



# NORTHWEST ARKANSAS HANDWEAVERS GUILD

SEPTEMBER 2018

## FROM YOUR PRESIDENT

Our September meeting is the first official meeting in our new home, Shiloh Meeting Hall (121 West Huntsville Avenue, Springdale). We welcome guest speaker Melissa Weaver Dunning, an expert on 18th century textiles, who is visiting Northwest Arkansas from Virginia. To give Melissa plenty of time to talk about Shaker fiber traditions, we will defer until October our monthly business meeting, with the exception of one agenda item – Announcements. If you have any announcement for the membership in September, please let me know ([dkwthomas@yahoo.com](mailto:dkwthomas@yahoo.com)).

Take time after the meeting to visit the main hall of the Shiloh Museum. Laura Redford and other guild volunteers will be setting up a weaving demonstration and display for the museum's 50th anniversary party that evening. Commemorative coverlets woven by guild members in 1986 (for the Arkansas Sesquicentennial celebrating 150 years of statehood) and in 2009 (for ... well, just because) will be on exhibit. Worth a gander!

See you on September 8th, 10:00 am, to celebrate a new venue and a new fiscal year, for our special program and to meet our special guest.

## Study Group: Double Weave with Overshot Patterning

This workshop is going to be so fun!! I have been looking forward to sharing this technique with you - it is one of my favorites. The study group will meet for the first time after the October 13 guild meeting. Please expect to stay for about an hour. I will bring your supply list, weaving drafts and instructions, and lots of examples. I will also talk about finishing techniques for double weave, and demonstrate five different ways to close off the ends of your pieces.

## Officers, 2018-2019:

Deborah Thomas, President  
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## Find us:

On the web at  
[nwahandweaversguild.com](http://nwahandweaversguild.com)  
and on Facebook

## Join us:

10:00am on the 2<sup>nd</sup> 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 open 30 minutes  
before each meeting and during  
meeting breaks.

## Loom & Equipment Rental.

Contact Laura at  
[laredford@gmail.com](mailto:laredford@gmail.com) or 925-1102.  
See the back cover of the Guild  
Yearbook for available items and  
rates.

During the first four months of the study group (October - January) each of us will weave a sampler and four or five pot-holder sized mats as we explore this weave structure. We will meet again after the January meeting and share our results. Then, we will explore the technique further by developing our own designs, and each of us will weave an item of our choice to show off at the May or June guild meeting.

I hope to see you after the October 13 guild meeting - let's get started!

Marty Benson



### **FROM YOUR PROGRAM COMMITTEE**

This month we have the pleasure of having Melissa Weaver Dunning as our speaker. Melissa is a hand weaver, spinner and knitter with over 35 years of experience working on antique equipment to recreate 18th and 19th century home produced textiles. She began her textile study with Scottish master weaver Norman Kennedy in 1980, and carries on this rich tradition in her own teaching. Melissa is an avid tartan and linen weaver, a compulsive knitter and lover of wool who enjoys sharing her passion for weaving and spinning with students. Melissa will be presenting a program on Shaker Weaving with an Emphasis on Rugs.

### **FROM YOUR HOSPITALITY COMMITTEE**

Please note. A few years ago the guild decided to become more environmentally responsible. We decided that each of us would bring our own cups, plates, utensils, and napkins. Some of the newer members are not aware of this policy and some of the older have probably forgotten it. But, I plan to resurrect it. We will have cups, etc., available for the Sept. meeting, but not for any other future meetings. We will discuss this briefly at our Sept. meeting. Cheer. Monica Milam, hospitality chair.

### **SHAKER WEAVING WITH AN EMPHASIS ON SHAKER RUGS**

**A slide lecture by Melissa Weaver Dunning**

“As a religion that never had more than five or six thousand members at a time, and that today has just a handful of adherents in one village, Shakerism has given rise to a truly amazing wealth of religious writings, sacred music and dance, craft manufactures, and furniture” (D R Starbucks, A Shaker Family Album) The Shakers applied their fundamental principles of utility, simplicity and proportion to their textiles along with other aspects of their daily lives.

There are many beautiful handwoven textiles in Shaker museum collections; some were brought in to the community by new converts but many were woven in these self sufficient communities. The Shakers are known for weaving poplar cloth for baskets, bonnets and fans, utilitarian cloth

for their own use, heavy fullled wool for the Dorothy cloaks they wore and sold, and simple but unique rag rugs that still delight hand weavers today.

This will be an entertaining as well as edifying slide lecture showing textiles from three Shaker museums and describing some of the unique aspects of the Shaker rugs.

### PHOTOS OF THE ANNUAL AUGUST “DE-TRASH YOUR STASH” MEETING





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Treasure's Report						
Description		Deposits		Debits		Current Total
Working Balance	7/31/2018					\$ 7,903.97
Membership dues		\$ 76.00				
Total Deposit						\$ 76.00
Total Debit						\$ -
Working Balance						\$ 7,979.97
Stewart Fund						
Description		Deposits		Debits		Current Total
Working Balance	7/31/2018					2388.03
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Ending Balance	8/31/2018					2388.03



## Weaving Classes - Red Scottie Fibers at the Shoppes at Fleece 'N Flax

Sept 10, 11 – **Spinning with Melissa Weaver Dunning** – Sharpen your spinning skills with this master spinner who studied with fiber legend Norman Kennedy.  
9 to 4 each day. \$165 plus materials. Wheel rental is available.

Sept 12, 13, 14 – **18<sup>th</sup> 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 and distressing, as well as an efficient 18<sup>th</sup> century warping and beaming technique. 9 to 4 each day. \$295 plus materials.

Oct 9, 10, 11 – **Daryl Lancaster – Garment Construction and Finishing for Handweavers and Artists** – Participants will have the opportunity to draft a custom pattern for a simple jacket, vest or tunic, as well as learn about creative finishing techniques.  
9 to 4 each day. \$295 plus materials.

Parking is free and our shop is within walking distance of lodging and restaurants. Come and experience the magic of weaving in our light-filled, historic studio and shop. Call Debbie at 479-981-0832 for more info and to sign up!

## BUY OR SELL

Baby Wolf loom, 4-shafts, \$800. Contact Mary Trulock for more info 479-301-5724 (Fayetteville). Can deliver anywhere in NWA. (7/18)

For sale: Large Schacht tapestry loom sells for \$150.00 new. Never used. \$100.00 or best offer. And a Louet Erica loom with four shafts never used still in box. Sells for \$460.00 brand new. Take \$400.00 or best offer. [linda.christy@att.net](mailto:linda.christy@att.net) (7/18)

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](mailto:gpace001@windstream.net) (8/18)

## Guild Calendar

2018		
September 8	Guild Meeting	Melissa Weaver Dunning: Shaker Weaving with emphasis on rugs
October 13	Guild Meeting	Allyn Lord, Director of Shiloh Museum: Shiloh Museum History
November 10	Guild Meeting	Weaving Essentials: Planning and Recording a Project
December 8	Guild Meeting	An Old-Fashioned Christmas and Social
2019		
January 12	Guild Meeting	TBA
February 9	Guild Meeting	Member Focus: Mary Harp & Linda Long: Bead Weaving
March 9	Guild Meeting	TBA
March 15-17	Workshop	Wynne Mattila: Finnish Style Runner/Cotton Rug Technique Workshop
April 13	Guild Meeting	TBA
May 11	Guild Meeting	Member Focus: Study Groups Presentation
November 7-9	Workshop	Jennifer Moore: Double Rainbow Workshop