

# Weaving News You Can Use!

July 2014

## *SPOKANE HANDWEAVERS' GUILD*

Dedicated to increasing skill in and awareness of the art and craft of weaving by hand

### Next Guild Meeting

Next meeting is Tuesday, July 8 at 6:00 PM.

This first meeting of our 2014-15 membership year will focus on how to warp a loom. Bring your own loom and a pre-wound warp, if possible, or just come and gain some tricks and tips from watching as warps are put on others' looms.



As usual everyone is encouraged to bring finger foods and beverages to share and enjoy.



We'll also have information at the meeting on how to enter items in the Spokane County Interstate Fair!

Join your fellow Guild members at Orchard Crest Retirement Community, 222 S. Evergreen, Spokane Valley in the meeting room on the 4th floor, right across from the elevator.

### Upcoming SHG Events

- **Tues. July 8, 4:45 PM: Board of Directors' Meeting** in the main floor lobby at Orchard Crest Retirement Community, 222 S. Evergreen, Spokane Valley. All SHS members are welcome to attend.
- **Sat. July 12, noon until 3:00 PM: Free, Hands-On Weaving Workshop!** Do you want to learn to weave? Are you just curious about the craft? Know the basics but need a little help? Attend a free, introductory workshop at Valleyford Fire Station #82, 12100 E Palouse Highway in Valleyford, WA. Looms will be set up and ready for use by anyone interested on trying their hand at weaving. Also, members will be on hand to assist anyone who brings their own loom and wants help setting it up, learning how it works or troubleshooting problems. Attendees are encouraged to bring picnic food and beverages to share and enjoy. For additional information contact Ellie, SHG's program chair at [eb-sheeran@gmail.com](mailto:eb-sheeran@gmail.com) or 509-235-4137.
- **Sat. Aug. 2, 9:00 AM until 5:30 PM: Weaving at the Spokane Highland Games.** Spokane Handweavers' Guild members will demonstrate weaving at this event. The Spokane Highland Games include the traditional features of Scottish Highland Games such as pipe band exhibitions, highland dancing, children's games, sheepdog and blacksmith demonstrations, tug-of-war competitions, reenactment exhibitions, Scottish and Celtic merchant booths and clan tents with information about Scottish ancestry. Members who want to a part of this day-long event at the Spokane Fairgrounds & Expo Center should contact SHG president Jen Garrison Stuber at [jen@angryspinner.com](mailto:jen@angryspinner.com) or 509-280-4785.

## Your 2014 - 15 Board of Directors

Elected Officers:

- President: Jen Garrison Stuber
- First Vice-President: Ellie Sheeran
- Second Vice President: *Open and filled with a 3rd at-large seat*
- Secretary: Susan Keeger
- Treasurer: Marsha Hein

Appointed Board Members:

- At-Large Seat #1 & Communications Committee  
Chair: Kristie Sherrodd
- At-Large Seat #2 & Guild Historian: Judy Olsen
- At-Large Seat #3: Sarah Laudenbach

## Meet Sarah, Your Newest Board Member

I am guessing that many who read that Sarah Laudenbach is the new Board Member at Large asked themselves “Who?” So, please let me introduce myself.

I joined the guild less than a year ago, after I took a class with Jen, the Angry Spinner, (so not true) and a beginning class with Kristie Sherrodd. I am a certified “newbie” weaver but I have always been involved with fiber arts through sewing and knitting, mostly for my own enjoyment. My mom joked about how I had a private college education, went on to grad school in architecture and construction engineering, and ended up doing what she started teaching me to do when I was five years old.

I have worked at sewing machine shops and yarn stores, teaching and running workshops. Bernina has published some of my design work and tutorials. After moving to Spokane, I ran a sewing and design business. Then my hands quit cooperating when handling fine threads and small needles. I closed my business, and searched for another creative outlet.

I admit, I have only completed three weaving projects: two class projects and placemats I gave as a wedding gift. The placemats were my first solo project, and I learned so much! The picture here shows my reject, because that is all I kept. The wedding couple has the placemats that were successful. Rule #1: Take pictures of your successes! Don't end up like me, submitting pictures of the learning curve. As you can see, I didn't complete the border of one of the mats. I also found that I couldn't tie 150 plus knots on the edges. Because of my hands, hemming is a much better option.

Right now my loom is warp-free, but I hope to change that soon. I have materials for two projects and numerous projects I dream about completing. I find it isn't just projects completed; it is the process of dreaming about what can be created that is very captivating. My wish for all guild members: Keep Dreaming!

## SHG Grants Support Members' Weaving Skills Development

SHG provides up to three grants per year, totaling \$1,500.00, for members to attend courses or conferences directly related to technical and aesthetic development in handweaving or related fiber arts.

Download additional information and application guidelines on our NEW Resources for Members webpage at <http://www.spokaneweavers.org/wp/resources-members/>



*The one “reject” from a set of placements that were Sarah's first weaving project done on her own.*

## Notes From Our President

Dear Fellow Weavers,

Summer may come yet! Do you have something light and airy on your loom? (I still have a heavy wool wrap on mine). Have you started your “Weaver’s Game” project?

I am happy to report that no one was crushed on June 20 in the moving of the library and its huge (and heavy) box from Orchard Crest to its interim home in Gina Hoefler’s storage unit on the South Hill. Many thanks to Becky, Gina, Ellie, Ann, Wai, spouses and kid. We got the books done in 15 minutes. Michael and I met up with Gina and Fred to deliver the box later in the evening. Kudos to Gina for writing a beautiful thank you letter to Orchard Crest. They mentioned it to me later and were delighted to have received it.

With a few phone calls for proxy votes, we held the annual election at June’s meeting. I am pleased to announce that Susan Keeger has stepped up to replace Doreen Chamberlin as our secretary and Sarah Laudenbach has joined the board as a member at large. Ellie (VP), Marsha (Treasurer), Judy, Kristie, and I are going into our second terms. If you have inclinations toward being on the next board, please see any of us. We’d love to see some continuity as we shift next year to a new board, and we’re all happy to help with the transition and help make this work seem less daunting. (It really isn’t that daunting -- and it’s often great fun!)

We are making progress in finding a permanent home for the guild. We’ve found several very promising rentals. (Two are very conveniently and dangerously close to Paradise Fibers!)  
– Jen

## July 1 Begins a New Membership Year!

Our membership year runs from July 1 through June 30, so it is now time to pay your dues for the 2014-15 year. Join or renew your membership online with your Visa, MasterCard, Discover or American Express card by visiting our secure SquareUp Market page at [squareup.com/market/spokane-handweavers-guild](http://squareup.com/market/spokane-handweavers-guild), or mail a check along with a completed form found on page 6 of this newsletter.

## Fiber Events Calendar – Inland NW & Beyond

*We are fortunate to live in an area with many active weavers and other fiber artists as well as lots of great events to inspire us. Get out there and check out some of these!*

- Every Wednesday, 9:00 AM until 12:00 noon - open handspinning and other fiber arts studio at Create Art Center, 900 W 4th St. in Newport WA. Information at <http://pendoreillefiberarts.weebly.com/index.html>
- Wed. July 9, 12:00 noon until 3:00 PM - North Country Weavers Guild meets at Create Art Center, 900 W 4th St. in Newport WA. For more information see their website at <http://northcountryweavers.weebly.com/index.html> or send an email to [northcountryweavers@gmail.com](mailto:northcountryweavers@gmail.com)
- Sat. July 12, 12:00 noon until 3:00 PM - Twisted Threads and Pals, a Spokane-area spinning group meets the second Saturday of each month at Valleyford Fire Station #82, 12100 E. Palouse Hwy., Valleyford, WA. This month, they’ll host a free weaving workshop by SHG members - see p.1 for details.
- Thurs. July 24, 6:00 PM - Free, informal weavers’ group meets the 4th Thursday of each month at Flag Handweaving Studio, 1223-B Michigan Street, Sandpoint, ID. Call Kristie at 208-263-4600 for more information.
- Aug. 14, 15 & 16 - Quilt! Knit! Stitch! at the Oregon Convention Center in Portland. This event brings together lovers of fabric and fiber, thread and yarn, and needle and hook in one place. From the producers of the International Quilt Festival. Go to [www.quilts.com](http://www.quilts.com) for information and a class catalog.

## Enter Your Weaving In a County or State Fair

County, state and community fairs are just around the corner. Consider entering your weaving or other textile arts in your local fair. It's a great opportunity to show your community that handweaving, spinning, knitting and other fiber pursuits are alive and well!

Check each fair's website for entry deadlines, who is eligible to enter and other information.

- **Aug 14 - 17 Pend Oreille County Fair**, 419152 Highway 20, Cusick, Washington - <http://www.povn.com/pocofair/>
- **Aug 14 -17 Boundary County Fair**, Bonners Ferry, ID - <http://www.boundarycountyid.org/fair/index.htm>
- **Aug 19 -23 Bonner County Fair**, 4203 North Boyer, Sandpoint, ID - <http://www.co.bonner.id.us/fairgrounds/>
- **Aug 20 - 24 North Idaho Fair and Rodeo**, Kootenai County Fairgrounds, 4056 N. Government Way, Coeur d'Alene, ID - <http://www.northidahofair.com/>
- **Aug. 21 -24 Northeast Washington Fair**, 317 West Astor Ave., Colville, WA - [http://www.co.stevens.wa.us/NE\\_WA\\_Fair/new\\_fair\\_home\\_page.htm](http://www.co.stevens.wa.us/NE_WA_Fair/new_fair_home_page.htm)
- **Sept. 4 -7 Palouse Empire Fair**, 111 E. Upton Street, Colfax WA - <http://palouseempirefair.org/>
- **Sept. 5 - 14 Spokane County Interstate Fair**, 404 N. Havana Street, Spokane Valley, WA 99202 - <http://www.spokanecounty.org/fair/sif/>
- **Sept. 5 -21 Washington State Fair**, 110 9th Ave SW, Puyallup, WA - <http://www.thefair.com/>



Mon. July 14 through Sat. July 19 - Handweavers Guild of America (HGA) biennial Convergence in Providence, RI. Conference web page: <http://www.weavespindye.org/convergence2014>

## For Your Future File: ANWG Conferences

“Treadle Lightly,” the 2017 ANWG Conference will take place in Victoria, BC, Canada thanks to the Victoria Handweavers and Spinners Guild. It will be held July 1-2, 2017 at the University of Victoria with pre-conference workshops beginning June 28. As the plans unfold, more information will be published. Keep track by reading newsletters from ANWG at [www.northwestweavers.org](http://www.northwestweavers.org).

In 2019, the Prince George Spinners and Fibre Arts Guild will host ANWG's conference from June 11 to 13 at the Civic Centre in Prince George, BC, Canada.

Looking forward to 2021, Weaving Guilds of Oregon (WeGO) will sponsor an ANWG conference in an Oregon location still to be determined.

## HGA: Teaching and Learning through Correspondence

Do you know about HGA's Teaching and Learning through Correspondence (TLC) program? TLC is a year-long independent study designed for intermediate skill level HGA members who desire to know more about a specific area of weaving, spinning, dyeing or basketry. You write your own ticket for in-depth learning, determine your starting date, select your topic, and pursue your own goals with guidance and feedback from a knowledgeable advisor.

To participate, make sure your HGA membership is current. Then, complete a TLC application and send \$150 to HGA. You will be assigned a volunteer advisor who will assist in defining the year-long study goals, evaluate progress, and provide direction and support.

Learn more and find applications at <http://www.weavespindye.org/teaching-learning-through-correspondence>.

## Marketplace: Items For Sale or Trade or Wanted

**HANDSPINNING INSTRUCTOR WANTED:** Blue Flag Handweaving Studio in Sandpoint, ID is looking for an experienced spinning instructor to teach classes on a contract basis. For information contact Kristie at 208-263-4600 or [kristie@blueflagweaving.com](mailto:kristie@blueflagweaving.com).

**FOR SALE: Portable, compact Schacht tapestry loom** with attached A frame stand. Weaving width, 25 inch; warp length can be up to 60 inches. Includes 4 heddle bars. Lightly used; in great shape. \$110. Contact Teresa Nevins via email at [tnevins7@comcast.net](mailto:tnevins7@comcast.net)

**FOR SALE: Handmade, two-harness 16" table loom.** Asking \$75.00. Contact Linda at 509-499-1156 or by email at [las24@comcast.net](mailto:las24@comcast.net)

**FOR SALE OR TRADE: About 10 pounds of flat metal heddles** to trade or for sale for \$80.00 for all. Measured to the outside ends they are 12 7/8 inches and a quarter inch long warp eye is centered at 5 7/8 inches. I would prefer to trade this whole batch for at least 400 flat metal heddles measuring 11 inches to the outside ends. I will also consider a trade for wire or inserted eye heddles but will need to test one on the heddle frame for proper fit. Please email Judy at [jrdol-sen@aol.com](mailto:jrdol-sen@aol.com) for more details or with questions.

**MANY ITEMS FOR SALE** including a **15", 4-shaft Leclerc "Dorothy" table loom**. Includes original owners manual, Leclerc book Warp & Weave, 2 reeds, lease sticks, extra heddles, spacers & warp paper. Loom folds down for easy transportation or storage. \$365. Located in Spokane. Contact Jet Kercher at 509-466-9708 or by email at [pjkercher@comcast.net](mailto:pjkercher@comcast.net).

### HGA Seeks Rep For Washington State



Handweavers Guild of America recognizes area reps around the world to aid communication between the organization and individual weavers in geographically defined areas.

Currently the Washington rep position is open. If you are interested in applying or just learning more, visit <http://www.weavespindye.org/rep-guidelines>.

Kristie Sherrodd, Idaho state rep (and SHG member), is also willing to provide information. Email her at [kristie@blueflagweaving.com](mailto:kristie@blueflagweaving.com).

To list items on this page, please email your weaving-related ad with picture(s), description, and contact information to the newsltter editor. Please use "SHG Marketplace Ad" as the subject of your email and send to

Ads will appear for two issues only unless the seller requests an extension of an additional issue.

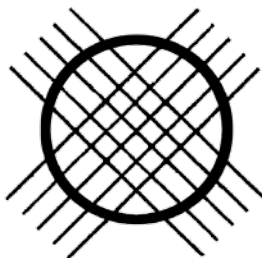
*Photographs of many of the items listed here can be seen on our website at <http://www.spokaneweavers.org/wp/marketplace/>*

## Where Did the Guild Library Go?

We were recently notified by Orchard Crest Retirement Community that we could no longer store our library in their facility. So, on June 20 several guild members and a few good friends moved the SHG library books, videos, magazines and the large wood unit the houses them to a storage facility on Spokane's south hill. This is location convenient for the Equipment & Library Committee.



For now, the library materials will remain in storage. if members would like to borrow items or have items to return, arrangements will be made through Gina Hoefler, Equipment & Library Committee chair. Contact her at 360-990-4842 or [vhoefler@me.com](mailto:vhoefler@me.com) or speak to her in person at a Guild meeting.



Spokane Handweavers' Guild  
 P.O. Box 4202  
 Spokane, WA 99220

## It's Time To Join or Renew Your SHG Membership

The Guild's diverse membership includes weavers, other textile enthusiasts and fiber-related businesses from Spokane and surrounding communities. Member benefits (in addition to many, many wonderful fiber friends!):

- Emailed or mailed news and reminders about upcoming events
- An annual Yearbook containing a list of fellow members, information about the guild and planned activities
- Use of Guild library and equipment
- Invitations to and price discounts on Guild-sponsored events and workshops
- Membership in the Association of Northwest Weavers Guilds
- **NEW!** Business members receive a complimentary listing on the Guild's Resources web page

### *Become a part of the Spokane Handweavers' Guild!*

Complete and send this form to: Spokane Handweavers' Guild, P.O. Box 4202, Spokane, WA 99220

Name(s): \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City, State & Zip Code: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Membership type:  Individual - \$25.00  Family (2 or more persons at a single address) - \$35.00

Business - \$50.00 Business name (for listing on website Resources page): \_\_\_\_\_

Check or money order payable to Spokane Handweavers' Guild enclosed

Charge my credit card:  Visa  MasterCard  Discover  American Express

Account number: \_\_\_\_\_

Expiration (mm/yy): \_\_\_\_\_ Security code: \_\_\_\_\_ Billing zip code: \_\_\_\_\_

Or use your credit card to join online at  
[www.spokaneweavers.org](http://www.spokaneweavers.org)