



WEAVERS GUILD *of Greater Kansas City*

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GUILD NEWS

From the President

Carol Ann used up all her words this month on her trip to Costa Rica - you should ask her about it, it sounds like fascinating journey she went on.

April 10th Meeting

Rose Room- Loose Park Garden Center

10:00 AM – Regular Meeting

10:30 AM – Show & Tell / Treats

11:30 AM – Program

April Calendar

*April 9th, 7 PM - **Fiber Guild Meeting***

(Shawnee Indian Mission; Fairway KS)

*April 10th, 10 AM - **Weavers Guild Meeting***

(Rose Room, Loose Park Garden Center)

April Program

April's program is "Spinning Techniques from North Vietnam" presented by Brad Dickson. He will show a video he recorded in North Vietnam some years ago, showing the wife of a tribal elder spinning fiber on a device made locally. He will also display fabric items from that area.

In May we are going to visit Pauline Verbeek-Cowart at the KC Art Institute, and view the varied and interesting fiber art being produced by her and her talented students. We will meet at the normal time in the Rose Room and go to the Art Institute after a short

meeting where directions and details will be available.

April Treats

Simple finger food treats will be provided by Wendy Borders and Barbara Roth. Debbie and Abe Buddish and Lolly Buxton will provide treats at the May meeting.

Exciting Guild Workshops!

Dye Workshop- Betsy Blumenthal and Kathryn Kreider, authors of "Hands On Dyeing" are coming for a two day workshop on the weekend of May 24th and 25th at Loose Park. The workshop is entitled "Dye Tricks with Fiber Reactive Dyes" and will cover two- color dyeing and value gradations, over dyeing, dip dyeing and painting with dye, and simple resist techniques. It should be a sell out! It will be open to both guilds, price to be determined later but the guilds are sponsoring some of the costs so it will be reasonable. Reserve your place by emailing Wendy Borders, wendy054@yahoo.com

Ikat Workshop - Maddie Smith, who gave the ikat program in March, will be returning in June to give us a workshop in hands- on ikat after the monthly meeting. She will have us wrapping and dyeing our own warp/weft yarns, and will have a small loom available to weave ikat upon. Many useful tips will be taught and questions answered. Participants

bring a warp chain and a pair of C- clamps, plus a ball of weft yarn. Cost for the ikat workshop with Maddie Smith is \$10, and sign up by emailing Wendy Borders at wendy054@yahoo.com

KAWS

The Kansas City Weavers Guild won 1st place at KAWS 2008!!! Thank you to everyone who participated and you can pick up your pieces at the April meeting. Lolly says the themes for next years' KAWS and Midwest, "Fiber Legends: Heroes, Heroines, and Fairy Tales" and "In the Heartland", respectively.

Weaving tip of the month submitted by Carol Piepmeier

We thank Carol Piepmeier for her tip this month.

When weaving a rag rug weave with a wider beater, weave a rag rug width five to ten inches narrower than the shafts and beater on your loom; for example, when weaving a 36-inch wide rug your loom needs to be 46-inches wide. This will give you a better shed, a better beat, and a firmer rug.

I hope you are enjoying the tip of the month! However, they will only come if you send me your tips. B. Haeberle

New Guild Equipment

The embellishing/felting machine is available for rent from the guild for two weeks at a time. The guild is also considering purchasing a triangle loom and/or a continuous warp adjustable rectangle loom from Carol Leigh Studios. Peggy Bass is researching the cost and sizes available.

Guild Service Project

Members need to be thinking about what we want our guild service project to be this year.

It could be the same as last year, donating items to the elderly at KU Med, or someone could propose another idea.

Christmas Exchange Project 2008

The Christmas exchange this year is going to be "something rectangular." It must remain it's rectangular shape, folding or converting the rectangular into something else will not be allowed.

OTHER NEWS

Classes Continue with PJ at the Shawnee Indian Mission

Knitting and felting classes will be offered in April. Go to PJ's website and click on the "learn" button on the right side.

<http://cottagefiber.com/>

Art Festival, Downtown KC in the Power and Light District

Download the application:

http://www.artfestival.com/artists_schedule/10697.htm

Some quick facts:

June 28-29 10-5 both days

Show name: Downtown Kansas City Art Fair

Web site tells the deadline is March 17, the organizer says the show is open until 150 artists are accepted

Jury fee \$15, booth fee \$395

3 slides of your work, 1 slide of your booth

Individual booths only, no shared booths unless the artists are collaborating to create the art

Questions, or trouble linking to the application form call Howard Alan Events 1-954-472-3755

Pauline Verbeek-Cowart receives Kansas Master Fellowship

Pauline Verbeek-Cowart, associate professor in the KCAI fiber department, has received a 2008 Kansas Master Fellowship from the Kansas Arts Commission. She was recognized in the "fine craft" category. The fellowship carries a \$5,000 cash award. A reception honoring fellowship and award recipients will take place March 10 in Topeka.

The announcement from the commission said Verbeek-Cowart is "one of the leaders in the use of new technologies in hand weaving and has also conducted research using industrial looms in The Netherlands and the United States. Through structure, material, image and/or surface treatments, she demonstrates that weaving is unique in building an image."

Verbeek-Cowart, who lives in Bonner Springs, Kan., was one of five artists to receive a Kansas Master Fellowship.

Pi Art Gallery will feature fiber artist Mindy Goodman April 4 -26

Pi, 419 E. 18th St., Kansas City, MO 64108
(816) 210-6534

piart@sbcglobal.net

Native Threads

Wyandotte County Historical Society & Museum, Bonner Springs, KS

March 25 - April 30, 2008

St. Louis Art Museum

Missouri Made Quilts, 1850 - 1940

December 7, 2007 - June 1, 2008 Gallery 100

Quilts in the Material World

March 2, 2008 - May 26, 2008 Main Exhibition Gallery

Plains Indian Beadwork

November 17, 2006 - July 6, 2008 Gallery 120

Competitions:

CONNECTIONS: SMALL TAPESTRY

INTERNATIONAL 2009: Call for entries. Juried exhibit. Digital entry deadline November 30.

American Tapestry Alliance juried small tapestry exhibit (maximum size 100 sq. in. [625 sq. cm]). Artists are encouraged to push the idea of connections with concepts, techniques, other artists, the viewer, or other areas of artistic investigation. For prospectus, send SASE to ATA Connections, 1050 Gunnison Ave., Grand Junction, CO 81501. www.americantapestryalliance.com.

BLUE RIDGE HANDWEAVING SHOW: Call for entries, cash awards. Juried Exhibit. Deadline is August 18th. Biennial show encouraging both amateur and professional handloom weavers. For more info contact:

Ann Mullican

Blue Ridge Handweaving Show

PO Box 223

Flat Rock, NC 28731

<http://www.wncfhg.org/>

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For Sale Loom

Macomber Floor Model Weaver, B.5, Serial 3924 Ad-A-Harness, Leclerc Bench & Learn

To Weave Book. Loom Is About 30 Years Old. Price & delivery negotiable. Contact Jackie 785-243-2149, jackiekircher@yahoo.com (3/08)

For Sale Yarn

70+ cones of Silk City, Crystal Palace, Harrisonville, and misc. other yarns along with 700+ skeins of yarns from some of these same yarn companies, plus Reynolds, and others. I am asking \$12 per pound for the coned yarns, and am negotiable on the skeined yarns.

All are excellent quality. I also have three yarn trees that I want to part with once they are free of yarn and I have two ball winders that I will throw in with the yarn to the first \$100 purchase. Contact Janiece 913-894-2702 or 913-620-6192

Janiece.cline@gmail.com (3/08)

Wanted: AVL or Leclerc metal tipped shuttles

Wanted: AVL or Leclerc metal tipped shuttles for the Flying shuttle beater or Flying shuttle Boxes. In desperate need of a couple of AVL or Leclerc flying shuttles. I received a flying shuttle attachment from the kids for Christmas but did not get any of the metal tipped shuttles required to use it. Since I cannot afford new ones, I am hoping that someone will have one or two that they are willing to part with for a price that I can afford. If you have any you are willing to share, please contact I am in MN but will pay shipping. Gene 507-206-0278

shuttlecraft@charter.net (3/08)

For Sale Walking Wheel

I have a wonderful old walking wheel for sale and it works and has all of its' parts. It is a Shaker style wheel with wheel about 40" in diameter. Asking \$250 and I live in Overland Park. Come see or I can send photos.

Contact Linda Stoker lstoker@kc.rr.com (3/08)

For Sale - Afghan Selvidge

Afghan selvidge - assorted colors. \$1.00 per lb. Pendleton Worms - assorted colors. \$1.00 per lb. Both available locally in KC. Contact Bill Goodman 816-454-1195 or 816-830-4791, agoodman1944@sbcglobal.net (3/08)

Wanted – Used Reed

Interested in used 40-60" reed, 6-12 dent. Contact Carol Piepmeier 913-648-8346 or cpiep@kc.rr.com (2/08)

NEWSLETTER SUBMISSIONS

Articles and Announcements for the Newsletter are due the **20th of the month**.

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