

NORTHWEST ARKANSAS HANDWEAVERS GUILD

OCTOBER 2017

NOTES FROM OUR OFFICERS

FROM YOUR PROGRAM COMMITTEE

The program at the October guild (Saturday the 14th, 10am at the Arts Center of the Ozarks) is one that shouldn't be missed. Guild member Sharon Loyd of Dardanelle will share her expertise on **Weaving with Knitting Yarns**.

Catering to an estimated 38 million knitters and crocheters in the US (Craft Yarn Council, 2014), sources for knitting yarn are abundant – in local shops to online stores. These yarns are available in a wide variety of brands, fibers, colors, weights, and price points.

Learn how to measure warp and dress the loom with stretchy yarns, how to avoid sticky sheds, and how to deal with tension issues ... tension on the loom, that is, and avoid the stress kind.

Sharon will exhibit samples of her weavings using knitting yarns, noting the fiber content of each. **Share your own experience:** If you have items you have made from yarns marketed for knitting, bring those to the meeting, along with the ball label or yarn sample, if you have it.

FROM YOUR HOSPITALITY CHAIR

Cool weather is in the forecast! I hope the forecasters are right, because I am ready for fall. The hostesses for October are Cecelia Jaffe and Jill Maddox. Hope to see you at the October Meeting. Linda O.

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.

CONGRATULATIONS AND WELCOME, NEW WEAVERS!

At the September meeting of the Guild, Laura Redford introduced the weavers who completed the Beginning Weaving Summer Seminar. Pictured below are (left to right): Instructor Laura Redford, Linda Christie, Ellen Bruce, Blanca and Lizette Morales, and Michael Skopp. Also pictured (counterclockwise from top left as listed above) are the samples produced by the students, both at the Summer Seminar and on their own since the July class.

Congratulations to students and their teacher for getting such a great start at weaving!



UPCOMING EVENTS

OZARK FIBER FLING: The 2017 Ozark Fiber Fling will be held in Steelville, MO, on November 3 – 4. Details about classes, lodging, and meals can be found at ozarkfiberfling.com. This year's offerings include an interactive indigo dye experience and a "Dance for Joy" foot felt on Friday evening. You are welcome to bring a sleeping bag or cot and stay for free.

CLASSES AT RED SCOTTIE FIBERS: Debbie has announced her weaving classes for 2018. All classes meet from 9am to 4pm each day at the Red Fiber studio in Eureka Springs. 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.

February 20-21 Traditional Swedish Rag Rug: Experience the exciting effects warp placement can make with only four shafts. \$195 plus materials.

March 20-22 Linen and Lace Spring Table Runner: Line linen creates a classy table topper with hints of lace, perfect for your spring holiday table setting. \$195 plus materials.

April 17-19 Beginning Weaving: Learn how to warp and weave a rag rug or cottolin dish towel on a counter March or Jack floor loom. \$195 plus materials.

May 8-10 Adventures in Doubleweave: Your loom can do double duty! Learn to do double width, tubular, and quilting on your loom. \$225 plus materials.

June 12-14 Crimp and Create with Diane Totten: Using a variety of woven shibori, learn to create fabric with permanently crimped designs for garments or accents for your woven art pieces. \$295 plus materials.

August 21-23 Awesome Aprons: Learn how to weave and sew an apron like the ones on display at the Midwest Weavers Conference. \$195 plus materials.

September 10-11 Spinning with Melissa Weaver Dunning: Sharpen your spinning skills with this master spinner who studied with fiber legend Norman Kennedy. \$165 plus materials. Wheel rental is available.

September 12-14 18th Century Linens with Melissa Weaver Dunning: Each weaver will sample Bronson, Huck, M's and O's, Dimity and three kinds of twill in linen and in cotton. We will learn about linen finishing, as well as an efficient 18th century warping and beaming technique. \$295 plus materials.

October 9-11 Garment Construction and Finishing for Handweavers and Artists with Daryl Lancaster: Participant will draft a custom pattern for a simple jacket, vest, or tunic, as well as learn about creative finishing techniques. \$295 plus materials.

November 6-8 Overshot Shawl: Choose a pattern or patterns and one color or several to weave a beautiful patterned shawl using soft cotton Lunatic Fringe fibers. Preregistration by October 1 required. Cost \$215 plus materials.

Beginning Weaving (3 days required) or **Refresh Your Weaving** can be arranged at any time.

UPCOMING EVENTS, Continued

2017 ARKANSAS YARN CRAWL is October 13 through October 22. Participating shops include:

- Knit Unto Others, Arkadelphia
- Yarn Kandy, Little Rock
- Shoppes@Fleece and Flax, Eureka Springs
- Hardcastle Folk Art, Eureka Springs
- Knit 2 Together, Russellville
- The Twisted Purl, Conway
- Hand Held, Fayetteville
- Mockingbird Moon, Rogers.

Look for targeted specials each day of the crawl for such items as books (50% off on Friday, October 13), raw fleece (10% off on Monday, October 16), and needles and hooks (10% off on Wednesday, October 18)

Northwest Arkansas Handweavers' Guild Minutes of the September 9, 2017 Meeting

The Northwest Arkansas Handweavers' Guild met on Saturday, September 9, 2017 at the Arts Center of the Ozarks. President Charlotte Mizell called the meeting to order at 10:15 am. She welcomed members, visitors, and guests.

There were no questions or corrections to the minutes or treasurer's report as printed in the June 2017 newsletter.

Charlotte encouraged members to sign up for the Ruby Leslie double weave workshop to be held October 26 – 28. She referred attendees to the display featuring information on the Spring Retreat at Fort Smith. She asked all those planning to attend to review the information and let Linda Organ know their plans.

Sign-up sheets were circulated for:

- 1) Demonstrators interested in weaving at the annual Sheep to Shawl event at the Shiloh Museum of Ozark History to be held on Thursday and Friday, October 5 – 6
- 2) Demonstrators interested in weaving at Hobbs State Park on Sunday, October 1
- 3) Members interested in presenting book reviews to the Guild at upcoming meetings

Charlotte reminded the membership that there is still an opening on the Guild board for Vice President-Elect and asked for volunteers for this important position. She also noted that the annual Guild directory is in process and all members should be sure they have paid their dues so they will be included.

Several weavers brought current projects to share, including Linda Christy, Ellen Bruce, Lizette and Blanca Morales, Michael Skopp, Joanne Dell, Gayle Pace, Ann Weymouth, Marty Benson, Debbie Davis, and Jill Maddox.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 11:00.

September Show and Share: Two weavers who presented their work at the September meeting were award winners at their County Fair: Gayle Pace and Marty Benson (picture unavailable). Larry Mizell's weaving was also Grand Champion at his County Fair.



Debbie Davis: Rug made with the help of her granddaughter, age 6



Ann Weymouth: Blooming Leaf coverlet from 2005 issue of Handwoven



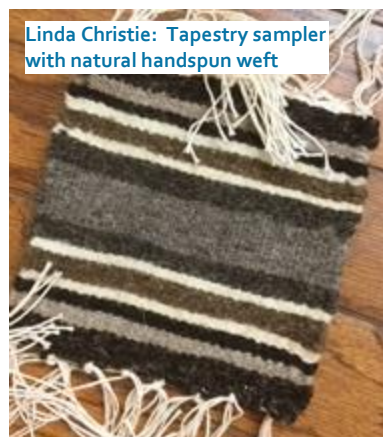
Jill Maddox: Corduroy rug from Favorite Scandinavian Projects for the Home



Jill Maddox: Hand-dyed tapestry samplers from Big Book of Weaving



Gayle Pace: Waffle weave runner and apron



Linda Christie: Tapestry sampler with natural handspun weft



Jo Anne Dell: Shawl made at Sheep to Shawl in Mountain View



Larry Mizell: Coverlet from Ozark Coverlets

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

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)

BENCH FOR SALE: Louet Bench for Octado Loom. \$75. Bench made of beech hardwood with clear lacquer finish. Adjustable from 23.5"H to 29"H. Seat is 33.25" W by 9" D. Contact Jill at hpjill@pgtc.com. (10/17)

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 Jaggerspun 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 (10/17)

Calendar of Guild Events

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| October 1 | Demonstration | Hobbs State Park Fall Festival |
| October 5-6 | Demonstration | Shiloh Museum Sheep to Shawl |
| October 14 | Guild Meeting | Weaving with Knitting Yarns: Sharon Loyd |
| November 11 | Guild Meeting | Loom Visit Fieldtrip: Prairie Grove Battlefield State Park and Jill Maddox Studio |
| December 9 | Guild Meeting | Holiday Celebration and Activity |
| January 13 | Guild Meeting | Warping, Part I – Measurement Alternatives |