



January 2015

OLYMPIA WEAVERS GUILD Newsletter

January Guild Meeting

January 16, 2015

No. Olympia Fire Station #7
5046 Boston Harbor Rd. NE

9:00 Library open

9:45 Business meeting

11:00 Showcase

12:00 Lunch

12:30 Program

Marilyn Romatka of www.taproot-folkarts.com will be presenting a program entitled *Ethnic Textiles 101*. Marilyn is passionate about ethnic textiles and presents a very interactive show and tell of textiles from many points around the world. She will have fun stories for all the "in-country" purchases shown, as well as an explanation of construction techniques and cultural significance. Come prepared for a "hands on" experience.

Following the program and beginning at 2 p.m. there will be a two hour workshop on learning to weave with a bow loom. The cost for the class is \$25 including instruction and complete kit for a take home bow loom. If you have not signed up and think you may want to participate on Friday, January 16, 2015, please contact Judy Parkins so an adequate number of kits can be provided for all attendees. Look for Bow Loom Weaving on the side bar of the Taproots website for more information.

Thanks to Tamie Herridge, Jan Green and Debra Sporseen for bringing refreshments.

Bill's Blurp

The halls have been decked. The bells have been jingled. The new year is upon us. It's time for the slow crawl into spring. I've never been good at resolutions. Not making them. Not keeping them. However a new year does offer us an opportunity to look beyond day to day issues and consider long term goals.

Our guild is growing. Guild membership has gone up and down over the years. We had a high of 104 members in 1990 and were down to 39 in 1997. Our membership is now in the eighties and growing. Our website and community activities have made us visible and attractive. The new weavers classes provided by Marjorie help us retain new members. Growth brings both opportunities and challenges.

The new meeting room layout (more chairs less tables) is an attempt to make our meetings more welcoming to larger groups. Our grant funded program "Partnership for Success" is being planned to continue to support new weavers.

New members bring new ideas, experiences, and energy. They inspire us and share in the workload. We need to continue to grow and we need to keep the guild open, friendly, and intimate. Ideas are welcome.

— President Bill Green



Guild History Summary, Chapter 3

1952 A tea and weaving display at the Coach House was held, inviting nearby guilds with a notice in the newspaper with names and phone numbers of several members. It was not open to the public, but people interested in weaving and allied crafts could be invited by word of mouth. Two looms were displayed with a spinning demonstration given by Garnet Fawcett Riley. By-laws were amended "so that eligibility for membership required having the use of a loom and being an active weaver".

1953 The guild loom was warped for towels, bags, and articles which were saleable. In conjunction with a tea and demo in the Coach House, items were sold with the Guild's share 20%. A class project within the Guild was initiated, setting up Rosepath as in Berta Fry's book and following the book lessons. Florence Kruse and another member started a weaving program at Grand Mound Girls' School.



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Olympia Weavers Guild

MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING of November 21, 2014

President Bill Green called the meeting to order at 9:47 a.m. and welcomed members.

Minutes: The Minutes from the October meeting were approved (MSP Edith Garling, Judy Parkins) as printed in the newsletter.

Treasurer's Report: Gail Trotter reported the following account balances:

General Fund: \$6417.88.

Savings Account: \$7066.39.

Hazel Pattison Memorial Grant Fund: \$6872.98.

Unfinished Business:

Erica Plotkin: (1) Shared a bag that had been left at her home after the Board Meeting. (2) Reported that the Beginning Weaver's class needs 2 or 3 more people to make it a "go". It will cost \$125 and last 3-1/2 days, on Sundays and Mondays. (3) Thanked everyone for helping put up the Library display, and said that those items will be available for the Sale.

Moving the Sale. Moving the Annual Sale was discussed during the recent Board Meeting. The Fire Station is available the weekend of November 13-15. It was suggested that we should look into what other things are happening that weekend. It was MSP (Betty Marcelynas, Kate Jantz-Koprivnik) that we move the Sale to that weekend.

New Business:

Review of Books. Ardith Hamilton reported that the books have been looked over and that there will be some requests for backup information.

Guest: Michelle Cohen shared her plans to open a yarn shop in Olympia and asked for our input.

Committee Reports:

ANWG. Tamie Herridge reported that our dues have been sent in. Also that the next conference will be held in Victoria BC in 2017.

Educational Outreach. Erica Plotkin said that the Beginning Weavers' Class will be held at the beginning of the new year, will be taught by Marjorie Erickson, and will cost \$150 for 3-1/2 days of instruction.

Library. Kathy Forsythe reminded everyone that any books checked out now will not be due until January.

Membership. Jean Schwartz reported that there were 46 members in attendance. Also guests: Michelle Cohen, Patty Berke, Jerry and Linda Christoffersen.

Workshops. Judy Parkins said that payments are due for the following workshops: January 16 (after the meeting, from 2-4 p.m.): "Bow Loom Weaving" with Marilyn Romatka, \$25 due that day. February 21-22: "Weaving Mini Cedar Bark Basket", \$40 due 11/1 plus \$30 materials fee. March 21-22: "Tapestry", Mary Lane, \$100 (\$50 deposit due by 12/1) plus \$25 materials fee. April 14-15: Daryl Lancaster -- "Jumpstart Vest", \$135 plus \$20 materials fee (\$50 deposit due by 1/1), and April 16 "Living on the Edge", \$35 plus \$15 materials fee (\$35 deposit due by 1/1). May 16-17: Marjorie Erickson, "Doubleweave" round robin, \$80 plus a materials fee TBD (\$50 deposit due by 2/1). She also said that the Camel loom is back and can be checked out until January.

Properties & Rentals. Ardith Hamilton said that the committee is working on a plan regarding looking at storage space.

Scholarship and Grant Program.

Lana Schneider stated that there is money available for scholarships for those who want to apply. The Basketry group asked to use \$200.

Show & Sale. 1) Tamie Herridge said that they are putting labels on the postcards. 2) She said that everyone should go see the beautiful Library displays. 3) Debra Sporseen has been working hard on publicity and the Sale should be listed in "What's Happening". 4) Suggested that we "Like" our group on Facebook. 5) Said that we should sign up for email notification of blogs on our website. 6) We need someone who has a smartphone for the Sunday morning and Saturday afternoon shifts. 7) Suggested that we post flyers wherever we think they will be seen. Starbucks was suggested. 8) Erica and Tamie will be there at 10:00 a.m. 9) Bring a stamped self-addressed envelope along with your inventory sheets. 10) You can print off the tags from the website. 11) Take your bins with you as there is no storage space. 12) Pickup is at 5:00 p.m. on Sunday, no earlier. 13) The Extravaganza will have wine and cheeses. We need donations for door prizes.

Sunshine. Tamie Herridge asked that we send a card to a longtime supporter of our sale.

Tea & Setup. Regine Carey thanked the hostesses Kathy Forsythe, Nancy Sedlacek and Shannon Stevens for bringing treats.

Website. Larye Parkins reported that Carol Murphy has been publishing the newsletter on the website by

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herself. He is looking for members to help with adding to the website.

Study Groups:

Banding Together. Lana Schneider said that they are meeting on Monday at 11:30 a.m. at her home, and to bring an inkle loom.

Basketry will meet on Monday from 10-2 at Jan Green's home. On December 1, Jim Shanower will be the guest. The meeting is from 10-2, Jim will be arriving at noon. They will give him a donation from the Grant Fund.

Spinning. Lana Schneider said they will meet on the second Friday from 10:30-2:00 at Joyce Lloyd's.

Saturday. Betty Marcelynas said that they meet the second Saturday 9:30-12:00. This month they will be at Faith's home for a white elephant exchange, and to bring something fiber-related.

Rug Group. Jodi Reng reported that they will not meet in December. The next meeting is January 18. Bring plans for what you want to do and they will put an order together. She will be sending out information.

Tapestry. Sarah Nopp said that they will meet tomorrow at 11:00 at Lana Schneider's home, and to bring lunch or a snack and a warped loom. The topic will be "Design", and it's open to everyone.

Adjournment. The meeting was adjourned after Showcase to lunch and the program.

Respectfully submitted,

Joy Winther, Secretary

NEW DATE FOR THE SHOW AND SALE, 2015

At the November meeting it was decided to change the date of the sale to mid-November. The date will be Friday, November 13th, Saturday 14th and Sunday 15th.

Please mark your calendars!

—*Tamie and Erica*

Gallery Boom

From Martie Carroll, local fiber artist, teacher, and friend of OWG, comes this news:

"There is a new gallery in Tumwater, located in the parking lot of Fred Meyer across from Starbucks. (Used to be the Chamber of Commerce.)

The name is Gallery Boom. It is painted bright turquoise. Everything is made by local artists. There is a lot of great stuff, including my scarves and socks.

Open Wed.-Sat. 11-7, Sun. 11-5. We are offering classes after the first of the year.

Stop by and let me know what you think."

For Sale:

***Dorothy Table Loom by
Leclerc Looms of Canada***

15 ½ inches weaving width
8 Harnesses (the 4 now, 4 later model, with all 8 on it)
12 and 8 dent reeds
Excellent condition

This is a very sturdy loom, and is great for sampling or weaving small projects. Asking \$350 (a similar, new Dorothy is \$1,000)

Call Nancy Sedlacek, 360-480-6479

Basket Study Group

The Basket Group had a great afternoon with Jim Shanower. He shared his techniques, tools and inspiration for making coiled baskets from pine needles and other materials. Thank you for the Hazel Pattison Education Grant which supported this event. See the report: Pine Needle Baskets.

Jim made an open invitation to attend the Panorama Basket Weavers, who meet the second Monday monthly, 1:30 to 3:30 p.m., in the Quinault basement Art Studio at Panorama.

Basket Study Group will be meeting on January 5th and 19th at Jan Green's house. 10 a.m. until anytime in the afternoon. Bring a lunch and whatever you are working on.

New Members

Welcome to these new members:

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Beginning Weavers Course

If anyone is interested in learning to weave or would like a refresher class, please contact me. The class is taught by one of our members and extends over three and one half days, Sundays and Mondays. Table looms may be borrowed from the Guild. The cost is \$125.00 per person and we can take 3 or 4 people per class. —*Erica Plotkin, 357-4090*

LIBRARY NEWS

Donations new to the collection

Thank you to all who donated the following titles:

Fulling around with felting by Maddy Cranley

Felt to stitch: creative felting for textile artists by Sheila Smith

Feltmaking: fabulous wearables, jewelry & home accents by Chad Alice Hagen

How we felt: designs + techniques from contemporary felt artists by Carol Huber Cypher

Felt crafts: a practical guide in 25 step-by-step original projects by Victoria Brown

Simply felt : 20 easy and elegant designs in wool by Margaret Docherty

Textile techniques in metal by Arline Fisch

Fibre basketry: homegrown and handmade edited by Helen Richardson

For Sale

Bergman 24" table loom with three reeds: 8, 10 and 12 dents. Asking \$200. Call Lois Parpala, 491-9107.

Guild History Summary, Chapter Four

1956 The Guild was invited to attend a Seattle Weavers Guild meeting to discuss a proposed "Northwest Handweavers Conference". Six members attended. The conference was held in March at the Student Union Building on the University of Washington campus, cost \$5 to attend for three days. In 1956 Grace Wilder produced the first yearbook at the cost of \$2.75 for mimeographing. There were 19 members.

1957 Joined the newly formed Washington Arts and Crafts Association. Twenty members this year. Assisted a paralyzed young man at Resthaven who used weaving to improve arm mobility.

1958 Irma Robinson gave two 3-day workshops at \$20 per day plus motel bill "and a small charge for warp," with members bringing their own warped looms. Workshop was open to the public.

1959 Possibility of getting "one-day workshop on short draft, summer & winter, Bronson and Swedish" for \$30.



Workshops

There are still spaces left in the Cedar Basket Workshop.

Date: February 21-22, 2015

Teacher: Nancy Olson, All Skill Levels

Contact: Judy Parkins at 360-426-1718 or: judy@parkins.org

Cost: \$70 includes class fee and all materials required

Learn traditional Haida designs and techniques for weaving red and yellow cedar bark baskets. Build skills in bark preparation, basic twining and plaiting. Project will include miniature storage basket approximately sized for business card storage.



OWG Show and Sale Report

'Twas the week after Christmas and all through the house the only thing stirring was Tamie and her mouse.

The numbers were crunched and checked here and there in hopes that eventually everything would square.

Funnin' aside this was a fabulous sale. A record breaker as a matter of fact. We had 26 members selling their wares and more volunteers than that helping out in a myriad of ways from advertising to zipping the credit cards.

Our sales were \$13,041 for the three days. After paying the weavers and calculating all the costs of putting on the sale, the guild has been enriched by \$928.

We're still on the quest to streamline and become more efficient as our sale, hopefully, continues to grow.

We are planning to meet directly after the March meeting to thrash around ideas. All are welcome.

Remember, next year's sale is the second weekend in November. I for one plan to have something for this one!

Thank you, everyone. It really was a blast.

— Tamie Herridge

RAFFLE TICKETS

Raffle tickets will be available at the January meeting. The drawing will take place in February.