

Hello all,

It has happened, as I knew it eventually would, someone I know in Joplin is dying of COVID-19. She is on a ventilator and not likely to recover as her pre-existing conditions make it all too difficult. It is hard to watch the family go through the things that so far I have only read about or seen on the news. The virus is out there, make no mistake, take precautions!

With that grim opening, you probably can guess what is to follow, Shiloh is still closed and I will receive monthly updates to their status. Even if they open, I'm not sure it would be prudent to meet. I think this is something for the membership to decide when the time comes, and the conditions that will have to be met from Shiloh. There is hopeful news on the vaccine front, but it will still take time to filter down to us. I guess the question is, how is the guild to proceed in these times? Laura Redford and I have been kicking this around, here are some possibilities:

Having a significantly beefed up newsletter (any volunteers?), including articles of significance, possibly a book report, a project to do, or a project group, a volunteer each month to do a sample with explanation, a guild history minute?

Have a regional brown bag, outdoor meetings with those in your area.

Focus each month on an individual member, perhaps a studio tour, photos, or video(help!), much like Micheal was trying to get off the ground.

A Zoom or Goggle Meet meeting with a specific purpose, a lead presenter and specific purpose.

A group project to complete a whole once this is over. I have seen many such configurations of this idea. Think of the previously completed friendship quilt or something of the like, or towel, or scarf exchange.

I'm sure there are other ideas that you have. Please respond to this email, perhaps NOT reply all, or email me directly at ckessler2232@gmail.com.

Links that have been shared with me:

Deborahâ Thomas:

https://www.artic.edu/articles/834/the-weaver-a-story-best-told-by-hand?utm_medium=email&utm_source=newsletter&utm_campaign=base&utm_content=base-buddha-07-09-20

Jean Whiteman via Laura Redford:

creative-confinement@chgweavers.org

Other information:

In further guild business, many of you have not paid your dues yet. You may think that since we are not meeting anyway that this is unnecessary, however, the guild continues to accrue expenses, subscriptions, website, library, equipment and library storage etc. Without your support, the guild will not be able to meet our obligations. If you are unsure if you have paid or not, please contact Gayle Pace or myself and we can tell you. We are still planning on publishing the membership booklet in September so please send your \$30 yearly membership dues to Gayle Pace 1303 E. College Ave, Berryville AR 72616. Thank you for your prompt attention to this matter!

Chris Ritthaler has agreed to be our cheer person. He will send cards to those members as requested. Please contact him at chris@cc-hh.net.

HGA (Handweavers Guild of America) has sent out a plea for donations and membership to help with their current financial situation as they had to cancel Convergence 2020. The following links will help you understand their need:

Join or Renew your Membership:

<https://weavespindye.z2systems.com/np/clients/weavespindye/membershipJoin.jsp>

Donate:

<https://weavespindye.z2systems.com/np/clients/weavespindye/donation.jsp?campaign=52&>

Print & Mail with Downloadable Form:

<https://weavespindye.z2systems.com/np/viewDocument?orgId=weavespindye&id=4028879673946dd501739bfa1bc20022>

Please keep sending photos of your work to Genny Olson to post on FB. She has done a great job of posting articles and photos of interest. **She would like to have someone take over this position, won't you consider volunteering for this, you can do it from the couch in your PJs!**

Last month I mentioned Sarah Jackson's weave along on FB, and that it required a pattern purchase. She has now also included her published pattern in Handwoven M/A '18 pg.46. If you do not have the tencel, substitute, need help, contact one of your fellow guild members! The weave along begins on August 17th.

For Sale:

Through our email account, we have been contacted by Anita Wyatt:

I have no idea how much to ask for the items. My sister purchased the loom which is the model A/6 design in a studio package from Harrisville Designs. She purchased the package with the assembled loom and it was never opened, still in the original packaging. I checked with Harrisville Designs and the kit now is 1,743.00 for the studio package. She also purchased at the same time an Ashford Spinning Wheel which is like new, the price now is 615.00. I am attaching a photo of information on the loom and spinning. I would appreciate any help. They can email at awdoyrog@sbcglobal.net or call 870-793-6082. I am in the Batesville, AR area. As for the pricing, not sure what I should ask. I will consider all offers. (I was unable to attach the photos she sent, but if you are interested, please contact me either through the guild email or my personal email and I can forward the photos.)

Also, as many of you know Crowder College in Neosho MO has long been the host to a former weaving guild, but more recently a continuing education program in weaving led by our very own Gary Hansford. Due to budget cuts at the state level from decreased revenue due to COVID-19, they are selling the house where the weaving equipment and classes were held. The looms have already been sold, but there is much miscellaneous to be auctioned. I don't believe that is posted yet, but will be in the near future. They will be listed on [govdeals.com](https://www.govdeals.com), under Arts and Crafts.

Reminders:

Mail in your dues.

Consider joining HGA, or making a donation.

Volunteer to be the FB person for the guild.

Thoughtfully consider what you would like to see for the guild moving forward and volunteer to help! This not a one man band-we need the whole orchestra! Please contact me with ideas and suggestions. We have been in shock and denial and now the summer slumber-it's time to take action and move forward, whatever the situation may be!

Take care!
Cari Kessler