

Weaving News You Can Use!

August 2014

SPOKANE HANDWEAVERS' GUILD

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



Our free, introductory weaving workshop held last month at Valleyford Fire Station #82, in Valleyford, WA was well-attended and well-received!

Next Guild Meeting

Next meeting is Tuesday, August 12 at 6:00 PM. The evening's program will be "Weaving 101" featuring lots of tips, tricks, hints and more for new and not-so-new weavers. Be assured there also will be some inspirational weaving to see during show-and-tell and a tasty treat or two because, as usual, everyone is encouraged to bring finger foods and beverages to share and enjoy.

The meeting will take place 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

- **Aug. 12 - 9:00 AM until 5:00 PM: Board of Directors' Meeting** – The August Board meeting is an all-day retreat to plan our 2014-15 year. It will take place at Sarah Laudenbach's home. All Guild members are welcome to attend Board of Directors meetings. Contact SHG president Jen Garrison Stuber at jen@angryspinner.com or 509-280-4785 for information about this meeting.
- **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 be a part of this day-long event at the Spokane Fairgrounds & Expo Center should contact SHG president Jen Garrison Stuber at jen@angryspinner.com or 509-280-4785.





Above: Jen and Julie discuss a weaving draft during the introductory weaving workshop held last month at Valleyford

At left: Diane was on hand with lots of weaving projects and her contagious enthusiasm!

Report from Our ANWG Representative

The Association of Northwest Weavers' Guilds (ANWG) of which Spokane Handweavers' Guild is a member, has revised how grants are being offered. Previously a guild had to recommend an individual for a grant funding for conference attendance. Among other criteria, grants were made depending on the availability of funds. Now, grants will be offered in non-conference years to guilds for proposed workshops and other activities. Guilds may submit proposals individually or in conjunction with other guilds. Grant funding may be limited by other criteria, including conference profits and numbers of proposals received. What do you propose for 2016?

Like all organizations, ANWG regularly elects officers to guide its activities. In June 2015 at the annual membership meeting in Boise, we will vote for a new President, Vice-President, Secretary, and Treasurer. If you or someone you know would like to serve, visit ANWG at northwestweavers.org for the link to an application to be on the ballot. Applicants should familiarize themselves with the job descriptions found at the same site under Member Resources, in the Bylaws and Standing Rules. Or, you may contact me.

Respectfully, Ellie Sheeran, ANWG rep & Nominations Committee member

SHG's 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 Laudensch

President's Notes

Dear Weavers –

If you didn't make it out to Valleyford to meet with the spinners in July, you sure missed out on a lot of fun and some really great food! We had a great day helping folks get to weaving, sharing skills and projects, and just generally laughing and having fun.

If you haven't yet, please answer the Guild's online survey regarding a new home for our meeting, equipment and more. You'll find it at <https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/QVF738K>. The survey will close on August 6 and we'd love to have feedback from EVERYONE – this includes you.

A number of the comments have stressed that you would like to see feedback from the entire guild, but this only happens if everyone participates. The whole process takes about 10 minutes, and it gives us good information to work with. A big thank you to all of you who have already answered, and an anticipatory thank you to those of you pulling up the window to do it now.

There are a lot of exciting things in August:

On August 2, we are demonstrating at the Scottish Highland Games at the Fairgrounds beginning at 9am. I will have my booth set up for shade. Come join Colleen East and Jen Garrison Stuber at the Highland Games!



2014 Interstate Fair
Entertainment Dates
 September 5 - 14, 2014
 Plan your visit to the
 2014 Interstate Fair!
 September 5-13, 10am - 10pm
 September 14, 10am - 8pm

Spokane County
 Interstate Fair!
 September
 5-14

Support your local fairs by entering your handwovens! See complete list of local fairs in the July issue of this newsletter.



Above: 6.16 yards (222 inches) of 30" wide, Fibonacci-sequenced green striped cloth ready to roll off Jen's loom

Spokane County Interstate Fair entries are due on August 5 and entry forms are available online at <http://www.spokanecounty.org/data/fairexpo/sif/competitions/still/Sewing.pdf>.

You do not have to take your piece to the fair on August 5, this is just the form, so if you have something not-quite-off-the-loom (like your piece from the Weaver's Game!), you have until September 2 to finish your work. This is also the form to use to sign up for the weaving contest (or the knitting/crochet contest!):

Class 16, Handweaving/Felting

Class 18, Articles made from Handspun

Class 19, Senior Exhibitors (65 and over)

Class 23 Weaving Contest (live!)

September 2 – Drop off your Spokane fair entries from 8am until 8pm!

September 11, 10am-3pm, Weaving Contest (check in at the Fair office between 8:45 and 9:15, check in with sewing department by 9:45 am; contest is from 10-3pm).

May your threads be untangled and correctly threaded!

– Jen

Get To Know Gina Hoefler, SHG's New Equipment & Library Committee Chair



I started weaving in 1986 in a class at the Weaver's Store in Salt Lake City, and I've been weaving "samples" ever since. There are so many things to learn about and to do in weaving that as soon as I start something, another idea comes along . . .

I'm most intrigued with weave structure – how a piece of cloth fits together. I explore every new weave structure that I find out about! Recently, I have been exploring facets of good old plain weave. There are many variations in spacing, texture, sett, etc. that make a simple plain weave interesting. Also, plain weave is the basis for many other structures, so . . . the next samples will be . . . ?

Also, I like almost everything textile. I spend some time doing, and experimenting with, surface design. I like to dye yarn; it's the only way to get the colors that I want! I also dye cloth and paint with dye. At left is a picture of me learning about indigo while on a trip to El Salvador.

I'm a new member of SHG but not new to active guild membership. I was in the Mary M. Atwater guild in Salt Lake City in the 1980s and in the Anchorage Weavers and Spinners Guild in the 1990s. Among the many benefits of guild membership are the opportunities to learn from the knowledge and experience of other weavers and to share the craft of weaving with other people.

And, it's great to hang out with other artists/craftspeople who are also "warped to weave!" Managing the guild's equipment and books will be a challenge, but I'm happy to be able to help out with the guild's library along with committee members Sarah Laudenschach and Diane Florance.

- Gina

Seeking Volunteers

Would you like to be involved in Guild leadership? The Board is seeking some volunteers for the following committees:

Programs & Workshops – Assist in planning meeting programs, help bring exciting instructors and lecturers to town and more! Contact chair Ellie Sheeran.

Communications – Help with this newsletter, the website, SHG's social media presence and in promoting meetings, events and classes. Contact Kristie Sherrodd, chair.

Membership – Lend a hand to help grow our membership! Contact chair Marsha Hein.

SHG members interested in borrowing books, videos or equipment from the Guild library may contact Gina or any Equipment & Library Committee member!

Events Calendar - Inland Northwest & Beyond

Autumn is already on its way and fiber events are ramping up! Here are some to attend that are not too far from home.

- 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>
- Thurs. Aug. 7 and Thurs. Aug. 21, 1:00 until 3:30 PM - Every other Thursday experienced spinners are on hand to answer questions and demonstrate techniques during free, open spinning at Blue Flag Handweaving Studio in Sandpoint.
- Sat. Aug. 9, 10:00 AM until 3:00 PM - Weave 'n' the Woods, hosted by the Crossborder Weavers, will take place in the Colville City Park in Colville, WA. It's a day of spinning, weaving, knitting, crocheting, and everything fiber. Bring your lunch, a comfortable chair, your wheel, loom, or needles and hook; and be prepared to have fun and visit with a lot of other fiber enthusiasts. This is a no cost event. All vendors are welcome. For more information contact Christine Bunnell at woodtick50@aol.com
- Sat. Aug. 9, 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.
- Wed. Aug. 13, 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
- 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 for information and a class catalog.
- Aug. 15, 16 & 17 as well as Aug. 22, 23 & 24 - Artists' Studio Tour of North Idaho. Nineteen artists' studios in and around Sandpoint, ID will be open to the public for six days. See artists in action, including weavers and other textile artists. Learn more at <http://arttourdrive.org/>
- Thurs. Aug. 28, 6:00 PM - Free, informal weavers' group meets the 4th Thursday of each month in Sandpoint, ID. Contact Kristie at 208-263-4600 or Kristie@BlueFlagWeaving.com for more information and this month's meeting location.
- Sept. 12 & 13 - Best of the West Alpaca Expo & Fiber Festival at Ford Idaho Center Horse Park in Nampa, ID. Find all grades of fleeces (the largest collection of alpaca fleeces in one place ever!) as well as yarn and finished items. For more information visit <http://www.bestofthewestalpaca.com/>
- Oct. 4, 11:00 AM until 4:00 PM - Latah Harvest Celebration in Latah, WA highlight the nostalgia of farm and rural life in simpler times: music, pie contests, petting zoo, children's games, vendors exhibiting their hand-made and home grown products, and the famous Punkin' Chunkin contest. Find more information and vendor applications at <http://www.everydayrural.com/october-harvest-celebration.html>
- Oct. 18 & 19 - Fiber Fusion Northwest at the Evergreen State Fairgrounds in Monroe, WA. Thirty fiber-related classes, over 60 vendors featuring yarns, roving, books, supplies, tools and more, a live fiber animal exhibit, a fiber arts contest, people's choice photo contest, a spin-in and much more! Check it out at <http://www.fiberfusion.net/>
- Nov. 1 & 2 - Silk Tasting & Plying, a day and a half of classes with Jane Fournier, is sponsored by the Alpine Weavers and Spinners Guild in the United Way Conference Room at the Gateway West Mall on Hwy 2 in Kalispell, MT. Registration opens Aug. 15. Send \$35 fee to Joan Goldstein, PO Box 2556, Bigfork MT 59911. An additional \$25 materials fee will be collected at the workshop.

Membership News

We are one month into our 2014-15 membership year and currently we have 41 paid members.

Our annual Yearbook containing a schedule of planned activities for the upcoming year, information about the Guild and a list of all members and their contact information will be published by early September. To be included in the Yearbook and to be provided a copy, please join or renew soon!

Find a membership form to mail with your dues on the last page of this newsletter or pay online. Visit <http://www.spokaneweavers.org/wp/membership/> for complete information about SHG membership.

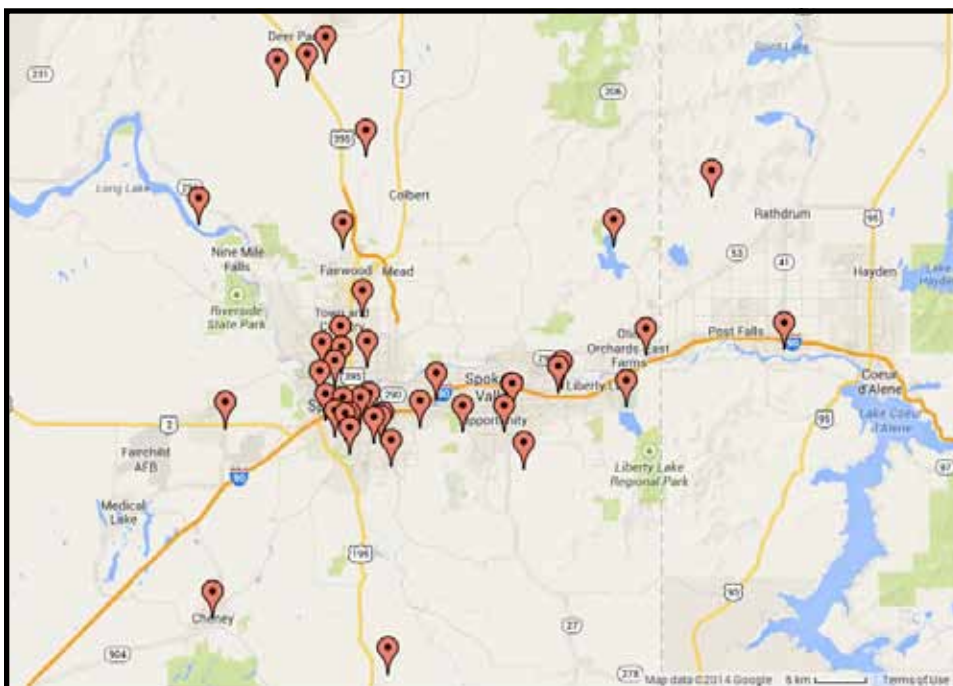
Please support your local weaving guild and help keep the textile arts vibrant in the Inland Northwest.

Welcome!

In July we were pleased to welcome four brand new members to the Guild:

Carla Coleman, Maria Khala, Olga Bordak, and the Yarn Underground (Shelley Stone).

Where Do Our Members Hail From?



Some may be surprised at how large a geographic area SHG membership covers. We mapped out the addresses of members for the year that ended June 30.

Shown here are the approximate locations of the 43 members living in or near Spokane. Not shown on this map are seven members in Washington who live north of Deer Park, six members in far northern Idaho, two members in Montana, one in British Columbia and one in Alberta.

Let's better this representation in 2014-15 – Join or renew now!

Please Support Our 2014-15 Business Members

Alison Addicks Handwovens, 2075A Johnson Rd., Rice, WA 99167, 509-738-6998, addicks@centurytel.net

Blue Flag Handweaving Studio (Kristie Sherrodd) 1223-B Michigan St., Sandpoint, ID 83864, 208-263-4600, <http://www.blueflagweaving.com/>

The Yarn Underground (Shelley Stone) 409 S Washington St., Moscow, ID 83843, 208-882-7700, <http://yarnunderground.com/>

If you would like to see your fiber-related business listed here, please see page 6 or visit <http://www.spokaneweavers.org/wp/membership/> for information about becoming a business member!



Marketplace: Items For Sale or Trade or Wanted

WANTED: Handspun cotton or linen for the SHG challenge project. If anyone has some handspun cotton or linen (to weave at about 8 epi), that they would like to sell or trade, I need about 300 yards. Contact Gina at 509-838-2276 or gina@photographic-perspectives.com

FOR SALE: Maple loom bench — \$125; **Warping board** — \$60. For information contact Gina at 509-838-2276 or gina@photographic-perspectives.com

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

FOR SALE OR TRADE: Heddles – 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 jrdolsen@aol.com for more details or with questions.

To list items on this page as well as on our website's Marketplace page, please mail or email your weaving-related ad with photos (for the web) descriptions, prices and contact information to weaving_news@spokaneweavers.org

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

WANTED: Handspinning Instructor – 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.

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



Weaving Guilds Host Annual Sales

Whatcom Weavers Guild Fibers & Beyond, 5-9 PM on Oct 10 and 10-4 on Oct 11. Hampton Inn, Bellingham, WA.

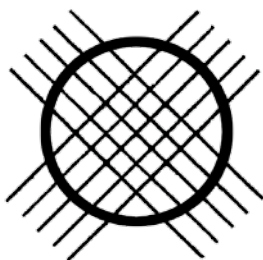
Seattle Weavers' Guild, See the work of our hands and our hearts. Oct 22, 24 & 25, 2014 Bloedel Hall, St. Mark's Cathedral, Seattle, WA.

Spokane Handweavers' Guild at Pottery Place Plus, 203 N. Washington, Spokane, WA - Entire month of November. *Watch for more information in next month's newsletter!*

Whidbey Weavers Guild Uncommon Threads, Friday & Saturday, Nov 7, 10-7 & Nov 8, 10-4 at Greenbank Farm on Whidbey Island, WA

Portland Handweavers Guild Fall 2014 Show & Sale, Evening of Nov 14 as well as 10-4 on Nov 15 and 16. Multnomah Arts Center, Portland, OR.

Methow Valley Spinners and Weavers Guild Guild Building, 137 Old Twisp Hwy, Twisp, WA, Friday Nov 21 2-6 PM and Saturday Nov 22 9-3.



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

Join SHG - You'll Be Glad You Did!

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