



NORTHWEST ARKANSAS HANDWEAVERS GUILD

DECEMBER 2018

FROM YOUR PRESIDENT

The Holiday Season is upon us! Are you busy finishing those handcrafted gifts for friends and relatives? Or are you smugly admiring all the presents already wrapped and under the tree? I confess that I am in the first group. I interrupted the task of twisting fringe on a scarf to write this blurb for the December newsletter. One more gift almost ready!

Even if your to-do list is long, take a break from the hustle and bustle of the season and join your friends at the Northwest Arkansas Handweavers Guild for our holiday potluck. With no formal program, this is a chance to mingle with folks who share your interest in the fiber arts.

The holiday season is not the only upcoming celebration for our guild. A special committee is considering when and how to best commemorate the guild's anniversary. Thanks to Laura Redford (chair), Michael Skopp, Lee Rodriguez, Jacqueline Kurtz, Cecelia Jaffa, and Monica Milam for agreeing to serve. Share your ideas about how to recognize the accomplishments of the guild and its members, both past and present, with a member of this committee.

Hope to see you at the potluck at the Shiloh Meeting Hall on Saturday, December 8th. Happy Holidays!

PROGRAMMING: December Program

We will be having a draft exchange for our Christmas exchange this year. As discussed at last month's meeting, please bring 2 copies of your favorite draft recorded on a project record sheet, either paper or a printed computer generated copy. If you need a project record sheet, our website has a 4 shaft and a 8 shaft example that can be printed. I am asking for 2 copies, one to share and one for guild records. I will have baskets for 2, 4 and 8 shaft drafts. You will receive a draft of the same shaft number that you bring. Please fill out the project record to the best of your ability, they do not have to be original drafts, but please include the reference if not. If you still have the item please bring that along as well. This exchange requires no monetary expense, only your time. Please consider sharing your experience with a fellow guild member.

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:
Shiloh Meeting Hall
an annex of the Shiloh Museum of Ozark History
121 W. Huntsville Ave.
Springdale, AR 72764

Guild Resources:

Library is at:

<https://cloud.collectorz.com/nwahwguild/books>

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.

During the social potluck portion of the meeting, you will have an opportunity to make some Christmas heart baskets from Susan J Foulkes' book Christmas Hearts. Weaving heart shaped paper baskets for Christmas is traditional in Scandinavian countries. Please bring paper cutting scissors.

I hope to you decide to join us for some old fashioned Christmas fun,
Cari

FROM MONICA

I'll have Christmas plates and napkins and plastic utensils for us for our Christmas pot luck. BUT you will need to bring your own cup. Monica

INCLEMENT WEATHER POLICY

The Northwest Arkansas Handweavers Guild members are scattered from central Arkansas to Southwest Missouri. For all to be safe, the guild will cancel its regular monthly meeting when the roads are likely to be treacherous. Watch for an email announcement by Friday afternoon before a Saturday meeting if the executive committee determines that cancellation is best. Feel free to call Deborah Thomas at 479-444-6319 for confirmation. And always use your judgement on the conditions in your area even if it looks like the majority of members can travel easily to Springdale.

TAPESTRY STUDY GROUP

There will be no tapestry meeting in December. And I have been given a really nice set of knitting needles and I want to give them on to a knitter. If anyone is interested, email me. The first request gets them.
bruce.ellen1010@gmail.com

NEW WEAVERS CLASS

The guild will offer a class for adults who have never woven before on March 2-3, 2019, at the General Store at Shiloh Museum, Springdale. Maximum class size is four and a waiting list will be started and second class scheduled if needed. The fee is \$50 and includes all equipment and fibers. Space can be reserved now; registration will take place after January 1. Contact Laura (laredford@gmail.com or 479-925-1102)

LOOM RESTORATION

Laura Redford is assisting the Lowell (Arkansas) Historical Museum upgrade their loom exhibit. The loom has been stabilized and made more "plumb, level and square." A rag rug, similar to one in the museum's collection, will be partially woven and then transferred to the historic loom. If you have rags that you don't need or an old looking shuttle that you might donate to the museum, please let Laura know.

NOVEMBER MEETING

Gary Hansford spoke on planning a project from having yarn and a draft and what to do next.
Cari Kessler discussed paper record keeping and had a variety of example paper forms.
Larry Mizell spoke about the iWeaveIt program.
Ann Weymouth had a presentation on the PixeLoom and Fiberworks PCW programs.
Lots of useful information!

November Show and Share



Linda Long: napkin



Jacqueline Kurtz: rug woven by Peter Collingwood



Cliff Bailey: samples from linen class



Gary Hansford: Bronson spot scarf

**Northwest Arkansas Handweavers' Guild
Minutes of the October 13, 2018 Meeting**

The Northwest Arkansas Handweavers' Guild met on Saturday, October 13, 2018 at the Shiloh Museum of the Ozarks Odd Fellows Building. President Deborah Thomas called the meeting to order at 10:00 am and welcomed members, visitors and guests.

The minutes were approved from the June meeting, with notation of Laura Redford's name.

President Thomas led a discussion on the 2018-2019 budget. After some discussion, Motion was made by Cecelia Jaffe to raise yearly dues to \$30 per member for the 2019-20 year. Seconded by Monica Milam, the vote to approve was unanimous. The deficit for this year of \$245.00 will be paid from our existing balance.

New Business

Programs committee – Cari Kessler is taking waitlist registrations for Wynne Mattila May 15-17 workshop – it is full. Shiloh Museum requires that all weavers in workshops use a 5x7 rug under their looms when in the Odd Fellows Building.

Roberta Hamilton announced that Jennifer Moore will be here for a workshop November 7-9, 2019. It will be focused on doubleweave.

Sunshine Committee – Jenny Olson received an Arkansas 360 Grant – we will send a note of congratulations to her.

Hospitality – Monica Milam – please remember we are “going green”. Bring your own cup and utensils for snack time.

Members – please remember to sign both the Shiloh list and our membership list.

Beverly Maloney has agreed to take over the care and maintenance of our website.

Beginning weaving class in March – notice is on Facebook. There is one space left.

Ann Weymouth and Monica Milam were on the society page in the Democrat Gazette for the Shiloh Museum Anniversary Celebration in October.

Demonstrations Committee – 845 students went through Sheep to Shawl. Our demo at Hobbs State Park had 561 people.

We are still in need of a historian for the guild.

Library Committee – Mary Harp has finished the online catalog, and it is available now. Beverly Maloney will be adding it to our website.

Old Business – None

Show and Share – items were shared by Cari Kessler, Cecelia Jaffe, a guest and Beverly Maloney.

Our program was staff from the Shiloh Museum regarding the history of the museum and property.

Respectfully submitted,
Debbie Davis
Secretary

**The Northwest Arkansas Handweavers Guild
Minutes of the November 10, 2018 meeting**

President, Deborah Thomas, called the meeting to order and welcomed everyone. There were no guests. No minutes were posted for October so the president suggested that we could address the October and November minutes in December. Cecelia Jaffe made the motion that we do so, Monica Milam seconded, and the motion carried.

The president called for committee reports. Mary Harp, Librarian, introduced Michael Skopp who presented a book report on The Handweavers Dictionary. Michael told us that this book has a wealth of information, is easy to read and understand. The book is available in the guild library for members to check out.

Cari Kessler, program chair, reminded us that we will have our traditional potluck in December, and asked each of us to bring a favorite draft to exchange.

It was mentioned that, according to a plaque that the president has, April, 2019 will be the 70th anniversary of the guild. What would the guild like to do to celebrate? There was a general discussion of various activities, however we do not have enough time to plan things like publishing a book or having a big exhibition. Perhaps we could have a small birthday party for the guild, then plan a big "do" for the 75th anniversary. The president asked for volunteers to form a committee to research and report their findings/recommendations to the guild membership. Committee members are Laura Redford, Cecelia Jaffe, Monica Milam, Michael Skopp, Lee Rodriguez, and Jacqueline Kurtt.

President announced that Michael Skopp has agreed to be our historian. There were no other committee reports.

Six of our members had lovely handmade textiles to show: Gary Hansford, linen scarf; Cliff Bailey, samples from Dunning's workshop; Linda Long, napkins and placemats; Beverly Maloney, dish towels Jackie Kurtt, various; Peggy Bowen, bobbin lace.

The meeting adjourned for refreshments hosted by Beverly Maloney and Charlotte Mizell, after which we had a program on Weaving Essentials: Planning and Recording a Project. The program was presented by Gary Hansford, Cari Kessler, Larry Mizell, and Ann Weymouth. Each presented specific aspects of planning and recording a project, including samples of forms as well as discussing various computer programs.

Submitted by Monica Milam

Treasure's Report

Description	Deposits	Debits	Current Total
Working Balance 10/31/2018			\$ 8,717.97
Membership dues	\$ 20.00		
Total Deposit	\$ 20.00		\$ 20.00
Total Debit		\$ -	\$ -
Working Balance 11/30/2018			\$ 8,737.97

Stewart Fund

Description	Deposits	Debits	Current Total
Working Balance 10/31/2018			2389.84
Ending Bal 11/30/2018			2389.84



Fiber Classes 2019 - Red Scottie Fibers at the Shoppes at Fleece 'N Flax

January	<p>15 – Painting with Wool with Edwige – Yearning for Spring? This talented teacher will guide you through the steps of creating your own spring flower painting from wool! 1-4. Cost \$35 plus materials.</p> <p>22 – Wool Mitten Applique – Learn a quick and easy way to “baste” your wool pieces to each other as you complete this Rebekah Smith design! 10-2. Cost \$35 plus materials.</p>
Feb	<p>Jan 30- Feb 2 - Eureka! Fiber in the Ozarks Retreat and Marketplace Join us and other fiber lovers at the Inn of the Ozarks for a retreat getaway filled with fun and food! Classes in all fiber arts will take place on Thursday and Friday, with a vendor marketplace on Saturday!</p> <p>7 – One Color Brioche Knitting – Kelli of McKnittey will instruct in this unusual and exciting knitting technique. 10-1 Cost - \$30 Limit 6 students</p>
March	<p>5, 6, 7 – Beginning Weaving – Learn how to warp and weave a rag rug or cottolin dish towel on a countermarch or jack floor loom! 9 to 4 each day. Cost - \$195 plus materials.</p> <p>14 – Two Color Brioche Knitting – Prerequisite is One Color Brioche. This is a continuation of our explorations in brioche knitting with Kelli of McKnittey. 10-1. Cost \$30. Limit 6 students.</p>
April	<p>9, 10, 11 – Farmer’s Market Bag – Weave and sew a rag bag with sturdy inserted handles for your market adventures! 9 to 4 each day. Cost – \$195 plus materials</p>
May	<p>3, 4, 5 – Blazing Shuttles Retreat – Kathrin Weber will be here with her stunning hand painted warps to teach us how to warp them for maximum weaving excitement! 9 to 4 each day. Cost - \$315 plus materials</p>
June	<p>6 - Indigo and Woad Dyeing with Gina Levesque – Learn how to use this historical natural dye to create beautiful blues and Shibori fabrics- it’s magic! 9 to 4. Cost \$75 plus materials</p>
July	<p>18 – Natural Dyes with Gina Levesque – This class covers the basics of mordanting, color/light fastness and dyes vs. stains. You will have a recipe book for over 20 dyes! 9 to 4. Cost - \$65 – includes a notebook and samples!</p>
August	<p>13, 14, 15 – 18th Century Floor Coverings with Melissa Weaver Dunning- Explore six early domestic wool rug techniques – Shaker, Overshot, Jerga, Boundweave, Drall and Venetian carpeting! 9 to 4 each day. Cost \$295 plus materials.</p>
Sept	<p>10, 11, 12 – Ozark Coverlets –The authors of this famous book that detailed the history and construction of our regional handwoven treasures will be here to share their experiences – and a sneak peek at their research for their next book! Looms will be dressed and ready to weave with several historical coverlet patterns from the book. 9 to 4 each day. \$275 (includes a copy of the book, autographed by the authors) plus materials</p>

- Oct 4-12 – **Arkansas Yarn Crawl** - A tour of Arkansas' most popular yarn shops, all during the most beautiful time of the year! Travel with your "Yarn Passport" from shop to shop, registering for prizes and discovering the uniqueness of each shop!
- Nov 6 – **Jennifer Moore Mathemagical Design Workshop** – Golden proportion, Fibonacci, and Fractal designs will be explained and practical application to weaving and visual arts design will be explored. 9 to 4. \$125 plus materials.
- Dec 12 – **Rigid Heddle Warping and Weaving with Novelty Yarns** - A relaxing class to relieve your holiday stress! 9 to 4. \$40 plus materials – Bring your own loom or rent one for \$20.

Recurring Classes

- **BEGINNING WEAVING CLASSES** can be arranged at any time – three consecutive days is needed.
- Know how to weave but need a refresher course? One day **REFRESH YOUR WEAVING** is \$85.
- **KNITWITS** – every 1st and 3rd Tuesday – 10-12 – bring a fiber project! Free. Come have fun with the locals!
- **SPINNER'S GATHERING** – last Wednesday of every month at 10 am. Free. A relaxing way to spend your morning.
- **LEARN A NEW KNIT STITCH** with Chris – every 1st and 3rd Tuesday at 1:00pm - \$15.
- **BEGINNING SPINNING AND ART YARNS** with Karen – last Wednesday of every month at 1:00 pm. \$30.
- **KNIT AND CROCHET CLASSES** – check Facebook for new classes each month!
- Call Debbie at 479-981-0832 for more info and to sign up! Parking is free for multiple-day classes.

BUY OR SELL

For Sale: Leclerc Loom, 52" wide, 4 shaft, bench, 12 shuttles, books, 360 cotton spools, 360 spool rack, \$1000. Message Leana Halsey 479.871.2036 for more info

Looking to buy: handwoven rugs and towels. Contact Diana Janes, 870-423-2398.

For Sale: I have a large, older warping reel to give away. Please contact me for additional information or pictures, Janet mjjohnson2@centurytel.net (11/18)

For Sale: Clemes and Clemes electric bobbin winder, like new, rheostat, new price: \$385, asking \$200; rag, stick, boat shuttles; bobbins; many books in excellent condition. Laura Redford is selling on behalf of a member who has moved out of state. See full list at December meeting or email: laredford@gmail.com

For Sale: 4 warping boards, 2 warping reels, 4 inkle looms, a 4 harness table loom, 2 ridged heddle looms, yarn swift, 2 bobbin winders, 12"x16" Japanese loom, 3 drop spindles, 5 sets of carders, small spinning wheel, large spinning wheel, small tapestry loom. Call for prices. Jacqueline 559.760.6190 (12/18)

Books for sale: The Weaver's Idea Book by Jane Patrick \$20, New Key to Weaving by Mary Black \$20, A Handweavers Pattern Book by Margurite Davison \$20, Warping All By Yourself by Cay Garrett \$15, Practical Weaving Suggestion Vol. XXIV \$2, Byways in Handweaving by Mary Meigs Atwater \$15
gpace001@windstream.net (8/18)

Looms for sale: Union 36 Loom with bench. Weave rag rugs to your heart's content! Has complete paperwork and instructions. \$350, and a antique refurbished mahogany loom. 4 harness, 6 treadle with size 6 and 12 reeds. Has a 36" weaving width. It is in good working condition. It was refurbished right before I bought it and I haven't had the time to ever use it. \$500. Both looms are located in Bella Vista, AR, Melanie Moncur 801-918-9566 (10/18)

Guild Calendar

2018		
December 8	Guild Meeting	An Old-Fashioned Christmas and Social Cookie and Draft Exchange, Christmas Hearts
2019		
January 12	Guild Meeting	Member Focus: Jacqueline Kurtt, "A Warp Repurposed"
February 9	Guild Meeting	Member Focus: Mary Harp & Linda Long, Bead Weaving
March 2-3	Workshop	Laura Redford, Beginning Weaving
March 9	Guild Meeting	Mollie Barnes, Fiber Artist, Ozark Folkways, Fiber Arts: Past, Present and Future
March 15-17	Workshop	Wynne Mattila, Finnish Style Runner/Cotton Rug Technique
April 13	Guild Meeting	TBA
May 11	Guild Meeting	Member Focus: Study Groups Presentation, Complimentary Plainweave and Tapestry
June 17-22		Midwest Weavers' Conference 2019 Grinnell, Iowa
November 7-9	Workshop	Jennifer Moore, Double Rainbow Workshop