



WNCFHG NEWSLETTER

Western North Carolina Fibers/Handweavers Guild, Inc.

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President's Message

Learning to weave cloth on a hand-loom warms your body, satisfies your soul, engages your mind and unleashes your creativity" (quote from Karen Donde)

The above quote, I think, sums up how we all feel about our passion with hand weaving. As we start another year together there will be times that the yarn breaks, mistakes are made, patterns misinterpreted, and our patience wears thin. It is easy to get lost in our troubles and forget our joys. So, here's to keeping the big picture in mind, enjoying our successes and laughing at our irritations. Easier said than done, but remember we are a rare group of people and we do this because we like it. Here's to a year of accomplishment, laughter and sharing.

--Marjorie

Notice: Unlike past years, everyone's membership renewal must be accompanied by the form at the back of this newsletter.

Thank You

She who is false to the present duty breaks a thread in the loom, and you will see the effect when the weaving of a life-time is unraveled.

[William Ellery Channing](#)

Winter Project.....

Don't forget February 14 is the deadline for your winter project—big bags, medium size bags, small bags. As an added incentive to hurry you along, Kathrin Weber has agreed to present awards for our projects at the February Guild meeting, with a prize going to the best in three categories - large bags, handbags and novelty bags. Don't lose out!!



February Guild Program: Controlling Creative Chaos

Kathrin Weber has been dyeing and weaving since the late 70's. She has mastered the flow of colors, combining primary dye colors to make a full color palette for the brilliant yarn she dyes and luscious textiles she weaves. Her clothesline in Clyde is regularly draped with long and colorful yarns drying in the sun, and she sells hand-dyed cotton warps through her Warp of the Month Club on [Facebook](#). Kathrin is a member of the [Southern Highland Craft Guild](#), [Piedmont Craftsmen](#) and [Carolina Designer Craftsmen](#) and teaches weaving at the [John C. Campbell Folk School](#), Penland School of Crafts, Arrowmont School of Art and Craft and through the Fiber Guilds across the country.

2015 GUILD CALENDAR

- February 14** Winter projects – bags and Kathrin Weber – **Controlling Creative Chaos**
- March 14** Amy Putansu - **Textile Exhibits in China, World Shibori Symposium**
- April 11** Liz Spear- **Sewing Your Handwoven - Beyond the Bog Jacket**
- May 9** Robyn Spady – **Weaving TnT: Dynamite Tips 'n Techniques for Every Weaver**
- June 13** Susan Leveille – **A Personal History of Fiberarts in WNC**
- July 11** Neal Howard – **The Magic of Silk**
- August 8** Cara May – **Wabi-Sabi Knitting**
- September 12** Retreat: **Surface Design Sampler** including shibori, monoprints on silk, stamping, & ice dyeing
- October 10** Judi Jetson & friends – **Making a Good Local Yarn**
- November 14** Potluck



April 16 – 19, 2015 Arrowmont School of Arts and Crafts Gatlinburg, TN

If fiber arts are your thing, Arrowmont in April 2015 is where you need to be. Choose from thirteen weaving, spinning, dyeing, knitting, felting, design, surface design, and e-textile workshops taught by renowned instructors. Then spend 2-1/2 days studying your chosen topic, enjoying the beautiful facilities at Arrowmont. Add in great meals, vendors, two exhibits, an informal fashion show, a keynote speech with Kay Faulkner and evening extras and what are you waiting for? Register today for Fiber Forum 2015 and study, connect, relax. See you there!

Cost: Conference registration is \$205 plus \$140 for the meal plan for a total of \$345. Additional costs include a \$5 lifetime membership fee (for non-Southeast Fiber Forum members) and a \$30 late registration fee for post-December 31, 2014 registrations.

Workshops



WARP IT! PAINT IT! WEAVE IT!

Instructor: Kathie Roig
2-day workshop, July 30-31, 2015

Cost:
\$50 per person, payable WNCFHG
\$25 per person, payable instructor

This workshop returns to WNCFHG by popular demand. In **WARP IT! PAINT IT! WEAVE IT!** You'll explore different methods using fabric paints on your warp (and, perhaps, weft). This spontaneous method of applying color to yarn can be used in either functional or non-functional pieces. Images from nature will provide inspiration. You'll be encouraged to experiment with color, texture, and weave structure.

Experience level: You need to know how to dress your loom.

Time/Location: 9 am – 4 pm at The Folk Art Center, Asheville, NC

Max # of students: 15

Kathie Roig has been a weaver since 1980, when her husband gave her a table loom as a wedding present. She now weaves professionally on a Swedish draw loom, creating unique wall pieces that have been exhibited nation-wide, as well as functional items such as kitchen towels, hot mats, and baby bibs. Kathie currently maintains a weaving studio in her Asheville, NC home. She is a member of the Southern Highlands Craft Guild. Prior to the workshop Kathie will provide each participant with a warp and instructions for dressing the loom prior to the start of the workshop. She will also provide the paints. The \$25 fee payable to Kathie covers the cost of materials.

APPLICATION: WARP IT! PAINT IT! WEAVE IT!

To participate in this workshop please complete this form, sign, date and mail it **with your check for \$50.00 made payable to WNCFHG** to:

Lynda Feldman
208 Woodland Ct.
Black Mountain, NC 28711

Name _____ Phone _____

Email (please print) _____

Confirmation of enrollment will be sent via email. I understand that if I cannot come to the workshop, I will lose the fee paid unless I find another member to take my place.

Signed _____ Date _____, 2015

WESTERN NORTH CAROLINA/FIBERS HANDWEAVERS GUILD, INC.



Unlocking the Mystery of Lace Weaves

Instructor: Robyn Spady
3-day workshop, May 6-8, 2-15
The Folk Art Center

Cost:
\$110 per person, payable to WNCFHG
\$15 per person, Payable to instructor

This workshop will provide an in-depth introduction to loom-controlled lace weaves. Participants will weave only on their own pre-warped looms as they learn the distinctions between Atwater-Bronson, huck, and Swedish lace. The readings provided in advance, with both 4-shaft and 8-shaft options. Maximum of 20 students.

Robyn Spady earned the Handweavers Guild of America's Certificate of Excellence in weaving in 2004. She is an acclaimed teacher, blogger and author familiar to readers of Handwoven magazine and Shuttle, Spindle, and Dyepot. She writes that "for many of us, weaving is a type of circle of life. The loom my great-grandmother used to weave my baby blanket on over 45 years ago is in use on a daily basis, helping me transfer my inspirations into new fabrics and inspiring new generations of weavers." (www.spadystudios.com)

Prior to the workshop Robyn will send draft/sett options for students to follow in order to pre-warp their looms so they are ready for class. Those options are designed to help participants employ materials they already use. The \$15 fee payable to Robyn covers the cost of a workshop notebook.

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Message from Teena Tuenge....

BRFS 2014 just recently closed after a wonderful run. We had much acclaim from viewers and personnel at the Arboretum. Preparation for Blue Ridge Fiber Show for 2016 needs to begin.

Help Needed. We still need a new coordinator for 2016. I can commit to being a constant helper to the coordinator, but not to the primary responsibilities for putting on the show. If you have an interest in publicizing fiber work and educating the public about what we all do, then consider being a part of the planning. There are many things that make the coordinator's job easier. Many of the Guild members are wonderful at volunteering to help, some without being asked. Tried and true, written procedures are in place to help anyone taking on any of the tasks. You won't have to re-invent the wheel. Also, we have a good amount of dollars left in the bank account that can minimize further fund raising needs for the coming show. We would very much like to retain the Arboretum as the venue for the show. It is a lovely space, the administrators love to have us and the general public really likes it. We have had buyers for the work there.

Pot Luck Meeting. I would like to schedule a potluck lunch on Monday, February 23rd from 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. or so at my house. I'll make the soups and you bring salad fixings or dressing. I would like anyone who has had major responsibilities for the last show to come. Be ready with suggestions for improvement. Also invited is anyone who has an interest in the show and ideas for improvement and/or wants to be involved in some capacity in the next show.

It would be best to carpool to my house, if possible, since parking is limited. Some of you could meet and park in the closed bank branch lot, which is on the northeast corner of 151 and Smokey Park and then carpool the half mile to the house. 30 Cardinal Lane, Candler.

Please email me at teena.tuenge@gmail.com if you plan on attending; or, you can call me at 828-667-8102. If you are not able to attend, but still have suggestions, please let me know those ideas. The agenda for the meeting will be:

- Recap of the 2014 show info.
- Suggestions for improvement
- Suggestions for 2016 Coordinator

Share & Care...

Sheila Law—

Get Well Cards were sent to:

- Barbara Bigham
- Ruth Howe
- Mikkell Hansen
- Walt Turpening

Sympathy Card sent to:

- Barbara Bigham whose husband, Carl, passed away in January.

If you know of anyone who would like a card please email me: sheilawc@charter.net

Membership...

Jane Champion—

Renewal forms and new member applications will be available at our February meeting. Please bring a check to the meeting to renew your guild membership for 2015.

This year we are asking all members to complete a renewal form with updated information. We must have all renewals submitted on, or before, the meeting in February. Our guild has created a cloud-based database and we want to be sure that all our membership data is correct before it is launched.

Western North Carolina Fiber/Handweavers Guild Meeting Minutes November 8, 2014

Meeting was called to order at 10:00 by Marjorie Warren, President, at the Johnson Farm, Hendersonville, NC.
Announcements:

100% of the Napkin Exchange participants completed and delivered their napkins. Napkins were to be disbursed at the end of the meeting.

Four guests were acknowledged and welcomed.

Jane Champion thanked Marjorie Krueger for her help in getting a membership database organized. The database will be cloud based for easy access by committees.

Catherine Alter thanked Joan Berner for her newsletter assistance while Catherine was recuperating.

The minutes of the October meeting were approved with Teena Tuenge making the motion and Susan Boykin seconding.

The Treasurer report was approved as presented in the newsletter. Motion to approve was made by Catherine Alter.

The slate of officers for the upcoming year was presented by Ursula Powers on behalf of the nominating committee and was approved unanimously:

President: Marjorie Warren
Vice President: Judi Jetson
Secretary: Pat Brown
Treasurer: Susan Boykin
Member at Large: Patty Caruso

Judi Jetson announced:

Marjorie Warren will be the speaker at the Textile Study Group Wednesday November 15th.

The 3rd Annual Shepherds Forum will be held Monday, December 8th at the Mountain Horticultural Center. Interested parties should see Judi for additional information.

Robyn Spady will be presenting a workshop May 9-10th on Designing and Weaving Lace

Kathy Roig will do a warping painting workshop, date still to be determined

Ruth Howe introduced Michael Absher of ONLY HOPE, a Hendersonville based non-profit group fighting against youth homelessness. ONLY HOPE is in need of support and donations. Heritage Weavers and Fiber is making a donation and encourages others to do so also.

Teena Tuenge reported on the Blue Ridge Fiber Show.

Marjorie Warren, President, presented certificates of appreciation to: Teena Tuenge for her work on the Blue Ridge Fiber Show, Gail Griffin for her work on the WNC Mountain State Fair and to Ellen Turpening for her work with SAFF and for her work on our Fall Retreat.

Guild historian, Ursula Powers, stated that folders for this year to date are completed and available for viewing.

Marjorie thanked Teri Beth Dannell for being the hospitality chairman for this year. Volunteers are need for this position for next year. Please contact Marjorie if you are willing to help.

Judi Jetson announced our "winter project" theme for this year: "What's Your Bag?". Marjorie provided samples and encouraged us to be creative and use any technique.

Treasurer's Reports



Guild Checking Account

Balance September 30, 2014	\$13,896.64
<u>October Income:</u>	
Credit	39.95
Total	13,936.59
<u>October Expense:</u>	
Workshop	1,916.19
Postage	19.60
Program	150.00
Total Expense:	2085.79
Balance:	11,850.80
<u>November Income:</u>	
2015 Dues	695.00
<u>November Expenses:</u>	
Workshop	24.40
HCC Scholarship	500.00
Mt State Fair Award	25.00
Hospitality	47.05
Bank Fee	6.00
Library	76.23
Certificate Frames	9.60
History	108.82
Total Expense:	797.10
Balance:	11,748.70
<u>December Income:</u>	
2015 Dues	250.00
<u>December Expenses:</u>	
Office Supplies	18.18
Ending Balance December 31, 2014	\$11,980.52

Blue Ridge Fiber Show Account

Balance October 1, 2014	\$9,302.00
<u>Income 10/1/2014 – 12/31/2014:</u>	
Fundraising	68.00
Total	9,370.00
<u>Expenses 10/1/2014 – 12/31/2014:</u>	
Printing	463.93
BR Judge	500.00
Supplies	22.64
Awards	2600.00
Total	3586.57
Ending Balance Dec. 31, 2014	\$5,883.43

Community Bulletin Board

Heritage Weavers and Fiber Artists (HWFA), a study group of our Guild, meets weekly on Tuesdays for lunch and offers interest groups in knitting, spinning, rigid heddle and inkle loom weaving and dozens of classes - many taught by members of our Guild - in the renovated boarding house at Historic Johnson Farm <<http://www.hendersoncountypublicschoolsnc.org/johnson-farm/>> in Hendersonville. For details of what's coming up, visit their website at <http://www.hwfawnc.com/Calendar.html>

Shepherds Spinners and Wannabees (SSW) is a spinning group of our Guild that meets on the 1st Sunday of each month at members' homes and farms. The next meeting is on March 1st at the Lake Logan Episcopal Center in Canton as part of a multi-day retreat. All are welcome to attend the spinning group, but the retreat is full. If you're interested in joining this group, sign up at https://groups.yahoo.com/neo/groups/ssw_spinninggroup/

Textile Study Group is a study group of Local Cloth that meets on the 3rd Wednesday of each month from 5:30 - 6:30 pm at HandMade in America (125 S. Lexington Ave, Asheville). The talks are free and open to the public and feature various cultural and historical aspects of textiles and fiber art. The February 18th meeting features Kathie Roig on Damask, Drawboys, and the Digital Age: A Brief History of the Drawloom and the March 18th meeting will be Bernie Rowell on Batik Toys to Painted Quilts: A 30 Year Textile Journey. If you'd like to be on the mailing list for this group, sign up here <http://us3.campaign-archive1.com/?u=2fee1ae382d9f5c0a7150ff89&id=0e379cd88f&e=d8245b9e32>

SAFF (Southeast Animal Fiber Fair) is held at the WNC Agriculture Center on the last weekend of October each year, and our Guild members participate by entering the Weaving & Spinning exhibits and by demonstrating at the main building.



**Proposed 2015 Budget
To be voted on at February Meeting**

2014 Budget and Actuals

Income	
2015 Dues	\$2,500.00
2015 Workshops	\$2,950.00
Advertisement	\$75.00
Reserves	\$1,170.00
	\$6,695.00
Expenses	
2015 Workshop Expense	\$2,600.00
Advertising	\$50.00
Dues and Subscriptions	\$200.00
Equipment Rental	\$100.00
Guild Retreat	\$250.00
HCC Scholarship	\$500.00
Heritage Weavers	\$100.00
History	\$100.00
Insurance	\$270.00
Library	\$100.00
Mountain State Fair Awards	\$100.00
Office Supplies	\$75.00
PO Box Rent	\$80.00
Postage	\$60.00
Program	\$1,000.00
Refreshments	\$60.00
Rent	\$800.00
Website	\$250.00
Total Expenses	\$6,695.00

2014 Budget	Actual	
Income		
2014 Dues	\$2,600.00	\$2,498.50
2014 Workshops	\$3,500.00	\$2,650.00
Advertisement	\$75.00	\$16.00
Education Fund	\$1,061.00	\$1,203.63
Total Income	\$7,236.00	\$6,368.13
Expenses		
2014 Workshop Expense	\$3,500.00	\$2,840.59
Advertising	\$50.00	-\$10.00
Bank Charge	\$0.00	\$6.00
Donation	\$0.00	\$145.00
Dues and Subscriptions	\$200.00	\$50.00
Equipment Rental	\$100.00	\$0.00
Guild Retreat	\$200.00	\$195.00
HCC Scholarship	\$500.00	\$500.00
Heritage Weavers	\$100.00	\$100.00
History	\$100.00	\$108.82
Insurance	\$216.00	\$266.00
Library	\$100.00	\$76.23
Mountain State Fair Awards	\$100.00	\$25.00
Office Supplies	\$50.00	\$116.34
Post Office Box Rent	\$65.00	\$109.00
Postage	\$45.00	\$93.10
Program	\$800.00	\$750.00
Refreshments	\$60.00	\$47.05
Rent	\$800.00	\$700.00
Website	\$250.00	\$250.00
Total Expense	\$7,236.00	\$6,368.13

Please copy this budget and bring it to the February Meeting. Thank you.



Photo Gallery...November Guild Meeting and more



Ellen Turpening Receiving Award



*Our wonderful Web-Master,
Michael Abschner*



*Teen Tuenge Receiving
Award*



Napkin Project—Group A



Group B



Group C



*Amy Putansu at
HandMade telling the
story of her trip to Shibori
Conference in China*



WNC Fibers/Handweavers Guild, Inc.
2015 Membership Application/Renewal

<http://www.wncfhg.org>

Check one: New Member Renewal

Dues for 2015 Membership are collected at the November Annual Meeting and will be past due after the March meeting. Membership directory goes to press in March with all paid members listed as of March 15.

Annual dues are \$25.00 per individual and \$30.00 per family. Checks are to be made out to WNCFHG and can be mailed to:

PO Box 644
 Black Mountain, NC 28711

Name(s): _____

Address: _____

Home Phone: _____ Cell: _____

E-Mail: _____ Website: _____

Alternate/Seasonal Contact Information: _____

Areas of Fiber Interests: <input type="checkbox"/> Basketry <input type="checkbox"/> Beading <input type="checkbox"/> Clothing <input type="checkbox"/> Computer <input type="checkbox"/> Crocheting <input type="checkbox"/> Dyeing <input type="checkbox"/> Felting <input type="checkbox"/> Inkle/Card Weaving <input type="checkbox"/> Knitting <input type="checkbox"/> Spinning <input type="checkbox"/> Tapestry <input type="checkbox"/> Weaving (#shafts____) Other:	WNCFHG is run by volunteers. How would you like to help? <input type="checkbox"/> Advertising/Publicity <input type="checkbox"/> Blue Ridge Fiber Show <input type="checkbox"/> Community Education Projects <input type="checkbox"/> Community Service Project <input type="checkbox"/> Fundraising <input type="checkbox"/> Hospitality <input type="checkbox"/> North Carolina Mountain State Fair <input type="checkbox"/> Organizing Programs or Workshops <input type="checkbox"/> Teaching Programs or Workshops <input type="checkbox"/> Southeast Animal Fiber Fair <input type="checkbox"/> Website Assistance Other:	Study Groups in which you are a participating member: <input type="checkbox"/> Blue Ridge Spinners <input type="checkbox"/> Cate-Hall Weavers <input type="checkbox"/> Fiber Friends <input type="checkbox"/> French Broad Weavers <input type="checkbox"/> Heritage Weavers and Fiber Artists <input type="checkbox"/> Shepherds, Spinners & Wannabees <input type="checkbox"/> Stecoah Valley Weavers Other:
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For office use only:

Check received: _____

Check number: _____

Amount: _____