

# NORTHWEST ARKANSAS HANDWEAVERS GUILD

**JUNE 2021**

## A NOTE FROM YOUR PRESIDENT

Hello All,

The day has finally arrived!! We are going to meet in person!

Shiloh Meeting Hall is opening in June with some conditions and the Shiloh Museum grounds are in use during our regularly scheduled meeting time, June 12<sup>th</sup>, at 10:00am, so we will meet nearby at the **Shiloh Square Pavilion next to Turnbow Park in downtown Springdale**. The address is 106 Emma St, Springdale AR. Please see the red arrow indicating the park on the map below. While I had intended to check this out in person, life got in my way so we will make do.

We are not paying for the space and there is another event there starting at noon, but there is plenty of space. Please bring a “bag” chair or other type of lawn chair and your own beverage and/or snack. Come early and grab a coffee at the nearby Trailside Coffee Company or a special treat from Shelby Lynn’s Cake Shoppe. No Guild refreshments will be served.

This is an outdoor space with plenty of ventilation and room for social distancing. The CDC guidelines have recently allowed for gatherings without masks for fully vaccinated individuals. If you are fully vaccinated and feel more comfortable wearing a mask, please do so without hesitation. If you are not vaccinated, we encourage you to wear a mask for your own protection, as well as for the protection of others. No temperatures will be taken.

Please also bring any Show and Share items for an in-person viewing.

Looking forward to seeing all of you!!

Cari

### **Officers, 2020-22**

**Cari Kessler – President**  
**Lee Rodriguez – VP (‘20-‘21)**  
**Sara Broderick – Secretary**  
**Gayle Pace – Treasurer**

### **VPs Elect (‘21-‘22)**

**Programs - Cecelia Jaffe, Roberta Hamilton, Gary Hansford**  
**Workshops/Study Groups – Marty Benson**

### **Contact us:**

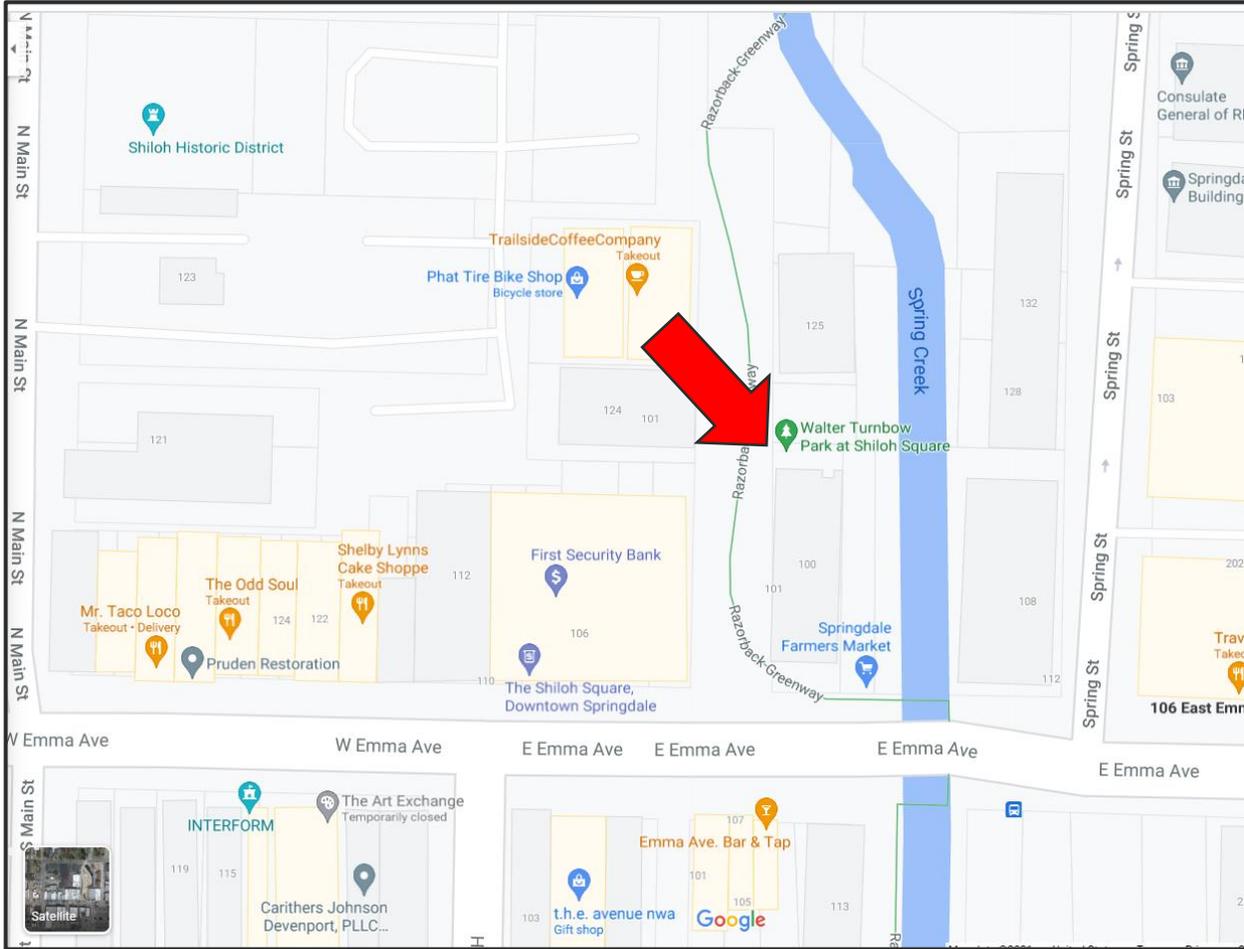
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### **Find us:**

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 announced otherwise, at:  
Shiloh Meeting Hall, an annex of the Shiloh Museum of Ozark History  
121 West Huntsville Ave.  
Springdale, AR 72764



JULY HIATUS

We will not be meeting in the month of July. There will also not be a newsletter published. Look for the next newsletter on August 1, 2021.

# MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL

## *Annual Dues*

It is that time again! Please submit your annual dues of \$30 to our treasurer, Gayle Pace, by check or in person. Her address is listed in the membership booklet. You may also give your check to Gayle or Cari at the meeting on June 12<sup>th</sup>. Please make sure you are a member in good standing by the September 11, 2021 meeting to be included in the next membership booklet.

### VP Elect Office Now Open

Many thanks to Lee Rodriguez as her term as Vice President and Chair of Programming ends. She has seen the guild through a difficult 2020-21.

On July 1, the current VPs-elect will assume this role. Gary Hansford, Roberta Hamilton and Cecelia Jaffe will organize the programs for our monthly meetings. Workshops and Study Groups will be headed by Marty Benson.

We now need to fill the VP-Elect position for the 2021-2022 year. This person or group of volunteers will plan the programming for 2022-23.



Who is willing to help? All of you enjoy the programs and benefit from guild activities. So please, please consider taking on part of the responsibility! Contact Cari and volunteer to do your part or suggest a candidate for VP-elect. Your Guild needs you!

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### A WEAVING HISTORY QUIZ

from Guild Historian Michael Skopp

Before the Northwest Arkansas Handweavers Guild was formed there was another weaving organization in the area. What was it called?

- a. North Arkansas Weavers Group
- b. Benton County Rug Weaving Association
- c. Washington County Weavers And Spinners
- d. Fiber Arts of NWA

In the late 1920's the Benton County Rug Weaving Association would meet at individual's homes. In 1949 it was changed to the Northwest Arkansas Handweavers Guild to include a wider group of the fiber arts community.

Answer: B – Benton County Rug Weaving Association.

## NWAHG JUNE 2021

### Northwest Arkansas Handweavers' Guild Minutes of the May 8, 2021 Meeting

The Northwest Arkansas Handweavers's Guild met on Saturday, May 8, 2021, via Zoom. President Cari Kessler called to order at 10:00 and welcomed members and guests.

#### Old Business

Meeting minutes and the treasurer's report had no additions or corrections and were approved as published.

#### New Business

Lee - Programs - Our June meeting will be in a park, so we're not having a formal program to allow time to chat.

Mary - Library - The list of Jackie's donated books didn't get into the newsletter due to technical issues. It will be in the next newsletter. Given that we're having an in-person meeting, this would be an excellent time to browse the library, and Mary could bring books to June in-person meeting.

Treasurer- Dues become due in June.

#### Demos - Laura -

- The Rogers Historical Museum demo is June 5, 2021 from 10 AM - 4 PM. Laura already has 2 volunteers, but she would like to have another volunteer. That way there will always be two people at any time (one person weaving and the other providing explanations/interacting with the public. Michael Skopp volunteered to fill the empty spot. Laura is also working on display. We will be set up near an exhibit called "Founding Families" that includes their Whig Rose coverlet. Laura plans to do a Whig Rose threading on baby Wolf and a waffle weave on the Wolf Pup. She also plans to use the same threading on the looms for the Shiloh Museum program.
- At Shiloh, we're only going to be on video for a few minutes, primarily showing how a multi-shaft loom works. The kids will have cardboard looms. Shiloh wants us to focus on showing artistry in traditional trades, which the Whig Rose threading will accommodate, but they also want us to show something practical, which the waffle weave accommodates.

It's time to select a new committee to nominate the VP-elect. If anyone is interested, please let Cari know. The VP-elect position is a 2-year commitment. The new VP-elect would begin their term in June and would serve as VP elect for 2021-2022 year, and then they would become VP in 2022-2023.

History - Our 75th anniversary is coming up in a couple of years. Michael & Laura plan to discuss plans at the June meeting. If you're interested in working on the anniversary, please join them.

#### Show & Share -

Genny Olsen - Shared some towels that she made with a warp left over from another project.

Janet shared several items:

- Some stashbuster scarves that she made. She made three of these last month. She wasn't sure about the fibers, since some of them were old enough that they had lost their labels.
- Rug that she had made using Terra as warp that she had purchased from the Woolery. She didn't like the warp, as the rug developed ribs when it was blocked.
- Camping sleeping pad that she did using plarn as the weft and a tough fishing line for the warp. She did a double weave and stuffed the pad with the remaining plastic bags. She has orders for 25 more, but she can't find the fishing line that she was using for warp anymore. Cari suggested that she might try The Thread Exchange online as they carry several colors of bonded nylon thread.

Beverly - Shared the last towel of her 12 months of tea towels. This one used a supplemental warp and included a Monk's belt pattern. The background was woven with 8/2 cotton, and the monk's belt used 8/4 cotton. Beverly began this project after a study group that Laura Redford did several years ago. The goal of the project was to learn how to convert threading from 20/2 to 8/2. The original patterns were published in a Weaver's Journal article back in the 1980s and were on 4 shafts, and they've apparently been mentioned in a Handwoven article recently. Laura had taken 4-6 of those patterns and did a study group using the same warp. Cecilia has the original article if anyone is interested. Apparently there are some errors in the original. Laura has the errata for anyone who is interested. After this program, Beverly was trying to decide on a new project, so she decided that she would do the entire year. After she finishes the last towel, she'll photograph all of them together.

Program on Dyeing

Roberta - Shared pictures of some dye works she had done using poke berries. She shared pictures of the pokeberries and another to show how the dye was absorbed on light wool and then on dark grey corriedale/angora mix. She used white vinegar as mordant, and then soaked & simmered yarn in vinegar first. She still has pokeberry dye with directions attached to the bottle. She dyed the roving and then spun it, but she hasn't done anything with it yet. She hopes to use some of it for upholstery fabric that she's making for some chairs. She hasn't tested for light fastness, and she has been told that it has a tendency to bleed if it gets wet

Linda Long - Shared pictures of some yarn that she handspun about 35 years ago that she solar dyed for 2 weeks with 1 Tbsp Alum and onion skins in water.

Cari Kessler - Shared the results of some dyeing that she had done with green indigo powder as an overdye on one of her botanical printed silk scarves. She also shared the results of steam dyeing using a madder blanket on a silk scarf.

Lee - Took a class at Smokey Mountain Arts festival a few years ago. In the class, they said that you can use McCormick or Wilton liquid food coloring as dye. Don't use the gel; it doesn't work the same way. She soaked the fiber in vinegar water first. Then, she made dye solution, dyed the fiber, and then wrapped all the fiber in plastic wrap. She set the dye by cooking in a microwave for up to 8 minutes, checking every 2 minutes.

The meeting adjourned at 10:53 AM.

Respectfully submitted,  
Sara Broderick, Secretary

MAY SHOW AND SHARE:



**Janet Petty:** Clockwise from top left.  
Mat woven with fishing line warp and plastic bag  
weft and stuffing;  
Tapestry Rug; Stashbuster scarf;



**Beverly Maloney:** Towel with Supplemental warp

**Genny Olsen:** Three towels from leftover warp

MAY PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS: NATURAL DYES



**Top Row:** Pokeberry from Roberta Hamilton, Green Indigo overdye from Cari Kessler

**Bottom Row:** Onion skins from Linda Long, Food Coloring from Lee Rodriguez



Our thanks to Guild member Jacqueline Kurtt for her recent donation of books to our library. Librarian Mary Harp has provided a list:

- Bauhaus Textiles: Women Artists and the Weaving Workshop by Sigrid Weltge-Wortmann
- Color and Fiber by Patricia Lambert
- Colour-and-Weave Design Book: A Practical Reference Book by Ann Sutton
- Contemporary International Tapestry by Carol K. Russell
- Encyclopedia of Hand Weaving by S.A. Zielinski
- Hand Loom Weaving for Amateurs by Kate Van Cleve
- Lenore Tawney from the American Craft Museum
- Manuscript Notes on Weaving by James Holmes
- Navajo Pictorial Weaving, 1880-1950 by Joel Kopp and Tyrone D. Campbell
- One Hundred Flowers by Nicholas Callaway
- The Master Weavers y Mark Winter
- Understanding Textiles by Phyllis G. Tortora
- William Morris Textiles by Linda Parry

Contact Mary if you would like to check out any of these books or any other book from our library. The catalog for the guild library can be viewed at <https://cloud.collectorz.com/nwahwguild/books/>. Over 1100 books are currently available.

And show your love for both our librarian and our library by returning those items that you've checked out and need to return. Our June 12<sup>th</sup> meeting is an excellent time to return those book or to make arrangements with Mary to check out new material. Mary's contact information is located in the membership booklet.

## Member Spotlight:

# Monica Milam



**Member:** Monica Milam

**Birth Month:** February

**How did you start weaving:** Monica returned to the US from the Panama Canal Zone, leaving her husband Larry to join her later in San Antonio TX. Monica was working as a cartographer for the Defense Department. A friend from work wanted to take a weaving class. And Monica went along! They took the beginning weaving class and really enjoyed it. They both purchased 36 inch Le Clerc 4S looms and started on their weaving journeys. They took other weaving courses from the Craft Center along the famous San Antonio Riverwalk.

**Favorite loom:** While Monica and her friend still own their first Le Clerc looms, Monica's favorite loom is her cherry 8S Schacht Baby Wolf. There is just something about a cherry loom!

**Favorite yarn:** Monica hasn't found a fiber that she doesn't like. Some are easier to work with than others, but she still likes them all.

**Favorite structure:** Twill is Monica's favorite structure.

**Guild activities:** When Monica and Larry decided to retire, they wanted to move closer to family. They spent some time deciding where that would be and decided on Bella Vista. Since Monica joined the Guild in 1996, she has held every office for at least one term and has been in charge of hospitality for many years, just recently retiring from that position. She participated with fellow guild members in the Summer Seminar every summer it was offered. She also has attended many guild sponsored workshops.

**Other activities:** Monica knits and crochets. Gardening has also been one of her interests. She is avid reader as well. It is not unusual for her to come home with three or more new books at a time!

Favorite Book of  
Monica Milam

**Deborah Chandler's**  
*Learning to Weave*

**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](mailto:nwahandweaversguild@gmail.com)

**SPINNINGWHEEL FOR SALE: Ashford traveler spinning wheel** plus jumbo flyer for sale. Wheel is in great shape, I'm just downsizing a little. \$450. Please email me for additional info or pictures. [Jbeweavin@yahoo.com](mailto:Jbeweavin@yahoo.com) (4/21)

**LOOM FOR SALE: Ahrens & Violette Folding Dobby Loom** – first looms Ahrens & Violette produced, 1980-82, has also been called a “witch loom” (I have no idea why). \$1,000; 36 inch weaving width; breast beam/back beam folds for easy storage; 12 harnesses, 1200 texsolv heddles, 24 Dobby Bars, 145 Dobby pins. 15 dent reed, needs some TLC. Local pick-up, southwest Missouri. Will negotiate delivery within 100 miles. Lots of pictures available upon request. [girenner@msn.com](mailto:girenner@msn.com) (5/21)

**SHEEP GIVEAWAY, LIMITED TIME OFFER:** I am selling about 1/2 of my fleece flock this year. I have great Border Leicester and BFL ewes and wethers for sale. They will be available until June 2, 2021. (I take them all to White's sale- Diamond, MO on June 3). Great fiber lambs. Please Call me, Roberta, at 417-435-2674, before June 3 if you are interested. A \$150 value free to a good home of anyone interested.

**LOOMS FOR SALE:** Cliff and Chris have two looms for sale. One is a Schacht 8 harness table loom, 25" weaving width, excellent condition, 12 dent reed. \$600.00. The other is an antique rigid heddle loom with 26" weaving width, needs a rigid heddle, \$100.00. Contact us at [cliff@cc-hh.net](mailto:cliff@cc-hh.net) or [chris@cc-hh.net](mailto:chris@cc-hh.net). (6/21)

**GUILD CALENDAR**

<u>DATE</u>	<u>EVENT</u>	<u>TOPIC</u>	<u>LOCATION</u>
June 5	Demonstration	City of Rogers 140 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary	Rogers Historical Museum
June 12	Monthly Meeting	Meet and Greet	Shiloh Square Pavilion Springdale
June 21 July 19	Demonstration	Shiloh Museum of Ozark History Summer Camps	On-line, details pending

**Guild Resources:**  
**Library.** Contact Librarian Mary Harp to check out a book. Library catalog is available at <https://cloud.collectorz.com/nwahwguild/books/>.  
**Loom & Equipment Rental.** Contact Equipment Chair Laura Redford. See the back cover of the Guild Yearbook for available items and rates.