



NORTHWEST ARKANSAS HANDWEAVERS GUILD

JUNE 2018

FROM YOUR PRESIDENT

Happy New Year!

June 1 begins the new fiscal year for the Northwest Arkansas Handweavers Guild. This new year brings a new group of officers, new weaving challenges, a new meeting place (coming soon), and new opportunities to serve on committees.

At the May meeting, I asked folks to consider volunteering for one of the Guild's standing committees. Thanks so to those of you who have agreed to serve!

If you missed the May meeting or needed some time to think about which committee would be best for you, don't fret. There are still open positions that need to be filled.

Here is where we stand on staffing our standing committees:

- Program: COMPLETE.
VP Cari Kessler acts as program committee chair
Members are Roberta Hamilton as VP-elect, Chris Rittheler, and Lee Rodriguez.
- Library: COMPLETE.
Mary Harp has agreed to be our librarian and chair. Ellen Bruce, Blanca Morales, and Genny Olson have volunteered to assist.
- Hospitality/Sunshine: SUNSHINE COMPLETE, HOSPITALITY NEEDED.
Lizbeth Flores and Blanca Morales have agreed to send cards to those members in need of good cheer.
We need committee members to coordinate refreshments for meetings. Members don't have to actually bring the food to every meeting, but recruit others to do so.
- Publicity/Newsletter: MOSTLY COMPLETE, MEDIA CONTACT NEEDED.
This committee publicizes the activities and meetings of the Guild.
Cliff Bailey has agreed to act as newsletter editor and webmaster. Genny Olson has agreed to take on the administration of the Guild's Facebook page. We need someone to act as media

Officers, 2018-2019:

Deborah Thomas, President
Cari Kessler, VP/Program Chair
Roberta Hamilton, VP-Elect
Debbie Davis, Secretary
Gayle Pace, Treasurer

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Find us:

On the web at
nwahandweaversguild.com
and on Facebook

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
laredford@gmail.com or 925-1102.
See the back cover of the Guild
Yearbook for available items and
rates.

contact, whose main duty is to see that notice of our meetings and the program topic is included in the community events section of the newspaper.

- Membership: PARTIALLY COMPLETE, YEARBOOK EDITOR AND MEMBERS NEEDED.

This committee will greet visitors, maintain name tags and meeting sign-in sheets and other appropriate duties for informing and recruiting members.

Linda Davis has volunteered for this committee, but she could use a backup and some help. We also need a Yearbook Editor who would be responsible for updating the membership list and distributing the guild roster to each member.

- Loom Storage and Rental: PARTIALLY COMPLETE, MEMBERS NEEDED.

This committee oversees the equipment owned by the Guild.

Laura Redford has agreed to continue as committee chair, but she could use backup.

- Demonstrations: CHAIRMAN AND MEMBERS NEEDED.

This committee coordinates Guild-sponsored demonstrations. Members don't have to attend every demonstration, but organize volunteers and looms as needed.

So ... what are you able to do for your guild?



Coordinate refreshments?



Assist with greeting guests and managing name tags?



Contact newspaper/ media about guild activities?



Update the Yearbook?



Coordinate guild demonstrations?



Assist with loom storage and rental?

We need to fill these committee positions soon.

Your help is needed – Yes, YOU!

Let me know your preferred job at: dkwthomas@yahoo.com.

FROM YOUR PROGRAM COMMITTEE

Learn more about our Northwest Arkansas neighbors at the next meeting of the Northwest Arkansas Handweavers Guild on Saturday, June 9, 10:00am, at the Arts Center of the Ozarks in

Springdale. Northwest Arkansas is home to the second largest Marshallese community in the United States (Hawaii is first). At our June program, weavers of Marshallese descent will present a program on the Weaving Traditions of the Marshall Islands. Our thanks to the non-profit Marshallese Educational Initiative for helping to coordinate this event. The program will follow a short business meeting and refreshments.

THANKS FOR THE HOSPITALITY

Thanks to those who provided the refreshments for the May meeting: Cari Kessler, Gary Hansford and Ann Weymouth.

THANKS FOR YOUR WELL WISHES

Thanks everyone who kept Tom and I in their hearts and prayers after his heart pump surgery last month. He is doing well and we appreciate all your support. Thanks for the cards and emails. Sharon Loyd

SHILOH MEETING HALL PROGRESS

Outside work continues at the Shiloh Museum Meeting Hall where we will begin meeting soon. The parking lot is in and the driveways were being prepped for concrete last week. The ramp on the east side of the building will be perfect for moving looms and other equipment into the building. They are holding a grand opening on June 30 if you want to see it ahead of our first meeting there.



CONGRATS MARTY

Marty Benson has a project in the May/June 2018 Handwoven magazine that is appearing in mailboxes about now. The doubleweave mat was inspired by a written draft in the collection of the University of Arkansas. See the complete article on pages 58-60, 67. Nicely done, Marty!

MAY SHOW AND SHARE



Jill Maddox showing her backstrap weaving.



Rachel Wyatt with her woven shibori

FROM THE MAY MEETING

Thanks, Laura and Deborah, for an interesting and informative front/back and back/front program.



Cari Kessler and Deborah Thomas with cross dyed samples using natural dyes from workshop with Catherine Ellis



Laura Redford demonstrating back-to-front warping.

Missing is a photo of Deborah Thomas demonstrating front-to-back warping.

OFFICERS: 2017-2018 AND 2018-2019. THANKS TO ALL!



2017-18 Officers. Left to right: Deborah Thomas, Monica Milam, Marty Benson, Janelle Engle, Laura Redford and Cari Kessler.



2018-2019 Officers. Left to right: Debbie Davis, Deborah Thomas and Cari Kessler. Not pictured are Gayle Pace and Roberta Hamilton.

**Northwest Arkansas Handweavers' Guild
Minutes of the May 12, 2018 Meeting**

The Northwest Arkansas Handweavers' Guild met on Saturday, May 12, 2018 at the Arts Center of the Ozarks. In President Charlotte Mizell's absence, Program Vice President Elect Cari Kessler called the meeting to order at 10:00, thanked the hostesses, and welcomed members, visitors, and guests.

There were no additions or corrections to the minutes as printed in the newsletter. There was no treasurer's report.

Cari discussed ideas for workshops in the next guild year. One potential presenter is Wynne Mattila, who has developed a three-shuttle color blending technique for weaving rugs and runners using fabric strips. Her fee for a three day workshop would be \$1,650, plus airfare of from \$400 - \$650. After reviewing information that Cari provided, the membership expressed an interest in scheduling a workshop with Wynne in the spring of 2019.

Laura Redford asked for volunteers to demonstrate at the Rogers Historical Museum on June 2 from 10:00 - 2:00.

The nominating committee presented its report, as follows:

President: Deborah Thomas
Vice President – Programs: Cari Kessler
Vice President Elect: Roberta Hamilton
Secretary: Debbie Davis
Treasurer: Gayle Pace

Ann Weymouth made a motion to elect the slate of officers as presented. Monica Milam seconded the motion. The slate was approved by acclamation.

The membership thanked the new slate of officers for their willingness to serve, and thanked the outgoing officers for their service.

President Elect Deb Thomas then made a presentation detailing the opportunities available for guild members to participate in the activities of the guild over the next two years. Following the committee roster in the guild's by-laws, Deb described each standing committee and its duties. These include the program, library, publicity, membership, hospitality/sunshine, historical, demonstrations, and loom storage/rental committees. While members have volunteered to chair several of the committees, chairs are needed for many others, and all committees have openings for members to support the guild by contributing their time and talents.

Cari asked for volunteers to act as an audit committee. Marty Benson volunteered, and will recruit another member to help her review the prior periods' accounting books and records before they are turned over to the new treasurer.

Members who brought items to show and share included Jill Maddox, Ginny Olsen, Rachel Wyatt, Deb Thomas, and Cari Kessler.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 10:55.

NOTE FROM THE TREASURER

Dues for the new year are now due, they are only \$20 with an additional \$8 if you need to have the newsletter mailed to you. Dues can be paid at the meeting or mailed to:

Northwest Arkansas Handweavers Guild
PO Box 1635
Springdale, AR 72765

Buy or Sell

LOOM AND SUPPLIES FOR SALE: I am selling some things for a lady entering a nursing home. **54 inch four harness Norwood** loom with bench in nice condition. This is one of the cherry ones from Michigan. Also available: Tension box with counter, two reeds, carder, drop spindle, warping board, Mayfield cotton warp 2 or 3 boxes, rag and stick shuttles. If interested call Mary Booker @ [316-218-2845](tel:316-218-2845). (3/18)

For sale:

Schacht Mighty Wolf loom, 8-shaft, 10-treadle, wolf trap, tool tray, warp sticks. Priced at \$2,000 but could also be priced as a package to include other weaving items and accessories. Contact Laura Redford for more information. (laredford@gmail.com or 479-925-1102). (6/18)

STUDIO SALE: (Flo and Don are moving) Saturday, June 9 following guild meeting. Harrisville loom: 4-shaft, 4-treadle, 36"weaving width, tool tray with light, shuttle trap, several reeds, extra heddles, bench; tension box, shuttles/bobbins, warping board, inkle loom, electric bobbin winder, complete set Handwoven magazines, many books, large quantity of thread, lots of miscellaneous. 5745 Staro Lane, Springdale. (6/18)

Guild Calendar

June 9	Guild Meeting	Weaving Traditions of the Marshall Islands
July 14	Informal Meeting	
August 11	Informal Meeting	Guild Yard Sale
September 8	Guild Meeting	First meeting of new year - Special Speaker TBA
November 11-18	Fall Retreat	Lake Fort Smith