



# NORTHWEST ARKANSAS HANDWEAVERS GUILD

**MARCH 2019**

## FROM YOUR PRESIDENT

Whew! I am uncharacteristically writing my bit for the newsletter at the last minute this month. This is after acting as Laura Redford's assistant at the NWAHG beginner weaving workshop over the weekend. Laura squeezes a lot of instruction into two days!!!! And the snowy weather caused us to rearrange the timing, squeezing all that into a day and a half! We had a good group of four weavers, mostly never, ever having woven before. I think we made some weaving converts and already have one new member for our guild. Thanks so very much to Laura for holding these beginner workshops and helping the guild achieve its mission to promote the fiber arts.

March is a busy month for our guild. In addition to the beginner workshop and our regular monthly meeting, we will be welcoming Wynne Mattila in mid-month for her workshop on Finnish rug color techniques. Those lucky enough to be enrolled in the workshop are (or should be — it's on my to-do list) working diligently to warp their looms and to prep the materials required for the class.

One item of business for the March meeting is to select a nominating committee for one open officer position. While the other officers serve two-year terms, the Vice President serves for one year. Cari Kessler will be completing her vice presidential responsibilities in June (thank you, Cari!!) when VP-elect Roberta Hamilton will take over. We need to select a new VP-elect to follow Roberta. Consider serving on the nominating committee to recommend a guild member for this role.

Even though some of us are snowbound as I write this, the long range weather forecast is for the cold weather to move on. We may still have precipitation on Saturday, but with a predicted high in the 60s, I hope a little rain won't deter any of you from coming to our March meeting. Hope to see you there!

## PROGRAMMING: March Program

We will have our postponed February program in March! This month Mary Harp and Linda Long will present a program on bead weaving. We are so fortunate to have many talented members weaving in a variety of materials and techniques. Please join us for an interesting program.

## 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).

Officers, 2018-2019:

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

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Or on the web at  
[nwahandweaversguild.com](http://nwahandweaversguild.com)  
and on Facebook

Join us:  
10:00am on the 2<sup>nd</sup> 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](mailto:laredford@gmail.com) or 925-1102.  
See the back cover of the Guild  
Yearbook for available items and  
rates.

**FEBRUARY MEETING**

Last month we had Mary Harp and Beverly Maloney present a program on how to use our library software. It can be reached through our guild webpage, [www.nwahandweaversguild.com](http://www.nwahandweaversguild.com), or [www.cloud.collectorz.com/nwahwguild/books](http://www.cloud.collectorz.com/nwahwguild/books). They had a visual presentation that walked through the process and answered questions. Hopefully, it will clear up any fear of researching our well stocked library. Please take a moment to explore the site and check out a good book! Mary and her committee have done a fabulous job with many points of reference. Do not hesitate to contact Mary with a question or with a check out request, [mpri71@hotmail.com](mailto:mpri71@hotmail.com).  
Cari

**February Show and Share**



**TAPESTRY STUDY GROUP**

The tapestry group will meet at 1 PM after the meeting. Only a couple of people were there last month, so I held the cartoon discussion for this month. I have handouts. If you could bring a picture or whatever you have for an idea for the final project, that would be great. Thanks Ellen

## BEGINNING WEAVING CLASS

The Guild sponsored a beginning weaving class March 2-3 at the General Store at Shiloh Museum. The weather forecast changed the days to March 1-2. Instructors Laura Redford and Deborah Thomas taught four students the basics of weaving, measuring a warp and threading the loom.



### **Northwest Arkansas Handweavers' Guild Minutes of the February 9, 2019 Meeting**

The Northwest Arkansas Handweavers' Guild met on Saturday, February 9, 2019 at the Shiloh Museum of the Ozarks Odd Fellow's Building. President Deborah Thomas called the meeting to order at 10:05 am and welcomed members, visitors and guests.

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

Treasurer's Report – Gayle Pace was absent, and no treasurer's business was conducted.

Old Business

Sunshine Committee- no report

Hospitality – Gary, Mary and Lee provided the refreshments for today's meeting.

Publicity – no report

Demonstrations – There was a successful demonstration by Laura, Chris, Cliff and Deborah at Central Junior High this month. The demonstration at Shiloh Museum was postponed because of weather and rescheduled for March 16.

Program – Cari Kessler reported that the speaker for next month had to cancel, so Mary and Linda will be presenting our program about bead weaving.

Wynne Mattila has bought her plane ticket for the March rug workshop, and 12/9 Seine twine is available for the workshop at Red Scottie Fibers. Participants will be receiving the handouts soon.

Laura will be conducting a beginning weaving workshop this month.

Anniversary Committee – Lots of ideas have been generated. The beginning date for the guild was determined to be April 5, 1949, so this is our 70th year. We will have a birthday party in April to celebrate and perhaps plan for a big celebration in 5 years for the diamond anniversary. The diamond theme seemed to be popular, with ideas of a members only fiber show, a publication showcasing the work of our members with the diamond theme, calendars, posters, a short video, and having a presence at War Eagle for the fall craft show. Less ambitious ideas were traveling exhibits and demonstrations at local libraries and craft fairs, take your weaving to work day, each member challenged to 20 hours of community weaving service, history of the guild, Midwest Weavers exhibit, and to increase local publicity efforts.

President Thomas asked the committee and the members to make their wishes known, volunteer to help with chosen projects, and map out next steps for the large 75th year celebration.

## NWAHG MARCH 2019

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.

New Business

Historian reported that he would like more information for inclusion in the guild history.

Business meeting was concluded at 10:55 am. Program was the online library and guild website.

<b>Treasure's Report - January</b>			
Description	Deposits	Debits	Current Total
Working Balance	12/31/2018		\$ 7,825.16
Beginner class	\$ 100.00		
Donation/ Obenchain	\$ 250.00		
Donation/Kurtz& Jeffries	\$ 300.00		
Loom rental	\$ 40.00		
Refund/workshop fee		\$ 100.00	
Mattila Rug Workshop fee	\$ 1,775.00		
Study group supplies		\$ 49.44	
Yearbook postage		\$ 15.00	
<b>Total Deposit</b>	<b>\$2,465.00</b>		\$ 2,465.00
<b>Total Debit</b>		<b>\$ 164.44</b>	\$ 164.44
Working Balance	1/31/2019		<b>\$ 10,125.72</b>
Stewart Fund			
Description	Deposits	Debits	Current Total
Working Balance	12/31/2018		\$ 2,392.89
Interest			
Ending Bal	1/31/2019		<b>\$ 2,392.89</b>

<b>Treasure's Report - February</b>			
Description	Deposits	Debits	Current Total
Working Balance	1/31/2019		\$ 10,125.72
Mattila Rug class fee	\$ 285.00		
Beginning class fee	\$ 100.00		
Dues	\$ 40.00		
Donation	\$ 15.00		
<b>Total Deposit</b>	<b>\$ 440.00</b>		\$ 440.00
<b>Total Debit</b>		<b>\$ -</b>	\$ -
Working Balance	2/28/2019		<b>\$ 10,565.72</b>
Stewart Fund			
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Working Balance	1/31/2019		\$ 2,392.89
Interest			
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**GUILD LIBRARY**

The library is accessible on-line at: [www.cloud.collectorz.com/nwahwguild/books](http://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***

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| March  | 5, 6, 7 – <b>Beginning Weaving</b> – 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.<br><br>14 – <b>Two Color Brioche Knitting</b> – Prerequisite is One Color Brioche. This is a continuation of our explorations in brioche knitting with Kelli of McKnitney. 10-1. Cost \$30. Limit 6 students.   |
| April  | 9, 10, 11 – <b>Farmer’s Market Bag</b> – 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 – <b>Blazing Shuttles Retreat</b> – 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 - <b>Indigo and Woad Dyeing with Gina Levesque</b> – 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 – <b>Natural Dyes with Gina Levesque</b> – 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 – <b>18<sup>th</sup> Century Floor Coverings with Melissa Weaver Dunning</b> - 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 – <b>Ozark Coverlets</b> –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 – <b>Arkansas Yarn Crawl</b> - 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 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> 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 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> 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

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.

### **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](mailto:redscottie@cox.net)

Vicki Hardcastle-580-235-2279; [hardcastlefolkart@gmail.com](mailto: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)



## NWAHG MARCH 2019

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](mailto:mjohnson2@centurytel.net)

## Guild Calendar

<b>2019</b>		
February 9	Guild Meeting	Library Software Demystified
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
March 16	Demo: Shiloh Museum	Rescheduled Family Fun Day
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
November 7-9	Workshop	Jennifer Moore, Double Rainbow Workshop