



NORTHWEST ARKANSAS HANDWEAVERS GUILD

JANUARY 2019

FROM YOUR PRESIDENT

Happy New Year! And 2019 starts out as a busy year for the Northwest Arkansas Handweavers Guild.

In January, we have two weaving demonstrations. On the morning of January 19th we are scheduled to help with Shiloh Museum's Family Fun Day, with a concert by folk duo Still on the Hill to follow that afternoon. On January 24, we will introduce weaving to some 8th grade classes at Central Junior High School in Springdale.

Registration opens for the 2019 Midwest Weavers' Conference (June 17 - 22, Grinnell, Iowa) on February 2. A question to consider: Will the NWAHG participate with a guild exhibit this year? The theme, as stated in the conference catalog, is: How do you promote fiber arts in your community and attract new members to your guild? Create an exhibit that showcases your service projects, public exhibits, class offerings, or outreach activities. Come to the January meeting ready to begin discussion as to whether or how we will enter a guild exhibit for 2019. We have some time to decide; deadline for guild entry is May 17.

Our activities pick up again in March with a weekend workshop for beginners led by Laura Redford on the 2nd and 3rd. Limited space is available if you know someone who is interested in learning to weave. Later that month, we will host Wynne Mattila for a guild workshop. Wynne, known for her use of color in rag rugs, has taught workshops at the Weavers Guild of Minnesota, John C. Campbell Folk School, Midwest Weavers' Conference, and soon add — Northwest Arkansas.

Thanks to everyone for helping to make the NWAHG an active and successful organization! See you at the next meeting on Saturday, January 12.

PROGRAMMING: January Program

This month we will hear from one of our newer members, Jacqueline Kurtt. She will present a demonstration on how to remove a warp from the loom for reuse at a later time. Very useful information if you have never attempted it before and even if you have, I'm sure you will learn something from a very accomplished weaver.

It was unfortunate that our Christmas social had to be cancelled. Please hold on to those drafts and project records for a possible use next Guild year. You will be ahead of the game!

I am sorry to miss this month's meeting it is always a joy to be among fellow weavers and have the opportunity to learn from each other!

Officers, 2018-2019:

Deborah Thomas, President
Cari Kessler, VP/Program Chair
Roberta Hamilton, VP-Elect
Debbie Davis, Secretary
Gayle Pace, Treasurer

Contact us at:
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Springdale, AR 72765

Or on the web at
nwahandweaversguild.com
and on Facebook

Join us:
10:00am on the 2nd 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 at:
[https://cloud.collectorz.com/
nwahwguild/books](https://cloud.collectorz.com/nwahwguild/books)

Loom & Equipment Rental.
Contact Laura at
laredford@gmail.com or 925-1102.
See the back cover of the Guild
Yearbook for available items and
rates.

MARCH WORKSHOP

I am pleased to announce that the workshop is full with a small wait list. Thank you for your support. I will be sending out a supply list next week. Please pay your balance to Gayle Pace. If you paid the deposit of \$50, you owe \$235.

Wynne Matilla has been busy presenting an Artist Talk to her guild and also part of their exhibit "Under Foot: Rugs from the Weavers Guild of Minnesota"

MIDWEST WEAVER'S CONFERENCE

Conference information is now available online. The booklet may also be downloaded. Pre-conference is June 17-19 and Conference is June 20-22, in Grinnell IA. Registration begins February 2, at 10:00 am. It is best to register that day to ensure that you receive the desired classes.

The conference will also be discussed at the January meeting.

If you are interested in going, please contact me (ckessler2232@gmail.com), and I will start an email group with all those who are planning to attend.

I think that is all - see you in February!
Cari

OVERSHOT-PATTERNED DOUBLE WEAVE STUDY GROUP

Our study group will meet this Saturday, after the January 12 guild meeting in the General Store building on the Shiloh Museum grounds. We will meet for about an hour, beginning at 1:00. Please eat your lunch before the meeting begins. You may want to bring a sack lunch, or you can get something to eat at the many locations close to the museum. We will start by sharing the samplers and mats we wove as we explored this interesting structure. We should have lots of experiences to share about the fun we had getting these done! After this discussion, we will work through a handout that explains how you can create your own overshot-patterned double weave draft starting from any overshot pattern. We will also talk about the "show-stopper" project that each of us will weave in the next few months to share with the whole guild.

So here's what you need to bring to the meeting: 1) a full tummy that's already had its lunch, and a mind ready to learn, 2) your sampler and the mats that you wove from the handout you received in October, 3) pencils in two colors - for example, one black and one red (or any two colors that are clearly different), 4) an eraser. That's it! I am already looking forward showing you how easy this is, and I can hardly wait to see what you have woven!

Marty

GUILD LIBRARY

The library is accessible on-line at: www.cloud.collectorz.com/nwahwguild/books.
Call or text the title of the book and item number. Call me if you need help, I will walk you through it. I will bring the book to the guild meeting, and pick up returned books.

Thanks!
Mary Harp
Cell:479-200-8269
Home: 479-736-1439

DECEMBER MEETING

No meeting in December.

Treasure's Report			
Description	Deposits	Debits	Current Total
Working Balance	11/30/2018		\$ 8,737.97
Membership dues	\$ 20.00		
Study group supplies		\$ 59.20	
Yearbook		\$ 58.21	
Storage Unit		\$ 815.40	
Total Deposit	\$ 20.00		\$ 20.00
Total Debit		\$ 932.81	\$ 932.81
Working Balance	12/31/2018		\$ 7,825.16
Stewart Fund			
Description	Deposits	Debits	Current Total
Working Balance	11/30/2018		2389.84
Interest	3.05		
Ending Bal	12/31/2018		2392.89



Fiber Classes 2019 - Red Scottie Fibers at the Shoppes at Fleece 'N Flax

- January 15 – **Painting with Wool with Edwige** – Yearning for Spring? This talented teacher will guide you through the steps of creating your own spring flower painting from wool! 1-4. Cost \$35 plus materials.
- 22 – **Wool Mitten Applique** – Learn a quick and easy way to “baste” your wool pieces to each other as you complete this Rebekah Smith design! 10-2. Cost \$35 plus materials.
- Feb 7 – **One Color Brioche Knitting** – Kelli of McKnittey will instruct in this unusual and exciting knitting technique. 10-1 Cost - \$30 Limit 6 students
- March 5, 6, 7 – **Beginning Weaving** – Learn how to warp and weave a rag rug or cottolin dish towel on a countermarch or jack floor loom! 9 to 4 each day. Cost - \$195 plus materials.
- 14 – **Two Color Brioche Knitting** – Prerequisite is One Color Brioche. This is a continuation of our explorations in brioche knitting with Kelli of McKnittey. 10-1. Cost \$30. Limit 6 students.
- April 9, 10, 11 – **Farmer’s Market Bag** – Weave and sew a rag bag with sturdy inserted handles for your market adventures! 9 to 4 each day. Cost – \$195 plus materials

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May	3, 4, 5 – Blazing Shuttles Retreat – Kathrin Weber will be here with her stunning hand painted warps to teach us how to warp them for maximum weaving excitement! 9 to 4 each day. Cost - \$315 plus materials
June	6 - Indigo and Woad Dyeing with Gina Levesque – Learn how to use this historical natural dye to create beautiful blues and Shibori fabrics- it's magic! 9 to 4. Cost \$75 plus materials
July	18 – Natural Dyes with Gina Levesque – This class covers the basics of mordanting, color/light fastness and dyes vs. stains. You will have a recipe book for over 20 dyes! 9 to 4. Cost - \$65 – includes a notebook and samples!
August	13, 14, 15 – 18th Century Floor Coverings with Melissa Weaver Dunning - Explore six early domestic wool rug techniques – Shaker, Overshot, Jerga, Boundweave, Drall and Venetian carpeting! 9 to 4 each day. Cost \$295 plus materials.
Sept	10, 11, 12 – Ozark Coverlets –The authors of this famous book that detailed the history and construction of our regional handwoven treasures will be here to share their experiences – and a sneak peek at their research for their next book! Looms will be dressed and ready to weave with several historical coverlet patterns from the book. 9 to 4 each day. \$275 (includes a copy of the book, autographed by the authors) plus materials
Oct	4-12 – Arkansas Yarn Crawl - A tour of Arkansas' most popular yarn shops, all during the most beautiful time of the year! Travel with your "Yarn Passport" from shop to shop, registering for prizes and discovering the uniqueness of each shop!
Nov	6 – Jennifer Moore Mathemagical Design Workshop – Golden proportion, Fibonacci, and Fractal designs will be explained and practical application to weaving and visual arts design will be explored. 9 to 4. \$125 plus materials.
Dec	12 – Rigid Heddle Warping and Weaving with Novelty Yarns - A relaxing class to relieve your holiday stress! 9 to 4. \$40 plus materials – Bring your own loom or rent one for \$20.

Recurring Classes

- **BEGINNING WEAVING CLASSES** can be arranged at any time – three consecutive days is needed.
- Know how to weave but need a refresher course? One day **REFRESH YOUR WEAVING** is \$85.
- **KNITWITS** – every 1st and 3rd Tuesday – 10-12 – bring a fiber project! Free. Come have fun with the locals!
- **SPINNER'S GATHERING** – last Wednesday of every month at 10 am. Free. A relaxing way to spend your morning.
- **LEARN A NEW KNIT STITCH** with Chris – every 1st and 3rd Tuesday at 1:00pm - \$15.
- **BEGINNING SPINNING AND ART YARNS** with Karen – last Wednesday of every month at 1:00 pm. \$30.
- **KNIT AND CROCHET CLASSES** – check Facebook for new classes each month!
- Call Debbie at 479-981-0832 for more info and to sign up! Parking is free for multiple-day classes.

Kathrin Weber Blazing Shuttles Weaving Workshop

May 3,4,5 at the Eureka Springs Community Center

Students learn non-traditional techniques that allow them to work smoothly with multiple warps and to design with diverse warp elements at the loom. They will use instructor provided hand-painted warps in which the colors flow and change, creating designs in the woven fabric that appear complex in planning, but actually spring from making flexible and intuitive decisions as they work. Students will work seamlessly with multiple warp chains to create alternating color sequences used in Turned Taquete and other weave structures. They might choose to flip sections of the warp from end to end which creates color flow in opposite directions. They might choose to shift the warps to create patterns that flow in the weaving lengthwise as well as horizontally. This workshop is appropriate for 4 harness and 8 harness looms. No two warps or designs will be alike so class members learn from their own projects as well as from the others. Weavers with more experience will be able to take their designs to more complex levels.



The goal for this workshop is to learn to design effectively and efficiently with multiple warp chains which aid in creative designing at the loom, and to develop new techniques for more spontaneity and confidence in the creation of fabric. Students will enjoy a non-traditional approach to Turned Taquete, but many more options will be explored as well.

In this workshop we start the designing process tying on to a 300 thread dummy warp that students have threaded before class. Tying on can be a time saver, an eye saver and a method to approach design techniques at the loom as opposed to on a computer or pen and paper. This workshop is not suitable for rigid heddle looms. Cost \$315 plus materials. You will need to bring your own loom. There is easy access to the Community Center Highlander Room.



Call Debbie at 479-981-0832 to sign up.

BUY OR SELL

For Sale: 24 inch cherry Norwood loom, 4 shafts, 6 treadles, sectional warp beam. Inserted eye heddles (lots of them). We put new rollers on the loom so it can be easily transported to workshops. A sweet little loom - perfect for small spaces, as it folds up compactly. Comes with a bench! See it at Red Scottie Fibers in Eureka Springs, or email redscottie@cox.net for pictures. \$450 (1/19)

For Sale: Leclerc Loom, 52" wide, 4 shaft, bench, 12 shuttles, books, 360 cotton spools, 360 spool rack, \$1000. Message Leana Halsey 479.871.2036 for more info (12/18)

Looking to buy: handwoven rugs and towels. Contact Diana Janes, 870-423-2398. (12/18)

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For Sale: I have a large, older warping reel to give away. Please contact me for additional information or pictures, Janet mjjohnson2@centurytel.net (11/18)

For Sale: Clemes and Clemes electric bobbin winder, like new, rheostat, new price: \$385, asking \$200; rag, stick, boat shuttles; bobbins; many books in excellent condition. Laura Redford is selling on behalf of a member who has moved out of state. See full list at December meeting or email: laredford@gmail.com (12/18)

For Sale: 4 warping boards, 2 warping reels, 4 inkle looms, a 4 harness table loom, 2 ridged heddle looms, yarn swift, 2 bobbin winders, 12"x16" Japanese loom, 3 drop spindles, 5 sets of carders, small spinning wheel, large spinning wheel, small tapestry loom. Call for prices. Jacqueline 559.760.6190 (12/18)

For sale: Schacht 8 harness table loom with stand. Used a very few times. \$500. Cash only. Joi Chupp. 417.592.1378 (01/19)

Looms for sale: Union 36 Loom with bench. Weave rag rugs to your heart's content! Has complete paperwork and instructions. \$350, and a antique refurbished mahogany loom. 4 harness, 6 treadle with size 6 and 12 reeds. Has a 36" weaving width. It is in good working condition. It was refurbished right before I bought it and I haven't had the time to ever use it. \$500. Both looms are located in Bella Vista, AR, Melanie Moncur 801-918-9566 (10/18)

Guild Calendar

2019		
January 12	Guild Meeting	Member Focus: Jacqueline Kurtt, "A Warp Repurposed"
February 9	Guild Meeting	Member Focus: Mary Harp & Linda Long, Bead Weaving
March 2-3	Workshop	Laura Redford, Beginning Weaving
March 9	Guild Meeting	Mollie Barnes, Fiber Artist, Ozark Folkways, Fiber Arts: Past, Present and Future
March 15-17	Workshop	Wynne Mattila, Finnish Style Runner/Cotton Rug Technique
April 13	Guild Meeting	TBA
May 11	Guild Meeting	Member Focus: Study Groups Presentation, Complimentary Plainweave and Tapestry
June 17-22		Midwest Weavers' Conference 2019 Grinnell, Iowa
November 7-9	Workshop	Jennifer Moore, Double Rainbow Workshop