



NORTHWEST ARKANSAS HANDWEAVERS GUILD

APRIL 2019



FROM YOUR PRESIDENT

HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO US!

Join in the celebration of the 70th Anniversary of the Northwest Arkansas Handweavers Guild, established by a group of hand weavers who gathered in West Fork on April 5, 1949.

On Saturday April 11, we will commemorate our 70 year history at the Shiloh Meeting Hall in Springdale. An anniversary committee will present a program on the history of the guild with activities and appropriate birthday fare. Plan to be there!

WEAVING HISTORY. As we consider our own history, check out this 50-year old educational video – so 1969! <https://archive.org/details/weavingfilm>. Some things don't change and basic weaving is one of them.



AND ...

A POINT OF ORDER. It has been brought to my attention that we did not follow our bylaws in voting to increase our dues. Article 5 of the bylaws requires (1) that written notice be given to members 30 days prior to the vote; (2) that the change be approved by 2/3 of the members in attendance; and (3) that the change be made at least 2 months before the June meeting.



At the October meeting, the annual budget was presented showing an anticipated deficit of \$245. To reduce any future deficits, there was a motion from the floor that dues be increased to \$30.00 per year, which passed unanimously.

In passing this change, we failed to comply with one of the three requirements for a dues increase – written notice. So, I am hereby announcing to the membership, in writing, that a **proposal to increase dues to \$30** has been made and seconded. **A vote on the proposal will be held at the May meeting on May 11.**

This followup vote will be held less than two months prior to the June meeting. Therefore, the increase, if passed, will not be effective for the 2019-20 fiscal year, but will take effect in June, 2020.

My apologies for this delay (Do we need a parliamentarian?)

Officers, 2018-2019:
Deborah Thomas, President
Cari Kessler, VP/Program Chair
Roberta Hamilton, VP-Elect
Debbie Davis, Secretary
Gayle Pace, Treasurer

Contact us at:
P.O. Box 1635
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.
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Guild Resources:

Library is at:
<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.

PROGRAMMING: April Program

For April's meeting the guild will be have a special event that will showcase some of the past 70 years of the guild. The program will consist of recognizing members with over 10 years of membership and former presidents. It would not be a birthday party without some games which we will have. There will be several games that we will break members into teams of 5 who will have to complete different word associated games and creative games that all can be a part of. After being filled up with fun, there will be time to eat food and cut cake. For the finale there will be a presentation of some of the events the guild has conducted over the years with a brief history of the formation of the guild.

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 not too late to register. If you are interested in going, please contact me at: (ckessler2232@gmail.com).

DOUBLE RAINBOW WORKSHOP

The Jennifer Moore workshop deposit is due by May 1, 2019. Please make your check payable to NWA Handweavers Guild. Please mail your check to Roberta Hamilton by May 1, 2019. This deposit guarantees your place in the workshop and lets Jennifer secure airplane reservations. Please contact me if you have any questions, Roberta

MARCH MEETING

Mary Harp and Linda Long presented a program on bead weaving. We are so fortunate to have many talented members weaving in a variety of materials and techniques.

Northwest Arkansas Handweavers' Guild Minutes of the March 9, 2019 Meeting

The Northwest Arkansas Handweavers' Guild met on Saturday, March 9, 2019 at the Shiloh Museum of the Ozarks Odd Fellow's Building. President Deborah Thomas called the meeting to order at 10:00 am and welcomed members, visitors and guests.

There were no additions or corrections to the February 2019 minutes.

Treasurer's Report – was approved with no additions or corrections.

Old Business

Sunshine Committee- no report

Hospitality – Linda and Sue provided the refreshments for today's meeting.

Publicity – no report

Library – Mary Harp had her computer available at the meeting for anyone who wanted to check out materials or books and was not able to do it from home.

Membership – no report

Program – Roberta wanted everyone to know that a \$100.00 deposit is due for the November Jennifer Moore workshop.

Anniversary Committee – was to meet after the regular guild meeting.

2019 Midwest Weavers Conference Exhibit – Monica volunteered to help pull some items together and see what we currently have. She needs help with this task.

Historian – the weaving record is almost ready for distribution.

Study Groups – the overshot patterned doubleweave study group will show their work at the May meeting.

New Business

We need a nominating committee for the next vice-president – Mary Harp and Cari Kessler volunteered, with one more volunteer needed.

Mary Harp reported on the Arkansas Basketweavers Club – they will have workshops on May 17-19 at the Pauline Whitaker Center.

Debbie Davis reported there are only two openings left for the Kathrin Weber Blazing Shuttles workshop to be held in May in Eureka Springs.

Several members had items for show and share.

Business meeting was concluded at 10:30 am. Program was on bead weaving.

March Show and Share



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Treasurer's Report

	Deposits	Debits	Current Total
2/28/2019			\$ 10,565.72
Dues	\$ 10.00		
Matilla Rug class		\$2,211.60	
	\$ 10.00		\$ 10.00
		\$2,211.60	\$ 2,211.60
3/31/2019			\$ 8,364.12
	Deposits	Debits	Current Total
2/28/2019			\$ 2,392.89
	\$ 3.84		
3/31/2019			\$ 2,396.73

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



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

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
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 Mathematical 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.

Eureka! Fiber in the Ozarks

April 26-27, 2019

Eureka Springs Community Center

We are trying something new this year at your request! Love fiber and learning new fiber skills? Join us for two days of uninterrupted fiber bliss as you knit, hook, weave, felt, quilt or spin with old friends and new. We will have many 2 hour classes for you to choose from. On Saturday we will have a nice selection on vendors for you shopping pleasure. Bring new projects or UFOs and relax and create!

This year, choose and pay for the classes you want! We will be meeting in the new Eureka Springs Community Center- it is right across the street from the Inn of the Ozarks. There are several lodging facilities to choose from within walking distance; Inn of the Ozarks 479-253-9768, Heartstone Inn Bed and Breakfast 479-253-8916 and the new Wanderoo Lodge 479-363-6755.

Saturday's Vendor Event will be open to the public, but class participants will have an early-bird shopping opportunity on Saturday morning.

Classes:

Introduction to Tunisian Crochet (Afghan Stitch)and Entrelac

Instructor: Laurie Smole

This class will introduce you to basics and variations of Tunisian crochet, also known as the Afghan stitch, It is a simple stitch that can produce fabric ranging from thick and highly insulating to very open and airy. Everything is provided; yarn to use and hooks to borrow. You will receive instruction sheets for all the stitches you'll be practicing.

Felted Pansy

Instructor: Edwige Denyszyn

2D needle felting with some bead work. Student should be able to finished flower and starting bead embroidery. Kit will include various color wools, interface, rivoli, crystals,# 15 seed beads, 1 felting needle beading needle and thread. Beading instruction included.

3D Needle Felting

Instructor: Vicki Hardcastle

In this class we will learn the art of turning wool into wonderful art. We will explore nature as we create birds. Kit includes everything you will need.

Wool Applique

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Rug Hooking

Instructor: Vicki Hardcastle

Hooking with wool fabric cut into strips has been around for hundreds of years. In this class you will learn the basics of rug hooking. Bring a pair of scissors with you. Kit will include pattern and wool. Hoops will be available for loan.

Art Yarn Spinning

Instructor: Karen Whitener

Karen is very versed in many kinds of spinning. Let her help you improve your skills. Bring your own wheel. Kit will include materials needed.

Swiffer Dust Mop

Instructor: Lucretia Gayle

Crochet a cover for your Swiffer sweeper that will use up your stash and save you money! Reusable and washable. Yarn will be provided.

Rigid Heddle Loom

Instructor: Debbie Davis

Clasped Weft technique on a rigid heddle loom. This will be a class that you work on over the span of the two day retreat. Use two contrasting yarns to create a stunning scarf or table runner. Looms will be provided. Kit will include yarn used.

Two at a Time Socks

Instructor: Chris Ritthaler

For this class, you will be knitting small baby socks to learn the fun technique of two at a time, No more "one sock syndrome"! Yarn is provided.

Send Signup Form and Payment to: Red Scottie Fiber; 51 Spring Street; Eureka Springs, Ar. 72632

For any questions: Debbie Davis- 479-981-0832; redscottie@cox.net

Vicki Hardcastle-580-235-2279; hardcastlefolkart@gmail.com

BUY OR SELL

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)

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)

For sale: Loom apron for 48" wide beam. New in original packaging. Contact Cecelia: 479-497-2555 (3/19)

In search of 100 to 120cm countermarch loom, Glimakra or Oxaback. Contact Janet at mjohnson2@centurytel.net

Guild Calendar

2019		
April 13	Guild Meeting	Happy 70th Birthday NWAHG!
May 11	Guild Meeting	Member Focus: Study Groups Presentation, Overshot-patterned Doubleweave and Tapestry
June 8	Guild Meeting	Annual Year End Potluck
June 17-22		Midwest Weavers' Conference 2019; Grinnell, Iowa
July 13	Guild Meeting	TBA
August 10	Guild Meeting	Annual Guild "Garage" Sale
September 14	Guild Meeting	Business meeting sign-ups and Study group ideas. Sign up for Oct 12 lunch at Joe's 1PM
October 12	Guild Meeting	Louise Halsey an Arkansas Living Treasure. Louise will share and discuss her weaving. Lunch with Louise will follow, all members welcome Dutch treat at Joe's Pizza and Pasta, 4224 W. Sunset Ave Springdale
November 7-9	Workshop	Jennifer Moore, Double Rainbow Workshop
November 9	Guild Meeting	Jennifer Moore will discuss the current Double Rainbow workshop
December 14	Guild Meeting	Christmas meeting and gathering. Share/exchange drafts from 2018.
2020		
January 11	Guild Meeting	TBA
February 8	Guild Meeting	TBA
March 14	Guild Meeting	TBA
April 11	Guild Meeting	TBA
May 9	Guild Meeting	Daryl Lancaster will speak.
June 13	Guild Meeting	Pot luck and summertime!

Beginning Weavers

The Guild sponsored a class for new weavers on March 1-2 in the General Store at Shiloh Museum. Four new or sort-of-new weavers got a taste of weaving and dressing a loom. The weather caused the class to be cut short but Deborah later provided some studio time for one of the weavers. Thanks to Deborah Thomas and Laura Redford for teaching this class.



Weaving Demo

Members of the Guild partnered with Shiloh Museum to present a Family Fun Saturday all about weaving on March 16. Peggy Bowen and Laura Redford talked to children and adults and even put together a frame loom for a visitor!



Overshot-Patterned Double Weave Study Group

This year has just flown by - and I am more excited about overshot-patterned double weave now than when we started! I am finishing up my "show-stopper" project, and cannot wait to see yours. We will be displaying and discussing our work at the May 9 Guild meeting - we are the program! Please plan to attend, and bring your samplers as well as your show-stopper project. And if you have other items that you have created using this technique, please bring them as well. I hope we will convince the whole guild to join our overshot-patterned double weave fan club! See you there!

Marty

Workshop News

Thank you to all who attended the March workshop with Wynne Mattila. We had a fast paced and very informative workshop on Finnish 3 shuttle rug weaving. We had the pleasure of each other as well as lessons on color and pattern selection and combinations. We saw some fantastic results from some not so fantastic fabrics!

Please plan to attend the April meeting as we show off our creations!

Please welcome these two new weavers and new members of the Guild and add them to your yearbook.

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