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NORTHWEST ARKANSAS HANDWEAVERS GUILD

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MEETINGS ON THE SECOND SATURDAY OF THE MONTH, SEPTEMBER THROUGH JUNE  
10:00 A.M. AT THE ARTS CENTER OF THE OZARKS  
214 SOUTH MAIN, SPRINGDALE, AR.

President's Message

*Whew! Did everyone survive the excitement of the holidays? I hope you all had happy times with your families and friends. Now is the time to start our 2007 weaving projects.*

*I have been invited to repeat the program on finishes which I did a few years ago. Happily, we have new weavers who would like to see it. To make the program fresher, I would like to ask you all to help me. If you have a project with an interesting finish or embellishment, or even an idea for one, please bring it to show.*

*Thank you to all behind the scene who keep our Guild and our meetings running smoothly.*

*Happy New Year.*

*Linda*

PROGRAM NOTES FROM FLO

JAN. 13<sup>TH</sup> We'll begin our New Year with a program on Finishing Techniques. (It just dawned on me how funny that sounds!) Our President, Linda Long, will take Center stage at our January meeting, first presiding over our monthly meeting, and then as presenter of our program. Everyone who knows Linda is aware of her fine skills, not only in weaving, but also knitting, beading, and all things lovely. This program is being brought back by popular demand.

FEB. 10<sup>TH</sup> in February, member Jan Bryant will bring her loom and discuss and demonstrate her techniques for weaving rag rugs. She is a popular participant at the Fayetteville Farmers Market on the Square from Springs to Fall, followed by a busy winter filling orders.

Both of these programs should perk up our cold winter days with new projects on which to work. See you there!

## NOVEMBER MINUTES

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The November meeting of the Northwest Arkansas Handweavers Guild was called to order at the Arts Center of the Ozarks in Springdale, Arkansas, on Veteran's Day, Nov. 11, 2006, at 10:00 A.M. by Linda Long, President.

Guests welcomed were Vicki Kell's sister, Paula; Flo Schumacher's husband and her friend, Betty; Angie Jones' friend, Shirley and Vickie Badgley, who came with Sharon Loyd.

September and October minutes were printed in the newsletter. Motion made by Monica Milam to approve the minutes. Motion seconded by Sue Stewart. Motion passed. Beverly Maloney reported a previous balance of #2,918.17 with an income of \$30.00 and no outlay for a new balance of \$2,948.17.

Linda Long showed us an e-book she downloaded from Handwoven magazine and a picture of the rug on the stairway in the Governor's mansion. Monica Milam brought thank you cards from Sheep to Shawl. Harlene Henson brought a letter from Elise Metzler and newsletters from other guilds. Sharon Loyd brought a newsletter from the Fiber Interest Group. Sue Stewart brought a letter regarding the Arkansas Living Treasure for 2007. Roberta Hamilton said Lynn Tedder sent a rep weave sample for our project book.

### COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Yearbook: Flo Schumacher says to make a change in the schedule of programs: January 13 will be Linda Long with Finishing Techniques and February 10 will be Jan Bryant with Rag Rugs. Linda asked that anyone with examples of interesting finishing techniques bring them for show and share during the January meeting in conjunction with her program.

Program: Flo Schumacher says to contact Roberta Hamilton if interested in study group on computer programs. Laura Redford has a sign-up sheet if interested in participating in the friendship coverlet project. Final call for that will be in January. December meeting will be the auction and we are reminded to bring nice new things for sale.

Publicity: Ann McKnight had the Bead for Life article from the front page of the day's paper regarding our program and other area paper's mentions of meeting.

Hospitality: Program committee made African foods today to complement the program.

Library: Laura Redford said Genny Olson had copied library videos over onto DVD's for no cost to the Guild, making them also accessible that way. She will have duplicates of magazines and books in the auction next month.

Newsletter: Harlene Henson thanked everyone for their contributions.

Membership: No report.

Sunshine: Sue Stewart reported Genny Olson seemed to be doing better. Genny said yes, her arm is pinned and screwed together.

Demonstrations: Monica Milam spoke about Sheep to Shawl and a demonstration done for a retired teacher's meeting.

BUSINESS: Beverly Maloney asked about donating to the Heifer Project for the matching grant. It was decided that the auction money will go for that. She has also mailed out color brochures for the Guild to 20 chambers of commerce in our area. Also says website has been updated.

Problem Solvers: Genny Olson reported that a media cart with locking wheels works well for her loom as she can move it from place to place in the house as she likes. Marty Day asked for a paper copy of the helmet liner pattern.

Show and Share: In honor of Armistice Day, Louise Maringer brought a tapestry of a poppy for Flander's Field and a tapestry entitled "Grass". Beverly Maloney brought a Caribbean plaid huck towel made into a bag. Sue Stewart showed her blocking board and demonstrated a method of tearing multiple strips of fabric and joining them. Sharon Loyd is making a triangular poncho in Twill and did a scarf as a sample. Carol Alford brought a jacket of handspun and handwoven cotton, some of which she grew herself. Roberta Hamilton brought twill tea towels in Christmas colors. Genny Olson had a lovely scarf, proving it was possible to warp and weave entirely using only her left hand.

Meeting was adjourned for refreshments and Bead for Life program.

Respectfully submitted, Vicki J. Kell-Schneider, Secretary

## DECEMBER MINUTES

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The December meeting of the Northwest Arkansas Handweavers Guild was called to order at the Arts Center of the Ozarks in Springdale, Arkansas, on December 9, 2006, at 10:00 A.M. by Linda Long, President, with beautifully decorated refreshment tables full of goodies waiting in the back of the room.

The auction for the benefit of Heifer Project was scheduled for today. Flo Schumacher explained briefly how the auction would work. A motion was made by Monica Milam, seconded by Sue Stewart, to authorize Beverly Maloney to go ahead and send whatever proceeds are made today at auction (or at least \$300.00) to Heifer Project. Motion passed.

Minutes for November and December will be in the next newsletter. Treasurer Beverly Maloney reported a previous balance of \$2,948.17 with no income and \$95.95 in outlay in the last month for a current balance of \$2,852.22.

Monica Milam had received thanks from the teachers for the demonstration done for them and a card from the Shiloh Museum. Genny Olson had sent her pictures from a demonstration done at Lowell Elementary. Janice Neighbors said the reenactment at Prairie Grove was last weekend and went well. Carol Alford wove for two days.

Problem Solvers: Sue Stewart is having trouble seeing the trellis on huck towels. Suggestions included changing the angle of the light.

Show and Share: Beverly Maloney has done the 6 yards of summer and winter to make bags. Flo Schumacher's granddaughter, Amanda, designed and made a Santa mug rug. Carol Alford made placemats and hot pads with sticks for the auction and a bag with handwoven sections. Linda Long made a bag with handwoven pieces for auction. Sue Stewart brought a toothbrush rug made of rag strips. Roberta Hamilton made a blanket in plain weave with huck out of Brown Sheep 80/20. Laura Redford brought an ad for a store called Warp and Woof in Conway which is believed to be upholstery fabric. Louis Maringer made a Temari pincushion for the auction.

Meeting was adjourned for Christmas party and benefit auction.

Addendum: The auction was conducted by Beverly Maloney with Ed Thompson keeping track of bids. A total of \$519.75 was raised for the Heifer Project.

Respectfully submitted, Vicki J. Kell-Schneider, Secretary

## LAURA FROM THE LIBRARY, AND OTHER THINGS OF INTEREST

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Some of the duplicate magazines were sold at the Guild auction in December so there is slightly more room on our library shelves. Don't let the crowded shelves deter you. In moving one thing to get to another, you might discover a treasure you didn't know you were looking for! The library is open before and after the meeting and during refreshment time.

Here's what's new in the library:

The Fine Art of Pin-Weaving: Creative Variations by Donna Rhodes and Kathy Stachowicz (Warp & Woof Creations, 1996). This book has easy to understand directions and photos and provides suggestions for a vest and little bags as starters. This is a terrific way to use odd bits of yarn, beads, rags and whatever-you-have to create very "arty" textural pieces. It's not loom bound so you can easily take your project with you. You "color-texture" folks need to check this one out!

Another new book is Handbook of Timesaving Tables for Weavers, Spinners and Dyers by Bettie G. Roth and Chris Schulz (self published, 1991.). This little book compiles information and tables that you probably have in several different books into one handy reference. You'll find everything from thread counts and sett charts to designing with Fibonacci numbers to knitting needle conversions. Both of these books were recently donated by Dee Richards.

We have several books related to the January and February programs. After hearing about finishing techniques and rag rugs, you'll want to check out the classic Finishing Touches for the Handweaver by Virginia West, or one of our several books on rugs.

### FRIENDSHIP COVERLET

Guild members are planning another Friendship Coverlet. Marilyn Stewart will bring our 1986 coverlet to the January meeting for all to see. We have ten people signed up for our new project and the list is still open. Please plan to stay after the January meeting for our first meeting to set some direction and guidelines. This meeting is important so bring your ideas!

### 2007 SUMMER FIBER SEMINAR DATES

Mark your calendar for the Summer Fiber Seminar dates: July 9-20. The brochure with class offerings will be in the March newsletter. Also, Linda Long and Laura Redford plan to teach one or two weekend sessions for new weavers in January or February. If you are interested, or know someone who is, let them know.

### INTERESTING WEB SITE

Myth\*ing Links is an annotated and illustrated collection of world wide links to mythologies, fairy tales and folklore, sacred arts and sacred traditions related to weaving and other fiber arts. It is both graphic rich (will load slowly on a slow Internet connection) and also very heavy on words. It's more than you can take in at one time so put it in your favorites to return to from time to time. It's an interesting place to spend an hour or so on a cold afternoon when you really should be cleaning out cabinets. (Darn those New Year's Resolutions!)

<http://mythinglinks.org/ct~weaving.html>

<<http://www.mythinglinks.org/ct%7Eweaving.html>>

### WEAVING PODCAST

Ever heard of a podcast? It's like a radio show on your computer. Syne Mitchell has created WeaveCast, a podcast for handweavers, and has recorded several interviews you can download for free. You don't need any expensive equipment or software. The "help" page of the web site is very clear about what you need and how to do it. Some episodes have also been transcribed for

those with a slow Internet connection or hearing impairment. You can even copy these and listen to them in the car or on other players (other than your computer). Some very interesting topics and people. Sounds pretty interesting!

<http://www.weavecast.com> < <http://www.weavecast.com> >

### A GOOD IDEA

Here's a really good idea from Ruth Blau, a member of the Weave Tech Internet list. When asked if we could share it in our Guild newsletter, she wrote, "Of course you may share it w/ your guild in your newsletter, so long as you specify that I said it's not original with me. I learned it from a woman in the Richmond (VA) guild when she was here in the DC area for a workshop." So thanks to the unnamed weaver and to Ruth.

To keep track of picks:

Let's assume a treadling sequence of, say, 80 picks (any number of picks works for this technique—I'm just picking a number out of a hat).

- Break it down into smaller increments—let's say for this example, 4 groups of 20 picks each
- Choose as many colors of a smooth yarn (pearl cotton works well) as you have groups of picks, in our example 4 colors (e.g. red, green, blue, yellow).
- Cut one short length, about 4" (10 cm), of each color of yarn and assign the color to a specific group (e.g., red for group 1, green for group 2, etc.).
- Before you start to weave, insert a red yarn snippet under one warp thread, leaving the tails of the yarn on the surface, where you can get to them.
- Weave your first 20 picks.
- Insert the next color of yarn under one warp thread and continue weaving, etc., until you have completed all 80 picks and are ready to start over.
- Pull the first, red, yarn from where you inserted it at the beginning of the previous sequence and insert it under one warp thread.
- Continue to move your yarn markers up from the previous pattern repeat as you weave.

You can break your pattern sequences down as small as you want (as long as you're willing to keep track of all the colors). This way, if you lose your place (phone rings, kids are fighting over a toy, dinner boils over on the stove), you can easily find your place by counting up from your last marker.

### MISSING BOOK ALERT FROM CECELIA JAFFE

I can't find my copy of Handwovens with Rayon Chenille and am wondering if I loaned it to someone without making myself a note. I'm just beginning a new project and planned on using it for a reference. Please let me know if you have the book. Thanks.....Cecelia

### INCLEMENT WEATHER POLICY

It's that time of year again. Just a reminder that if the weather is bad, a decision whether or not to cancel the Guild meeting will be made by 9:00 P.M. on Friday, the night before. If the meeting is to be cancelled, members with e-mail will then be notified via e-mail; others by phone. If you have a question, call an officer.

### REFRESHMENT DUTY

Those who signed up for the next two months are as follows:

January 13<sup>th</sup> Tammy Sowers-White, Carol Alford, Cecelia Jaffe  
February 10<sup>th</sup> Sallie Simmons, Bev Maloney, Louise Maringer

## LOIS'S LOOM

Lois Imhoff and her family donated Lois's loom to the Guild/Fiber Seminar to be used like a scholarship for a new weaver to use until he/she has his/her own loom. The loom is ready to find its next home. This is a large 45", 4-shaft Herald loom with a bench and several reed sizes. (It does fit through a door.) If you would like to use this loom for a bit, please contact Laura Redford (925-1102 or [wannaweavemore@cox.com](mailto:wannaweavemore@cox.com)). Preference will be given to a new weaver, per Imhoff family wishes.

## FOR SALE

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1. Vern Sidler 479-855-7024 [vsidler80@wmconnect.com](mailto:vsidler80@wmconnect.com)

36", 4 harness, Leclerc floor loom. Includes sectional attachments, heddles, castle shelf and 10 dent reed. Solid construction. Price \$350.00

2. Peggy Sehorn 479-637-4262 [prsehorn@valuelinx.net](mailto:prsehorn@valuelinx.net)

Will deliver loom within a reasonable distance for price of fuel, or bring to Guild meeting.

Harrisville floor loom, 40" weaving width, 8 harness, 10 treadle, chain tie-ups to the treadles, lots of steel heddles. Includes 3 reeds (8, 10, 15). Harrisville tool tray that fastens to the top of the castle, and raddle. Both beams removable for easier warping. Back beam folds in with warp on. Overall dimensions are 48" wide x 50 1/2" tall x 42" deep (open) and 30 1/2" (folded). \$1100.00

23 yard warping board \$50.00

3. Tammy Sowers-White 479-271-7607 [b2r Irishredhead@hotmail.com](mailto:b2r Irishredhead@hotmail.com)

Newcomb studio loom – 40 inch, 4 harness, 6 treadle \$500.00

Handmade oak table loom – 20 inch, 4 harness, 4 treadle \$300.00

4. Harlene Henson 479-497-1518 [moonhull@arkansas.net](mailto:moonhull@arkansas.net)

LeClerc Artisan floor loom, 36 inch, 4 harness, 6 treadle, 12 dent reed; folds. \$300.00

LeClerc Nilus floor loom, 45 inch, 4 harness, 6 treadle, sectional beam attachments and separators, extra heddles. 6 dent reed. Heavy, excellent condition. \$400.00

LeClerc matching 38 inch bench with storage under lid in center and open bins on ends. \$50.00

## AN INTERESTING FIBER FACT

Spider silk is an extremely strong material and its on-weight basis has been proven to be stronger than steel. Experts suggest that a pencil-thick strand of silk could stop a Boeing 747 in flight.

THAT'S ALL FOR NOW. HOPE TO SEE ALL OF YOU AT THE GUILD MEETING ON JANUARY 13<sup>TH</sup>. DRIVE CAREFULLY. HH