



NEWSLETTER: November 14, 2024

2024 Officers:

Lynette Beebe and Cynthia Smith: Co-Presidents

Sylvia Crawford: 1st VP, Programs

Trudie Byers: 2nd VP, Newsletter

Erin Taylor: 3rd VP, Workshops

Pam Jenkins: Secretary

Kate Webb: Treasurer

Barrie Mason: Scholarship Chairperson

President's Report:.

Dear Members,

Happy November!

KAWS for 2024 was a lovely intimate event and is sadly over for this year. Members who attended seemed to enjoy the classes, shopping, and communion. Christine Long-Derks' talk on Sustainability in Fiber Arts was very inspiring. She ended her talk by reminding us that we need to take care of ourselves so that we can continue our hobbies as we age. We practiced some simple exercises to help keep our hands, necks, and arms healthy. The president of KAWS announced that the KAWS board will be sending out a survey to each member to gather input on

ways to draw more people to our events. Participation in the conferences have been down lately due to many Guilds dissolving and current Guild members not attending planned events. The survey will come to your email address that is listed in our directory or on your Guild registration. Lastly, thank you to Fiber Guild members for facilitating this year's wonderful event.

A note to Creative Hand participants, it's countdown time. For the rest of us, start saving your money so you are prepared to shop. Creative Hand would love volunteers to help during a shift. Volunteering gives you a closeup view to see if you would ever like to participate in a future event. Contact any Creative Hand Committee Member for more information.

The Guild has to thank Leesa Duby and Sylvia Crawford for volunteering to be on our November voting slate for Co-presidents. This is the second time Leesa has volunteered for the presidential position. She also served for the 2011-2012 term. Sylvia is leaving the 1st Vice President of Programs position to Co-president with Leesa. We are looking for one person or a group of people to volunteer for the 1st Vice President of Programs for 2025-2026. Thank you Kirsten Kakolewski for volunteering for the Treasurer position.

We will hopefully see you November 14 for our Guild meeting. I have met our program speaker Liz Bonny who is presenting information on the Kaw Point Fibershed. This organization has a strong presence on social media and a lot of members so be sure to attend and see what it is all about.

Programs:

December: Our holiday exchange theme is “wearables.” Traditionally, this is a pot-luck lunch, with everyone bringing something to share.

To suggest a program, contact Sylvia Crawford at crawfordsylvia56@gmail.com.

Membership:

It is time to renew your membership for the 2025 year. Membership qualifies you to participate in all guild programs, including Creative Hand.

Single membership is \$25.00
Family membership is \$30.00

Please update your membership using the following links:

ke_purchase@mailas.com
816-805-6619

or by regular mail:

Kirsten Kakolewski
4912 N 126th Street
Kansas City, KS 66109

or the website option:

<https://www.kcweaversguild.org/membership>

70th Anniversary Update :

Time is running out to view our exhibit of fiber art at the Central Library in Kansas City. The show closes at the end of the day on Nov. 16.

Nomination Committee:

The nomination committee is seeking members to serve several board positions for 2025 and

2026. Joining the board is a great opportunity to become more involved with the Guild--especially if you are a new member. Please consider volunteering for any of the open positions below.

First Vice President, Programs

Is the lead person of a committee that arranges speakers or activities as part of each monthly meeting. For example, you can arrange for someone to speak on a fiber-related topic or create an activity for members in attendance. This position becomes a board member which provides an opportunity to present your opinions and ideas on Guild issues. Plus, submitting an article to the newsletter about the next program.

Guild Librarian

The Guild librarian is the custodian of all books, magazines, and related materials belonging to the Guild. The librarian makes materials available to members in good standing and is responsible for an updated inventory. The librarian may purchase materials for the library and appoint assistants as needed with the approval of the Executive Board. The space requirements are as follows: two black bookcases that measure 6' x 30", and one black bookcase that measures 40" x 29" including approximately 350 books, videos, and magazines.

Additional information about this and other topics can be found in the Guild bylaws located here:

https://www.kcweaversguild.org/_files/ugd/4ff438_452ed6fe8ee549278b260c8a840ed1a5.pdf



I recently wove a blanket for my brother-in-law who was struggling with cancer, and even at 63, he embraced this token of my concern for him, so I can imagine how much the present of a stranger's time would mean. Plus, the holiday season is a great time to think about giving to someone else. Please notify Lynette if you have created any blankets for this group during 2024 so we can keep track.

<https://www.projectlinus.org>

Creative Hand:

November 22nd and 23rd

Call for Volunteers

Creative Hand is almost here and we are looking for volunteers to help make this year's show and sale a huge success! If you are interested in volunteering, please reach out to either Karen Ecton at karen.ecton@gmail.com or Kara Barlett at tbarlett@embarqmail.com and we will be more than happy to discuss it with you. AND, your reward for volunteering is access to early shopping on Friday afternoon before the show opens to the public! Thank you in advance for considering!

We also invite individuals who would consider demonstrating their craft, Weavers, crocheters, and knitters this is for you.

We look forward to hearing from you!

TSA's 2024 Symposium,

"Shifts and Strands: Rethinking the Possibilities and Potentials of Textiles," explores the dynamic transformations in textiles, encompassing historical, cultural, creative, scholarly, political, and scientific practices. The open theme

encourages reflection on the past and envisioning equitable, sustainable futures. The 2024 Symposium builds on TSA's previous events, creating spaces to challenge dominant discourses, celebrate diverse textile cultures, and promote anti-racism, equity, and accessibility. It aims to highlight member work and foster community connections, aligning with TSA's mission to nurture a global, inclusive, and accessible textile community.

This virtual Symposium will be held November 12-17, 2024. It will be hosted through Whova, an online platform and app. Programming will be scheduled across global time zones.

Attendees will also have 90-day access to all programming, allowing for greater flexibility in attendance for all. You can read the preliminary program here:

<https://textilesocietyofamerica.org/2024-symposium-preliminary-program>

