



January-February, 2006

**NORTHWEST ARKANSAS HANDWEAVERS GUILD**

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

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CALENDAR

- January 14                      Questions and answers. Members to bring written questions for panel to review prior to the program. Now's your chance to get answers to your questions and solutions to your problems. Our group of experienced weavers will help you. They've probably already invented the wheel you're rasslin' with.
- February 11                     Tapestry demonstration and hands-on with one of our own, Louise Maringer.
- March 11                        The Twill Challenge with Handweavers Guild's program of samples.
- Round-robin weave-in, The Thrill of Twills, beginning at 1:00 pm after the March meeting, and on Sunday March 12 from 9:00 am to 4:00pm. More details and application elsewhere in the newsletter.
- March 22                        Jones Center Pioneer Day – won't you volunteer your time for a demonstration? See Monica Milam.
- April 8                            Marilyn Stewart on Rugs. Members to bring their woven rugs.
- May 13                            Monica Milam on her collection of textiles of Central and South America.
- June 10                            Potluck and Social

VERY IMPORTANT INFORMATION !! THIS IS MONICA'S LIST OF WHO SIGNED UP TO BRING REFRESHMENTS ON MEETING DAYS. JUST A REMINDER...

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February	Sharon Loyd and Harlene Henson
March	Angie Jones and Cecelia Jaffe
April	Ed and Gearolyn Thompson
May	Laura Redford and Jan Hargis
June	Pot Luck. Everybody brings something good

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## President's Message

Happy New Year one and all !  
I hope the prospect of another year brings visions of beautiful  
weavings and the prospect of exciting learning challenges.  
We have a full winter and spring of programs to entice and  
entertain your interests.  
The March "Weave-In" registration will require a quick turn-  
around on your part  
so patterns can be assigned for this bring-your-own-  
loom, round-robin, day and a half.  
I hope you will choose to attend and further your experience  
with Twill weaving.  
See You Saturday !  
Cecelia

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### MINUTES - NOVEMBER

The November meeting of the Northwest Arkansas Handweavers Guild was called to order at the Arts Center of the Ozarks in Springdale, Arkansas, on November 12, 2005, at 10:15 A.M., by Cecelia Jaffe, President. Two new members were present: Peggy Sehorn and Pody Gay.

September minutes were approved as printed in the newsletter on motion of Sue Stewart, seconded by Sharon Loyd. Treasurer's report presented by Beverly Maloney showing a balance of \$2,064.56 was approved on motion of Monica Milam, seconded by Sallie Simmons.

Correspondence received included Arkansas Heritage, seeking nominations for weavers. Motion was made by Sue Stewart to nominate Marilyn Stewart. Seconded by Sharon Loyd. Motion passed.

Announcements: Louise Maringer won Best of Show at the Washington County Fair. \$25.99 award will be given. She announced Zoe Barrett had won for several items. Sue Stewart thanked Guild for prize money for her State Fair prize.

Demonstrations: Monica Milam reported recent appearance at Van Winkle Exhibit at Rogers Museum. Also asked to demonstrate in Anderson, Missouri.

Publicity/Historian: Ann McKnight had collected several clippings, including Sheep to Shawl and 5 x 5 Exhibit.

Sunshine: Flo Schumacher said Mary Edmiston is getting treatment again.

Library: Laura Redford unable to attend but has worked extensively in library. Several things in auction today.

Loom Rental: Marilyn Stewart says the Harrisville is at Hargis' being repaired.

Program: Sallie Simmons thanked Hargis' Morning Glory Farm for felting field trip in October. December is ornament and small gift exchange. We all bring goodies to share. January is a question and answer program.

Old Business: Louise Maringer reported speaking with Washington County Fair people about their weaving categories.

New Business: None.

Problem Solvers: None.

Show and Share: Ann McKnight brought a blue afghan in double bow know pattern. Sue Stewart brought Marsh Lace tea towel. Marilyn Stewart showed us her rep weave runner with twisted fringe. Sharon Loyd brought placemats commissioned to go with dishes. Zoe Barrett brought the scarf with penny shapes. Vern Sidler brought a blue plaid shawl. Flo Schumacher has been knitting socks with her yarn from Peru.

Meeting adjourned for refreshments and auction.

Respectfully submitted,  
Vicki J. Kell-Schneider, Secretary

### MINUTES – DECEMBER

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 11, 2005, at 10:20 A.M., by Cecelia Jaffe, President. The only guest was Richard Long, who came with Linda Long. No new members were present.

Announcements: Sallie Simmons announced the one-day workshop in March will be a \$50.00 charge per person. Details and registration information will be in next newsletter.

Correspondence: Cecelia has contributed to a book entitled “Knitters’, Crocheters’, Weavers’ and Fiber Artists’ Travel Guide.” Louise Maringer sent a Christmas card, as she could not attend.

Minutes: November minutes were read by Vicki Kell-Schneider and approved as read.

Treasurer’s Report: Beverly Maloney reported a balance of \$3,341.27. Motion made to accept by Sue Stewart, seconded by Sharon Loyd. Approved.

#### Committee Reports:

Library: Laura Redford reported she has reorganized the library and will discuss more fully in January. The question of a minimum length of membership requirement before taking out books was raised and discussed. Same issue was raised for loom rental. Suggestion was made to post deposits, which would be refunded upon return. No action taken at this time.

#### Sunshine: Mai

Marilyn Stewart made John Janson a card for all to sign to send him some sunshine.

Publicity/Historian: Ann McKnight would like someone to work with her to field telephone questions received as a result of newspaper publicity. Laura Redford volunteered the use of her telephone number.

Demonstrations: Monica Milam says we have a request for demonstration on March 22<sup>nd</sup> at the Jones Center Pioneer Day. Mark it on your calendars to volunteer some time.

Loom Rental: Marilyn Stewart says the Harrisville is still at Hargis’ for repair.

Membership: Bev Maloney has made yellow name tags for people who have paid their current dues. If you don’t have a yellow tag, you haven’t paid yet.

Program: Sallie Simmons says January will be a question-and-answer day. Have your questions ready to submit to the committee before the meeting.

Old Business: Sue Stewart read a letter being sent nominating Marilyn Stewart for the Arkansas Living Treasure award. Janice Neighbors is involved with the Washington County Fair on handspinning and handweaving. She asked if the Guild would be sponsoring awards for a weaver and a junior weaver again. After discussion, Monica Milam moved that we award \$25.00 for Best of Show to a weaver and \$25.00 for Bent of Show to a junior weaver in each Washington County and Benton County. Sallie Simmons seconded. Motion passed.

New Business: Janice Neighbors spoke about her project to organize a Sheep to Shawl event the last Saturday in May. She is working on a grant for the Arkansas Heritage Foundation May Heritage month. Teams of 5 to 7 people are forming. She would like a team from the Guild. Announcement will be in Interweave Press.

Sue Stewart moved that approximately \$400.00 from the auction proceeds be sent to the Heifer Project for a wool sheep, llama and a goat. Monica Milam seconded the motion. Motion approved.

Show and Share: Marilyn Stewart has been working on 5 x 5 project for next year. Bev Maloney showed her red and white cotton tea towels. Linda Long had 4 bags woven for gifts for granddaughters.

Meeting adjourned for Christmas ornament exchange and goodies.

Respectfully submitted,  
Vicki Kell-Schneider, Secretary

NWA HANDWEAVERS GUILD			
TREASURER'S REPORT			
December - 05			
Checking Account			
Previous Balance			\$2,964.56
Outlay (see itemized list below)			(\$71.79)
Income			\$448.50
New Balance			\$3,341.27
Outlay - Checking			
Local Fair Award	\$25.00	Louise Maringer	
Newsletter	\$46.79	Harlene Hensen	
	\$71.79		
Income - Checking			
Dues	\$45.00	V. Sidler, P. Sehorn, T. Sower-White	
Auction	\$403.50		
	\$448.50		

## NEWS AND NOTES

**March Workshop:** Enclosed is the registration form to be completed and submitted for participation in the March workshop, **The Thrill of Twills**. Our Program Committee has worked very hard to get this set up for us, and it promises to be very good and lots of fun. We can all stand a little (twill) thrill in our life! Sharon will be lead instructor, with assistance from Sallie, Linda and Sue. Drafts will be mailed out to those bringing looms. Drop ins will be able to participate only if a loom is available – possibly one or two. “BYOL” on the registration form means “Bring Your Own Loom” for those of you who wondered.

Rearrange your commitments and send in your registration form with your check as soon as possible. You'll be glad you did.

**Website:** Our website is up! Go to [www.nwahandweaversguild.com](http://www.nwahandweaversguild.com) and see for yourself. Beverly Maloney, Cynthia Apathy, and Maloney Marketing Group have done a wonderful job for us. The site is awesome.

**Library Notes:** Our January program is all about problem solving. Almost everything in the library might be considered a “problem solver” – depending on what your “problem” is. We'll pull out a few books to have handy for our panel to reference.

Also at the January meeting, we will review some books for possible addition to our library. Think about what interests you most and what you would like to check out.

In February, Louise will do a tapestry demonstration. Our library has an interesting mix of books on this very subject. Look for this display.

Remember that library time is 30 minutes before the meeting and during the break. Let Laura know if you are looking for something specific and she'll help you find it.

**Summer Seminar:** Be sure to mark your new 2006 calendar with the dates for Northwest Arkansas Summer Seminar – July 10<sup>th</sup> through 21<sup>st</sup>. The brochure will be included in the March newsletter.

**New Weavers Weekend:** If you've never woven before and would like to learn, join us for a two-day, weekend session designed just for the brand new weaver. You'll begin on a threaded loom and then measure a warp, thread the loom, and weave a second piece – all in a weekend! This session will probably be on a Saturday and Sunday in January, and will probably be held at the Shiloh Museum in Springdale. There is a fee that covers use of equipment, threads, and a handout. Class size is limited to two or three. If you are interested, contact Laura Redford ASAP at 925-1102 or [wannaweavemore@cox.net](mailto:wannaweavemore@cox.net). (This class was developed and is presented by the Northwest Arkansas Fiber Seminar.)

**For Sale:** Loom for sale: Schacht, 4-harness, low castle, 2 reeds, 42” weaving width, warping board, shuttles & misc. No bench. \$600. Also yarn for sale. Billie Bigelow in Rogers at 636-1204.

Big cones of acrylic yarn - \$5/cone; Schacht bobbin winder - \$45. Laura Redford is selling for others. Call her at 925-1102.

According to Navajo legend, Spider Man said,  
“...from now on when a baby girl is born to your tribe you shall  
go and find a spider web which is woven at the mouth of some  
hole; you must take it and rub it on the baby’s hand and arm.  
Thus, when she grows up she will weave, and her fingers and  
arms will not tire from the weaving.”