



WEAVERS GUILD *of Greater Kansas City*

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MAY 2009 GUILD NEWS

From the President

"Spring finally seems to be here, so it might feel strange to start thinking about next winter. But we like to have plenty of time to plan projects, and at the April meeting two important yearly commitments were decided. First, it was proposed that the guild's community service project be the donation of items to Restart, a homeless shelter in downtown Kansas City. Specifically winter hats, scarves, etc. and used clothing items will be donated prior to the holiday season.

We also voted on the annual holiday gift exchange theme. The rectangle idea was so enjoyed that we're doing it again this year, however it is an "unrestricted" rectangle--so be creative! Anything to do with a rectangle is acceptable."

Christy L. Berry

May 14th Meeting

Waldo Library 201 East 75th St, KC MO

10:00 AM – Regular Meeting

10:30 AM – Show & Tell / Treats

11:30 AM – Program

May Calendar

*May 13th, 7 PM - **Fiber Guild Meeting***

(Shawnee Indian Mission; Fairway KS)

*May 14th, 10 AM - **Weavers Guild Meeting***

(Waldo Library, 201 East 75th St, KC MO)

Important location change!

Please note: the **June and July meetings** will be held at Waldo Library on the second **Friday**. That would be Friday June 12th and Friday July 10th. This is because of summer programs already scheduled at the library on Thursdays.

May Program

For May, Lyla Bradshaw will instruct and demonstrate continuous strand weaving on both triangular and rectangular looms. We will have a chance to try it ourselves. Our June and July programs will still proceed even though we meet on *Fridays* for those two months. For June, Susan Hoisington will share her warping tips and in July, David Brackett, from KU, will give a wonderful program on his work in jacquard weaving. He will bring samples of his weaving which will be very interesting. Plan to attend!

May Treats

Lyla Bradshaw and Janie Meador will provide treats.

In Memorium

Long-time guild member Ada Townsend passed away unexpectedly on April 1st. A memorial service will be held on Saturday,

May 2, at 3:00pm at the Shawnee Mission Unitarian Universalist Church at 7725 West 87th Street in Overland Park. There will be an opportunity for friends and family to share their memories of Ada at the service. The obituary is available online at <http://www.ymlfuneralhome.com/YMLObituaryDetail.Asp?ONumber=1035&From=Upcoming>.

Tip of the Month

Ironing Board Topper. To make a "topper" cut 2 feet off the end of a 4'x8' sheet of 1/2" plywood. Take a wool blanket, fold and layer the blanket to fit the top of your 2'x4' board using at least three thicknesses. Next, get a piece of duck or heavy cloth big enough to cover the top and go under the edges of your board. Turn board over and staple all the way around being sure you pull it very tight.

You now have a great padded 2'x4' legless ironing board. Place it on top of your ironing board. No more just being able to iron on that small space. You can also block on it, pin on it, cut on it, you can do many things on it. It is a bit heavy but I carry it all over the place. When sewing, I place it beside my sewing machine on my loom bench and iron right next to the sewing machine not having to get up. When not in use, I place it in back of my work room door out of the way. One word of caution after many years your ironing board will tend to want to "give out".

But, that's a small concession to having all this new ironing space. Hope you enjoy!
Betty H.

KAWS News

Lolly Buxton reported on the success of KAWS this year. Next year KAWS will be held in Emporia, Kansas from April 30-May 2.

Midwest Weaver's Conference

Mark your calendars now! This year the Conference will be held @ Grinnell College in Grinnell Iowa from June 25-27th, hosted by the Iowa Federation of Handweavers and Spinners. Check out all of the exciting Workshops, Seminars & registration info. at <http://www.heartland2009.org>.

Our Guild has chosen to create scarves in **plain weave** inspired by the colors of the Prairie. The divisions on the display will be Spring (green), Summer (yellow), Fall (brown) and Winter (white). Pieces should be turned in by the May guild meeting to Lolly Buxton or Lyla Bradshaw. Lyla would appreciate anyone who has green, yellow, white, or brown paint (to paint the display board for Midwest Weavers Conference) to bring it to the next meeting.

Guild Dye Party

August 21, 2009, 10:00am - 3:00pm

Loose Park - Rose Room, *Cost: \$15.00 pay by August 1, 2009 (sign-up deadline)*

Limit: 22 participants. Check your calendars you won't want to miss this fun filled day!

Sign-up at the May meeting.

OTHER NEWS

Fiber Festival

Shawnee Indian Mission is having a Fiber Festival from 10 a.m. – 4:30 p.m. Saturday, May 16, on the mission grounds, 3403 West 53rd, Fairway KS. The event is a weekend of fiber related activities. Members of the Osage Spinners Guild, the Fiber Guild of Greater Kansas City, area lace makers, and mission volunteers will demonstrate carding, spinning, dying wool with natural materials,

weaving, felting, quilting, and lace making. Sheep shearing demonstrations will be held on the hour. Fleeces, yarn, and other hand made items will be available to buy or trade. Anyone interested in participating is welcome. Contact Information, 913-262-0867 shawneemission@kshs.org

Bead Blast 2009

Retail bead show May 2nd & 3rd at KC Market Center Atrium, 6800 West 115th St. Overland Park, KS. (behind Jo Ann's on Metcalf). 10am - 6pm on Sat. and 10am - 5pm on Sun. \$5.00 at the door. For classes and other info. go to: www.kcbeadsociety.org

Bead Leno

An article on bead leno can be found in the September/October 2006 of *Handwoven* pgs. 48-51. There is also an article on doup leno in the November/December 2006 of *Handwoven* pgs. 48-51.

Mentoring Opportunities

My name is Wendy Kendrick and I am looking to see if there are any members of the guild who might be able to help me. I am a keen gardener and have several shrubs in the garden which need support. I would like to have some woven structures and thought maybe someone might be able to help me. I live in Leawood, KS. So if someone lived not too far away they could come and see what needs to be done. Hope you can help.

(Wendy is willing to pay for someone to come and make some woven art in her garden. She tried to get help from us last year and had no takers). Wendy Kendrick, wendykendrick@gmail.com.

I joined the guild and was only able to attend a couple meetings. I am new to the world of weaving and spinning, and would love to learn more about it. I have a floor loom and have made one project. It was a great experience. I noticed the mentoring opportunities on your home page and am interested to know if there is anyone who would be willing to teach me more about weaving or spinning.

Thank you, Margie Shay 816-547-8270
margie@shaysonline.com

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

Demonstration Opportunities

Hello, I represent Kansas City Community Gardens (www.kccg.org). We have a fall festival each year and have had a spinner/weaver attend each year. This year our spinner can't come and we are looking

for someone else to help us out. The Fall Family Festival is Sept 19 from 10 am to 3:30 pm. We are looking for someone who could bring a spinning wheel and maybe a table loom. This is an educational part of our festival that is very popular. Children look for it each year. We provide lunch and a reasonable mileage reimbursement if someone came from a distance. I would appreciate any help you could give me.

Thank you, Mary Roduner
Children's Gardening Coordinator
Kansas City Community Gardens
816-931-3877, mroduner@sbcglobal.net
www.kccg.org

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For Sale: Floor Loom

Louett David 28" 8-Harness Floor Loom with optional hand brake, like new, \$1200, firm.

Ashford Country Spinner \$400, firm.
Leclerc Nilus, 60", 8-Harness, extra heddles, like new, \$2400, firm. My contact info:

Liz McCue, 573-823-2533,
emccue@skw-inc.com (05/09)

For Sale: Floor Loom

Sabina 4 harness, 6 treadle floor loom (folding). Includes bench, shuttles, thread rack & other accessories. \$800 (negotiable)

Contact Nicki Harders, 620-617-7983. Will meet halfway to deliver. (4/09)

For Sale: Floor Loom

I have a loom for sale and was hoping it could be listed in your classifieds. It is a Nilus Leclerc loom with 6 treadles and 4 harnesses. The weaving width is approx 22" and it stands about 45" tall. Asking \$600 or best offer.

Please send replies to carlapreuss@yahoo.com or call 913-579-9531. I can help with hauling if needed. Please let me know what other info you need! Thanks so much. Carla Preuss, UMKC Dental School Graphic Services, Room 260. 816-235-2034 (4/09)

For Sale: Floor Loom

Four harness counterbalance string heddle floor Loom for sale. 32 inch reed, extra reeds and shuttles. Warping board. Very old, antique? Maple. Photo available. Don't see a brand name. \$300 Baldwin area.

Robin Goff, 785-255-4583
www.LightCenter.info, info@LightCenter.info
(4/09)

NEWSLETTER SUBMISSIONS

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

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