



WEAVERS GUILD *of Greater Kansas City*

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GUILD NEWS

From the President

We have some wonderful opportunities coming up to display our guild's skill and creativity. The annual KAWS event will be held in Lawrence this April and the theme is interpreting a fairytale. Our guild's specific theme for the display is two-fold: We're combining two different stories that connect spiders with spinning and weaving, The Itsy Bitsy Spider and the myth of Arachne and Athena.

Everyone knows the rhyme about the itsy bitsy spider weaving its web. The Arachne myth also has to do with spiders and is less well known.

Arachne, who was not only a beautiful maiden but renowned for her talents as a weaver, was very arrogant about her skill and declared she had taught herself and owed no credit to Athena, the goddess of weaving. Thus she thought herself worthy to challenge Athena to a weaving contest. This they did, and Arachne won, causing the furious Athena to change her into a spider so that she should spin and weave forever. The myth claims that this was the beginning of the spider species, and why they are called arachnids. The projects for this will be due at the March meeting, so get those creative juices flowing! (This could be anything from some handspun yarn, to a gossamer looking shawl, to a felted spider--don't feel limited by just weaving and spinning.)

Our other opportunity comes in June for the Midwest Weavers Conference guild display. We are still working on the concept for our theme and need your ideas. So far we have decided on the general idea "plain weave from the plains" to be done in scarf form. Other

suggestions that expand on this include: seasons of the plains, using native grass colors as inspiration, and bringing color photos of the plains for inspiration. Bring your ideas for this to the next meeting.

Christy L. Berry

February 12th Meeting **Waldo Library 201 East 75th** **St. KC MO**

10:00 AM – Regular Meeting
10:30 AM – Show & Tell / Treats
11:30 AM – Program

February Calendar

*February 11th, 7 PM - **Fiber Guild Meeting***
(Shawnee Indian Mission; Fairway KS)
*February 12th, 10 AM - **Weavers Guild Meeting***
(Waldo Library, 201 East 75th St, KC MO)

February Program

On February 12, we are very fortunate to have our own Carol Piepmeier. She has agreed to tell us the details of how she makes her beautiful rag rugs, they are art! Take notes, and be prepared to be inspired.

March 12th brings us a requested program, one I call "Beauties and Beasties". In this program, members bring and share projects that did not turn out right, and also one that did. From seeing and discussing the mistakes and

successes of others, we learn a lot. If you don't have a particular sample, you can still join the discussion if you can be specific. I tend to give away the good ones and keep the bad ones!

April 9th is our annual visit to the Art Institute, where Pauline Verbeek-Cowart will arrange for one of her seniors to give us a program at the school. The topic has not been revealed to me yet.

Susan Hoisington has agreed to give us a program this year but she hasn't decided when or what. Stay tuned for further details of The Weavers Guild Monthly Programs. --Wendy Borders

February Treats

This month Leesa Duby and Carol Piepmeier will provide treats for the February meeting. Wendy Borders is signed up for March.

Hospitality

The hospitality position for 2009 is still open for one or more people. Several members are considering taking it on, but we still need volunteers to commit to providing hospitality. Perhaps a 'committee'?

Tip of the Month

Lyla Bradshaw provides us with this weaving tip: after weaving in the loose ends, poke them a couple of times with a needle felting needle.

Nametags

New and updated nametags will be available sometime early next year. If you have a nametag, make sure it is in the box. If you need a new one or are a new member, please notify Becky Stevens.

KAWS News

KAWS will be held in Lawrence April 3-5, 2009. Most of the events will be at the fairgrounds, including a dye party in which you will be able to dye any type of fiber at different stations. The guild display competition theme is interpreting a fairytale. Our members chose a theme for our display at the January meeting. It will be "The Itsy Bitsy Spider: Arachne's Mistake". We hope to have a wonderful selection of hand spun and/or handwoven items. Please bring your finished work to the February or March meetings along with an information card about you and your work. The conference is the first weekend of April in Lawrence, KS, so we will have to hurry on this one.

Everyone who paid their Guild dues in January will receive a conference packet. If you did not get one or need more information, please go to the KAWS website at:

www.kansasweavers.com If you have other questions about our display, please call Lolly at 913-492-9023

Mentoring Opportunities

I have a Harrisville loom. I believe it to be about 40 years old. I am looking for someone to come to my house to reassemble and prepare it for weaving. I am not a weaver but would like to learn. I inherited it in pieces and need help. I live in Prairie Village. Thank you for your help. Jean Liggett
jeaninelig@yahoo.com

I am a very new weaver and am interested in obtaining a loom but do not know enough to know what

to get. I only want to do rag rugs. I am not able to come to your meetings as I work during the day. Would you, or one of your members who does rag rugs, be willing to talk to me and let me "pick your brain"? My phone number is 816-392-9080. Thanks so much--Harriet Lard

OTHER NEWS

Truman Medical Center

Art for Hearts Sale! Two single day shows from 8am-4:30pm:

Tuesday, Feb 10th at Truman

Lakewood campus near Lee's

Summit. *Thursday*, Feb 12th at

Truman Hospital Hill campus near

Crown Center. Booths are

approx. 8' deep x 10' wide, you

can share a booth, just list your

companions on the application

form. No entry fee, 20% of sales

to Truman Medical Center

Employee Giving Campaign.

Customers pay each artist directly.

Artist collects and pays Missouri sales tax.

Sandy Cahill

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Rug Hooking Class in Fairway

Start Date: February 12th

(Thursday's only) 4 sessions:

2/12; 2/19; 2/26; 3/5

Time: 6-8pm, Location: 4210

Shawnee Mission Parkway, Suite

100 (Located in the Fairway Office

Park next to Stroud's Restaurant)

Registration Deadline: 1 week prior

to class. Teaching Fee: \$39 res/\$45 non-res. Participants may bring their current projects or purchase a "Beginners Kit" for an additional \$40. To view available patterns in beginners kits:

www.heartandharerugs.com. Any

of the 12" x 12" patterns can be

made into beginner kits. To

register for this program, print the

registration form & mail, drop off

or fax, along with payment, to:

Fairway Parks & Recreation

4210 Shawnee Mission Parkway,

Suite 100 Fairway, KS 66205. For

any questions, contact Nathan

Nogelmeier, Parks & Recreation

Director, 913-262-0350 Ext. 3

nnogelmeier@fairwaykansas.org

or Anne Hoffman,

anne@heartandharerugs.com

816-536-4705

Jeff City Spring Retreat

"Focus on Weaving" is the title of the Spring Retreat at

Lincoln University in Jefferson City.

It will be March 13, 14, 15 2009, and

is coordinated by Leslie Carroll-

Bartlett and Helen Schwartz. The

keynote speaker will be Thomas E.

Knisely, a weaver of historical rugs

and textiles, from Dover PA.

Registration and conference

information is available on their

website at

[http://extension.missouri.edu/fiber/](http://extension.missouri.edu/fiber/2009)

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MOPACA Invitational Alpaca Show

The Midwest Alpaca Owners and

Breeders Association are now

hosting our yearly "Invitational

Alpaca Show" in Kansas City, MO.

The venue is the American Royal-

Hale Arena on March 28-29th.

There will be a level II fleece show,

fiber art competition, handspun or mill spun skein competition and spinning and weaving demos throughout the weekend. We are looking for demonstrators for our fiber ring. If you can spare a few hours during show time to demo your craft, we'd love to have you. You will have the opportunity to pass out business cards, sell out of a basket and network with potential customers from across the nation. Vendor space is also available. For information on becoming a vendor click here!

[MOPACA Vendor Registration](http://www.mopaca.org/showinfo.s.html)

Registration ends March 6, 2009. More information is available on the following websites:
<http://www.mopaca.org/showinfo.s.html>
For a list of rules and categories, go to the [Fiber Art & Skein Registration & Rules](#). For additional information contact Ann Mayes, Fiber Art Coordinator at: 573-386-3462 or email: annmayes@ktis.net.

Albrecht-Kemper Museum of Art

Dobree Adams & Jonathan Greene present a collaborative exhibition "Segues: Works in Wool/Works on Paper" Jan. 17-Apr.11. The museum is located at 2818 Frederick Ave. St. Joseph, MO. For more info: www.albrecht-kemper.org

CLASSIFIED ADS

**Ads policy- Ads will run for 3 months then will be removed as space is needed. Ads may be re-submitted. If the item is sold, it's the responsibility of the SELLER to inform the Editor for removal. All*

Cool textile websites from the SDA newsletter:

http://www.quiltart.com/challenges/flower_power/index.html
29 artists interpret flowers in quilts. Very creative.

<http://www.fabrications-hackney.blogspot.com/2008/08/wool-n-dance.html>
Artists dance in wet wool to make felt. For happy feet only.

<http://www.tsgny.org/GALLERY.html>
Cutting edge textile work.

<http://www.weaversstudio.com/>
Very cool website promoting the rich heritage of Indian textiles.

http://www.colour-experience.org/teknicolour/teknicol_home.htm

Wow!!! Amazing site on color and dyes. A virtual online color museum. Bookmark this one!

ads will be placed on the Guild web site. The seller's e-mail and phone numbers will be listed online. More ads are listed on website.

For Sale: Floor Loom

I have a 4 harness, 40 inch floor loom I would like to sell. Also with it will be a spare reed, a warping board and shuttle. Loom is in good condition--has been setting for a while unused because of lack of space. It is located in Lawrence Kansas. You can contact me at rabyers@sunflower.com . (1/09)

For Sale: Floor Loom

60" LeClerc Fanny loom for sale counterbalance, 4 harnesses, 6 treadles, folds front to back so it is easy to get in and out of normal doors. \$600, you pick in Emporia. I'm moving to Texas very soon and would like to see this go to a good home. Thanks,
Laurie Robbins
weaver@osprey.net (1/09)

For Sale: Floor Loom

72" Walnut J-Made ,12 Harnesses, 2 Back beams, 22 Treadles, Fly shuttle, Treadle locks, 8 dent reed, Bench, Beautiful Loom in Good Condition. Pictures available. \$5,000 Joplin, Missouri. Margaret Wheeler
mahota@cableone.net (1/09)

For Sale: Floor Loom

44" Bangert Walnut Loom, Finnish Style Loom, Handmade by, Thomas Bangert, 8 Harness Counter-Marche, 10 Treadle, 2 Reeds 8 and 12, Bench, Working Loom for 30 Years \$2,500, Joplin, Missouri. Pictures available. Contact Margaret Wheeler,
mahota@cableone.net (1/09)

For Sale: Floor Loom

40" 8-harness Fireside Jack Loom: Oak wood, 10 treadles, 1 reed, 750 inserted eye heddles, cloth tensioning system uses ratchet/pawl, friction brake. Bench and accessories. Visit www.firesidelooms.com for general loom info. Price \$3,000 USD (compare to new at \$5,755) Contact Michelle Lesniak 724.283.0575 michelle@firesidelooms.com (9/08)

For Sale: Floor Loom

Union rug loom, floor model. In good working condition, have a couple of extra shuttles that go with it. Asking \$500. Contact Sandra Parrill (417) 659-9469
sandraparrill@sbcglobal.net (9/08)

NEWSLETTER SUBMISSIONS

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

Send them to the Newsletter Editor:

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