

NORTHWEST ARKANSAS HANDWEAVERS GUILD

FEBRUARY 2017

NOTES FROM OUR OFFICERS

From President Charlotte Mizell

Hi Weavers, This should be the middle of winter but it just doesn't feel quite that way. The see saw in the weather makes sitting down at the loom feel good and yet encourages us to go outside too. This might be a good balance to enjoy our craft and get the exercise we need!!

We have Beginning Weaver Classes scheduled for February and March. New members are joining our guild almost every month wanting to learn how to weave or build on existing skills. I remember the excitement of weaving my first projects. That creative surge was ssoooo satisfying. My hope is the new weavers feel it too.

Remember to bring any announcements of fiber activities, festivals, classes or exhibits to guild meeting to share with other members. Also take note of any new resources of fiber around the area so we can all shop close to home. Don't forget to pack your show and share projects for the next guild meeting. (Good, Bad, or Ugly) We learn so much from this experience. Mistakes have a way of being really good teachers!!

Hospitality Report

Hello everyone, I hope you are enjoying our crazy weather. Last week it felt like spring had come and this morning it is in the 20's. I want to thank the ladies for our refreshments in January. Our hostesses for February are Mary Ann Guinn, Janelle Engle and Linda Organ. See you soon, Linda O

Membership Book

Welcome these new members and add them to your yearbook:

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Officers, 2016-2018:

Charlotte Mizell, President Janelle Engle, Vice President Beverly Maloney, VP Elect Marty Benson, Secretary Crow Johnson Evans, Treasurer

Contact us:

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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

Guild Resources:

Springdale, AR

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.

UPCOMING EVENTS

February Program

NWA Handweavers' Guild member Peggy Bowen will present our February 11th program on Lace, including how lace can be made and how to distinguish between different types of lace. She will be showing samples, some of which are very old. Please bring cotton gloves if you wish to touch these antique laces. Peggy is a member of the local lace guild and its parent organization, the International Organization of Lace, Inc. (IOLI).



New Weavers' Class

The Guild will sponsor two New Weaver classes this spring. The first class, February 24-25, is already filled! The second class, March 24-25, is now open for registration. (Note that both these classes are on Friday and Saturday.) Students begin weaving on an already prepared loom and learn the basics of handling the shuttle, winding bobbins, and loom operation. Each student will then prepare a warp and thread the loom for the second project. Class size is limited to four. All supplies and equipment are supplied. Registration fee is \$50. Contact Laura (wannaweavemore@cox.net or 479-925-1102) for more information or to register.

Laura would like a couple experienced weavers to assist with each class. You must be willing to follow the methods provided handout even if it is not the way you "usually do it." Contact her for info. Thanks!

Guild Workshop: Spice up your Recipe Weaving, May 20-21

Karen Donde is returning to NWA to teach "Spice up your Recipe Weaving – Project Planning and Design," following her successful 2014 lace workshop.

This class is for students who are comfortable warping, working from an existing draft and weaving basic weave structures. It will help students design their own projects and draft patterns, working through decisions about appropriate fiber, yarn size, color and structure for the desired textile, yarn needs and sampling. For more about Karen, see karendondehandwovens.com.

Cost: \$135, plus a materials fee (maximum of \$15) paid to Karen at the workshop. Karen will send out supply lists and warping instructions to participants beginning April 5th.

Register before March 15th by sending in the form below. Preference will be given to Guild members.

Registration Form for: Karen Donde, Spice up Your Recipe Weaving, May 20-21, 2017
Name
Address
Phone
Email

I agree to pay \$135 to NWA Handweavers' Guild. I understand that if I cannot attend the workshop, I will find a replacement student or forfeit the cost. If the workshop is cancelled, I will receive a full refund.

BEFORE MARCH 15th, MAIL TO: Beverly Maloney, 448 W. Wallis, Cave Springs, AR 72718

Midwest Weavers Association 2017 Conference, Textiles at the Crossroads.



Midwest is fast approaching. The Midwest Exhibit Study Group would welcome more people. Each will be making a scarf, table runner, or rug for this event in a black/white colorway (guidelines available). Deadline to have projects completed is the end of April. Plan to have it on display for May guild meeting!

Thanks for your consideration. Any questions? Please contact Mary Booker @ uttimm@aol.com.

Summer Seminar

The twenty-sixth annual Summer Seminar will be held July 10-21 in Bella Vista. The first week is dedicated to new and almost new weavers. The second week includes continuing beginner projects and other classes to be announced in the brochure which will be available in March. The Northwest Arkansas Fiber Seminar, a.k.a. Summer Seminar, was founded in 1992 by Guild members but operates independently of the Guild or other weaving organizations. Membership in the Guild is not required to attend.

Treasurer's Report

January, 2017			
Description	Deposit	Expenditures	Current Total
Working Balance on 12/29/16			\$ 9,956.53
Membership dues	120.00		
Total Deposits			120.00
ACO meeting space		200.00	
Shiloh Museum classroom space		200.00	
Fair winner prize		25.00	
Yearbook		77.77	
Total Expenditures			(502.77)
as of 1/26/17			\$ 9,573.67

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

The Northwest Arkansas Handweavers' Guild met on Saturday, January 14, 2017 at the Arts Center of the Ozarks. President Charlotte Mizell called the meeting to order at 10:05 am. She welcomed members, visitors, and guests, and thanked the hostesses.

Charlotte announced that Crow Johnson Evans resigned as treasurer of the guild due to work issues, and the executive board appointed Larry Mizell to fill out the remainder of Crow's term, effective January 9, 2017.

The membership received updates on the Mid-West weaving conference to be held in Indianapolis in June.

Charlotte announced that the guild would be hosting a beginning weaving workshop on February 24 - 25. Laura Redford will teach the class, assisted by other members of the guild.

Laura Redford announced that she has guild handbooks for each member. Those members who have not received their copy should contact Laura.

Charlotte presented the 2016 - 2017 budget and discussed it in detail. She noted that the guild is currently running a deficit budget, in that budgeted revenues of \$1,822 fall short of budgeted expenses of \$2,248. The shortfall will be covered by workshop proceeds and other revenues accumulated in past years. She described the three guild reserve funds, which include a Guild Membership Education fund, a loom repair and replacement fund, and the Marilyn Stewart fund.

While the guild is able to cover its current operating expenses, future deficit budgets may lead to a dues increase. Meanwhile, any donations made to other organizations should be self-funded through a specific fund-raising event or activity. An exception is the recent donation to the Shiloh Museum of Ozarks History paid out of workshop proceeds. The museum hosted the guild for five days during the two workshops held in the fall, keeping the facility open on two Sundays that it would normally be closed, and providing staff and other assistance.

The discussion then turned to an update on the guild's three study groups. The tartan group is planning and weaving tartans on their own, and the *Drafting for Handweavers* study group is also pursuing individual studies in structures covered by Madelyn van der Hoogt's book. The Mid-West conference display group is weaving samples of items that will be featured on the guild table at the conference.

Beverly Maloney announced three exciting workshops that will be held over the next eighteen months. They are:

- Karen Donde: Spicing Up Your Recipe, May 20 21, 2017, \$135. Those wanting to attend need to let Beverly know by March 15.
- Ruby Leslie: Three Ds Deflection, Differential Shrinkage, Double Weave, October 28 29, 2017.
- Laura Fry: Magic in the Water, April 2018.

Announcements for workshops held by Red Scottie Fibers in Eureka Springs were made, and Summer Seminar dates, July 11 - 21, were noted.

Several weavers shared their current projects, including Mary Harp, Karen Lockhart, Beverly Maloney, Marty Benson, Jenny Olson and Jill Maddox.

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

January Show and Share:



Karen Lockhart: Samples, including County Fair winner



Beverly Maloney: Summer and Winter Placemat



Mary Harp: Scarf



Ginny Olsen: Handspun Beaded Scarf



Marty Benson: Waffle weave scarf



Jill Maddox: Tapestry Samples, working through Russell's *Tapestry Handbook*

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 nwahandweaversquild@gmail.com.

LOOM FOR SALE. Nilus **LeClerc** floor loom, four harness, 45" wide, maple, jack style with sectional beam, with spool rack, cones, counting spacers guide clips, tension box. Maple open end weaving bench with lid for storage. A copy of Warp and Weave Manual. Also several bags of Halcyon Yarn rug wool. Price is all inclusive and \$1400. Contact: Laura Thompson at (hinderks@rittermail.com), or (870) 428-5923 in Deer, AR. (12/16)

LOOMS FOR SALE. I have 2 tapestry frame looms for sale, modeled after the looms made by Bob Maringer for Louise. Size: 24" x 24" total width/ height, weaving width is 21" x 21". They are made with slippery elm, cut and milled by my husband. The warp spring is set at 12 per inch. I'd like \$65.00 for either loom. Ellen Bruce 479-409-5067. (12/16)

EQUIPMENT AVAILABLE. Iris Page has two warping boards to be given away. One is 37"x21" and the other is 5.5"x30", plus a wooden shuttle. Call if interested. 479-409-7945. (12/16)

LOOM FOR SALE. **Ashford** Tapestry loom 40W x 29H weaving width. Like new condition. \$350. Located in Prairie Grove, Arkansas. Contact Jill @ hpjill@pqtc.com or 479-799-5120. (1/17)

LOOM FOR SALE. **Union** loom with 2 shafts and 2 treadles, 36" weaving width. It has a chair, yarn and shuttles, folding yarn rack and extra parts to go with. It has been stored in the house so not off collecting dust in the barn and should be in good working condition. Asking \$500. Located in Cedarville, AR to be picked up. Contact Janice Prater at 479-474-6246 (1/17)

TWO LOOMS FOR SALE. Near Glenwood Arkansas: **AVL mechanical dobby** rug loom with 8-foot weaving width and 8 shafts, sliding weighted beater, air-assist pedals for raising and lowering shafts, 2" sectional beam and tension box rail. Excellent Condition. \$3400.

Glimakra standard countermarche loom with 52" weaving width and 4 shafts. Includes attached full length bench. In excellent condition. \$2200. Email: meglass@gmail.com (2/17)

LOOM FOR SALE. 4-shaft, 44" loom with sectional beam. I acquired this floor loom about a year ago from Gayle Pace of Berryville. I didn't use it much but Gayle used it successfully for many years. The loom is very old but works well. A classic that would serve you well for many years - could be gorgeous with a little TLC. Asking \$450. Shelly Selden. Huntsville. 660-221-7741

Email: highway.child@rocketmail.com (2/17)

CALENDAR of EVENTS

February 11	Guild Meeting	Peggy Bowen: Lace Bring cotton gloves if you want to touch!
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March 11	Guild Meeting	Ginny Baker: Sewn Pottery
April 8	Guild Meeting	Loyanne Cope
May 20-21	Workshop	Karen Donde: Spicing up Your Recipe
October 28-29	Workshop	Ruby Leslie: Three D's of Weaving