one at the Morrow House at the Park and another at the nearby studio of guild member Jill Maddox.



We will meet at the Latta Barn (pictured above) for our regular business meeting. We will then divide into groups, with some going to the historic houses at the Park and others to Jill's studio about 5 minutes away by car, taking turns to view the looms.

The old loom at the Prairie Grove State Park is a counterbalance loom dating from around 1825. Guild member Janice Neighbor will serve as our host at the Morrow House. She volunteers at the Park and has often worked with this loom.

Jill's loom is an 8-shaft Glimakra countermarche loom. The idea of extra tie-ups may be intimidating, but Jill will explain how it works and allow you to test drive the treadling.

There will be a handout detailing the differences in these looms. This program should be of particular interest to those of us familiar only with jack looms.

Officers, 2017-2018:
Charlotte Mizell, President
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Marty Benson, Secretary
Janelle Engle, Treasurer

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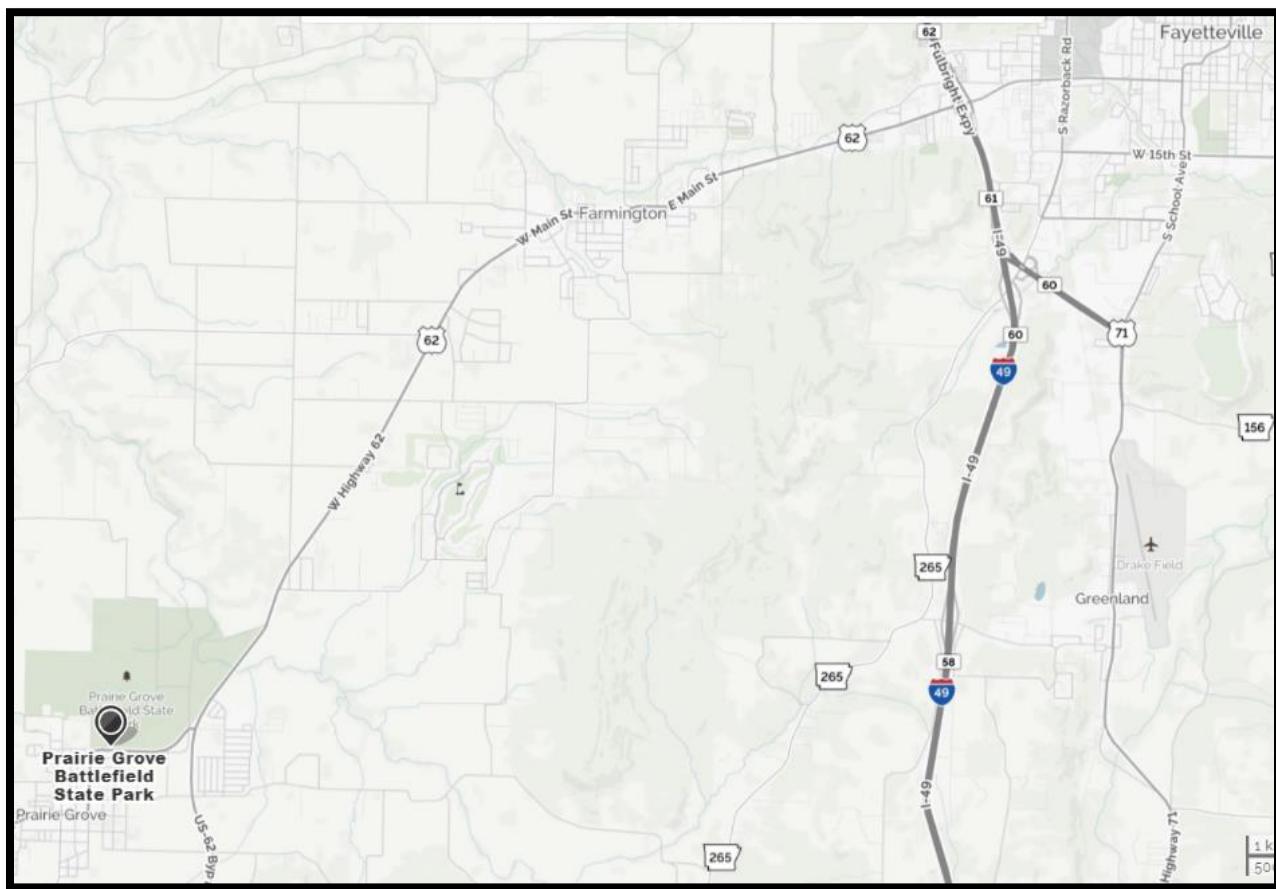
Join us:
10:00am on the 2nd Saturday
of the month (unless otherwise
noted) at:
The Arts Center of the Ozarks
214 S. Main Street
Springdale, AR

Guild Resources:
Library is open 30 minutes
before each meeting and
during meeting breaks.

Loom & Equipment Rental. Contact Laura at
wannaweavemore@cox.net or
925-1102. See the back cover
of the Guild Yearbook for
available items and rates.

Hospitality: Your program committee, Monica Milam, Laura Redford and Deborah Thomas, will provide a tailgate menu for our field trip – chili, chowder, hot drinks, sweets and such. We are fortunate that the Latta Barn became available (Until yesterday, we were scheduled to meet in the outdoor J.P. Pavilion). Our thanks to the Parks Service for waiving the fee for the use of the facilities in appreciation of the Guild's long association with the Park.

Directions: In Fayetteville, leave I-49 at Exit 62 onto Highway 62 West (MKL Boulevard). Travel on HW 62 through Farmington to Prairie Grove. Turn right at the light onto Douglas Street. The Battlefield State Park is at 506 E. Douglas Street on the right.



DECEMBER: We will celebrate the holidays on December 9 with our annual holiday potluck. There will be a fiber gift exchange for all who choose to participate – bring a gift to take home a gift. Anything fiber related is appropriate. Last year's gifts ranged from orphan yarn to handmade scarves to a Yarn Barn gift certificate to a handmade ceramic yarn bowl (Thanks, Genny! I still love it!).

So start planning for December – what gift to contribute and what food to share.

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Northwest Arkansas Handweavers' Guild Minutes of the October 14, 2017 Meeting

The Northwest Arkansas Handweavers' Guild met on Saturday, October 14, 2017 at the Arts Center of the Ozarks. President Charlotte Mizell called the meeting to order at 10:10 am, and welcomed members, visitors, and guests.

There were no corrections or edits to the Minutes of the September 9, 2017, meeting as printed in the newsletter. Janelle Engle, Treasurer, presented the treasurer's report, noting that the balance in the guild's cash account as of September 30, 2017, was \$10,762.39. She asked the members to send any changes to their contact information to her so the guild's directory could be kept up to date.

Charlotte informed the members that regular monthly guild meetings will be held in another location in the near future. After many years meeting at the Arts Center of the Ozarks (ACO), our group no longer fits the mission and focus of our host organization. We have been invited to move our meetings to the Shiloh Museum of Ozarks History, which is located a few blocks north of ACO. Specific details about the timing of this transition and exact directions to our new meeting location will be provided in the next few months. The move is anticipated to take place on or before April 2018. The guild expressed its gratitude to ACO for its many years as our host, both for our monthly meetings and as a permanent location for our library.

Lisa Edmiston reported that, in preparation for the move discussed above, the library has been carefully reviewed in an effort to keep the books used most often in a convenient location for guild members. Books and other materials that have never or very seldom been accessed by members are now stored in the guild's climate-controlled storage facility. They may be checked out by contacting Lisa. A new permanent location for the remaining library collection is being sought.

Deborah Thomas reported for the program committee. The November meeting will be a site visit to the Prairie Grove Battlefield State Park. The meeting on November 11 will begin promptly at 10:00 at the park. More details will be provided in the November newsletter. The tour of the looms and woven materials at the park will be followed by a studio tour at the home of Jill Maddox.

The December meeting will be the annual potluck Christmas party. Those choosing to participate in a gift exchange should bring a fiber-related item to exchange with other members.

Deb queried the membership about its interest in an upcoming workshop with Laura Fry. She stated that members planning to attend this workshop, scheduled for April 2018, should contact her so she could get a sense of whether or not to go forward with planning this educational activity. About eight members indicated their interest with a show of hands.

Linda Organ reminded the members that a weaving retreat is planned for March 25 through April 1, 2018 at Lake Ft. Smith. At the January meeting, those planning to attend will be asked to commit to participating and to pay a deposit.

Several members brought items to share with the group, including Gary Hansford, Cari Kessler, Mary Harp, Michael Skopp, Deborah Thomas, Gayle Pace, Peggy Bowen, Jill Maddox, Marty Benson, Crow Johnson Evans, and Ellen Bruce.

There being no further business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned at 11:45.

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October Show and Share: Our thanks to Sharon Loyd for an inspiring program on Weaving with Knitting Yarns at the October meeting. In response to her request, many member brought along items they had woven from yarns marketed for knitting.



Gary Hansford: Swedish Lace Scarf with pattern from Davison book



Cari Kessler: Woven shibori scarf, Scarf from knitting yarns, Sampler from JoAnn Hall Swedish art weaves workshop.



Michael Skopp: Herringbone overshot scarf



Gayle Pace: Scarf from knitting yarns



Marty Benson: Scarves from knitting yarns



Jill Maddox: Samplers from Collingwood's Beyond the Basics



Peggy Bowen: Lace Silk Shawl, Silk angora wool scarf



Crow Johnson Evans: Shawl from alpaca, merino, bamboo handspun



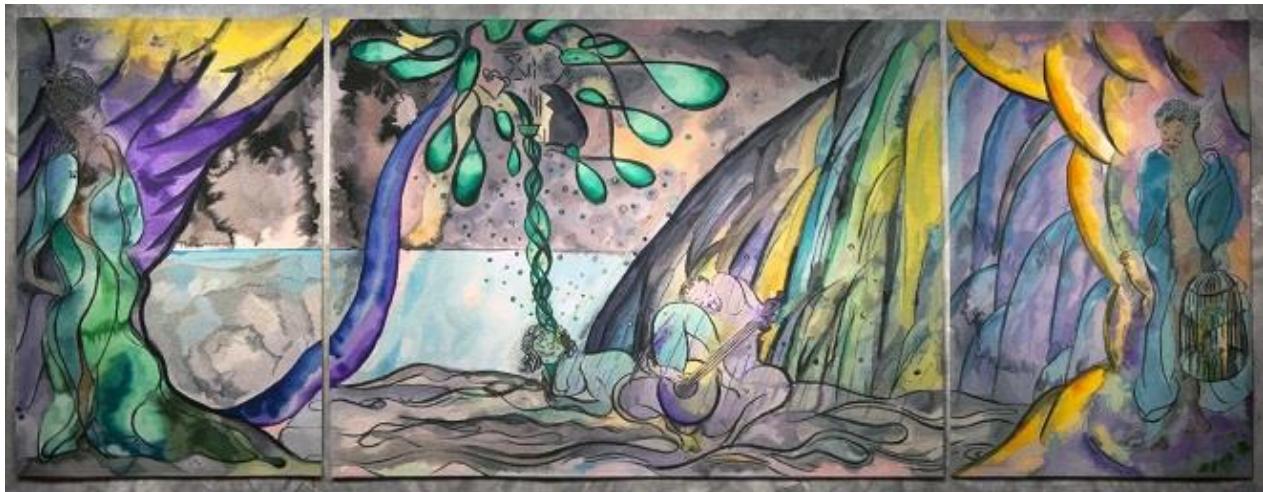
Ellen Bruce: Cotton waffle weave towels



Mary Harp's Summer Weaving: (L to R) Scarves from knitting yarns, Rugs from handspun, T-shirts and flannel (she recommends Tom Knisley's Rag Rug book), Placemats and Tencel scarf.

Treasurer's Report will be presented at the November meeting.

Contemporary Tapestry and the BBC



Earlier this year, a tapestry based on the design of artist Chris Ofili was unveiled at Dovecot Studio in Edinburgh. After being on display this summer at England's National Gallery in an exhibition entitled *Weaving Magic*, the piece is now at its permanent home at the Clothworkers' Company in London (clothworkers.co.uk/History/Collections/Tapestries/The-Caged-Bird-s-Song.aspx).

A BBC documentary, available on YouTube, tracks the artisitic process of the work, "The Caged Bird's Song." The film begins its focus on the weaving of the tapestry at about the halfway point, 28 minutes or so in. www.youtube.com/watch?v=PqCOH1W7tTg

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To Buy or Sell

Ads run for 3 months and are limited to 5 lines. To post an ad or renew after 3 months, email your listing to the guild at nwahandweaversguild@gmail.com.

LOOKING TO BUY: Looking to buy a **rigid heddle loom**, 32" Kromski or Ashford of similar size preferred. Budget is limited. Contact Sandi Willyard by text at 501-554-5059. (9/17)

WHEEL FOR SALE: I have an **old spinning wheel from the 1800s** (I have a letter about its history). I would like to sell, \$300. It does spin and has three bobbins. Contact Gayle Pace at gpace001@windstream.net. (10/17)

BOOK AND THREAD FOR SALE: *The Best of Weaver's Huck Lace*, by Madelyn & Xenakis \$5.00 Jagerspun 50% merino, 50% tussah silk, 600 yds/2oz cone -- 2 cones Peacock, 2 cones Ruby (one cone not quite complete) \$5.00 each. Contact Linda Long, longwarp@att.net or [479 855 3830](tel:4798553830) (10/17)

SEEKING WEAVING LESSONS: My daughter attended the weaving demonstration over the summer at the Rogers Historical Museum. She was absolutely enraptured by it! She is almost 8 and very good with her hands. We just attended the Sheep to Shawl event at Shiloh Museum and I had to peel her off the loom. Would anyone be willing to give her **lessons in weaving** on a loom? We homeschoo, so our schedule is flexible. Please feel free to contact me, Kelley Easley, at [\(479\) 256-0063](tel:4792560063) or articflea@hotmail.com. (11/17)

LOOM FOR SALE: Eight shaft, 32 inch **Ashford table loom**. It is like new and comes with an eight dent reed. \$600 or best offer. Contact Ginger McElwee [620-249-4859](tel:6202494859) (11/17)

Calendar of Events

November 11	Guild Meeting	Loom Visit Fieldtrip: Prairie Grove Battlefield State Park and Jill Maddox Studio
December 9	Guild Meeting	Holiday Celebration
January 13	Guild Meeting	Warping, Part I -- Measurement
February 10	Guild Meeting	Warping, Part II -- Threading
March 10	Guild Meeting	Natural Dyeing with guest Gina Levesque

JANUARY CLASSES AT RED SCOTTIE FIBERS: Call Debbie at 479-981-0832 for more information or to register for a class.

January 18 Fiber Adventure Basket: This one day class will result in a travel basket for your fiber needs. Cost - \$100 plus \$30 materials.

January 23-25 Tuna Wool Blanket: Weave a beautiful, warm twill throw made from Swedish yarns designed especially for blankets. \$195 plus materials.