

# Weaving News You Can Use!

March 2015

## ***SPOKANE HANDWEAVERS' GUILD***

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



*A basket made during a Crossboarder Weavers' workshop was displayed during show-and-tell at a recent Guild meeting*

### **Next Guild Meeting**

Next meeting is **Tuesday, March 10, at 6:00 PM** in our Guild Hall at 606 W. Garland in Spokane.

Diana Taylor, certified *Weaving a Life* leader, will give a presentation. *Weaving a Life*, created by Susan Barrett Merrill, is a mindful weaving program using simple Keyforms, as a pathway for personal growth and development. Woven on simple frame looms, the Keyforms share the weaver's personal story, in an intimate and meaningful way.

Diana Taylor is a 27-year veteran of child and adolescent psychiatric nursing, now working with adults dealing with addictions and homelessness. She finds that using weaving as a therapeutic tool is an exciting way to connect with others and make a difference.

Following the presentation, enjoy show-and-tell of recent projects and finger foods and beverages brought to share.

### **Register Now For Workshops Offered in March**

#### **BEGINNING WEAVING CLASS - March 21 & 22**

SHG member Colleen East will teach a two-day class for beginning weavers. No prior weaving experience required. This workshop how to set up a loom and weave basic plain weave and twills. Students will learn how a harness loom works and how to read weaving drafts and patterns. A four-harness loom is required for this class. The Guild has several for rent on a first-come basis.

Workshop price is \$195.00; Loom rental is \$35.00.

#### **WEAVING A BUSINESS:**

##### **Selling Your Handmade Textiles - March 24**

This workshop, presented by Kristie Sherrodd at the Guild Hall, is designed to provide weavers and other textile artisans with information and basic business skills needed to take their products into the marketplace. This workshop is intended to help artisans sell their work in any venues, but specifically to prepare for the Guild's first self-hosted three-day sale scheduled for November 6, 7 & 8, 2015 at the Guild Hall.

Price is \$55.00

*Find additional information about both of these workshops and register online on SHG's website.*

## President's Message

Dear Weavers,

I'd like to tell you that I got a lot of weaving done this month, but my time at the loom has been pretty sparse. I did finish a sample book for my Super Secret Client. I'm working with a third team at the company, and the fabric they want is kind of fun and exciting.

Here's what I have been up to:

- Fixed the toilet in the Guild Hall, so it doesn't run incessantly.
- Removed the "desk" from the office portion of the Guild Hall.
- Filled in the missing cabinet on the west wall.
- Took out the counter in the kitchen area that had giant holes in it.
- Used the "desk" top to fill in the west wall counter.
- Plastered the east wall.
- Took up the vinyl flooring.
- Put down new flooring.

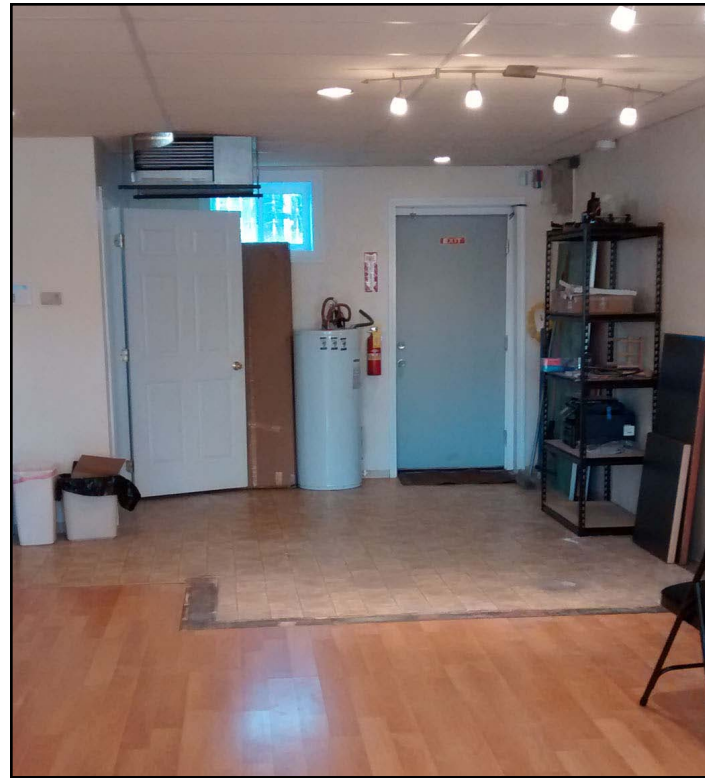
You didn't think I was going to show you the finished project, did you? You'll have to join us March 10 as we welcome Diana Taylor for that! See you then!

Warmly,

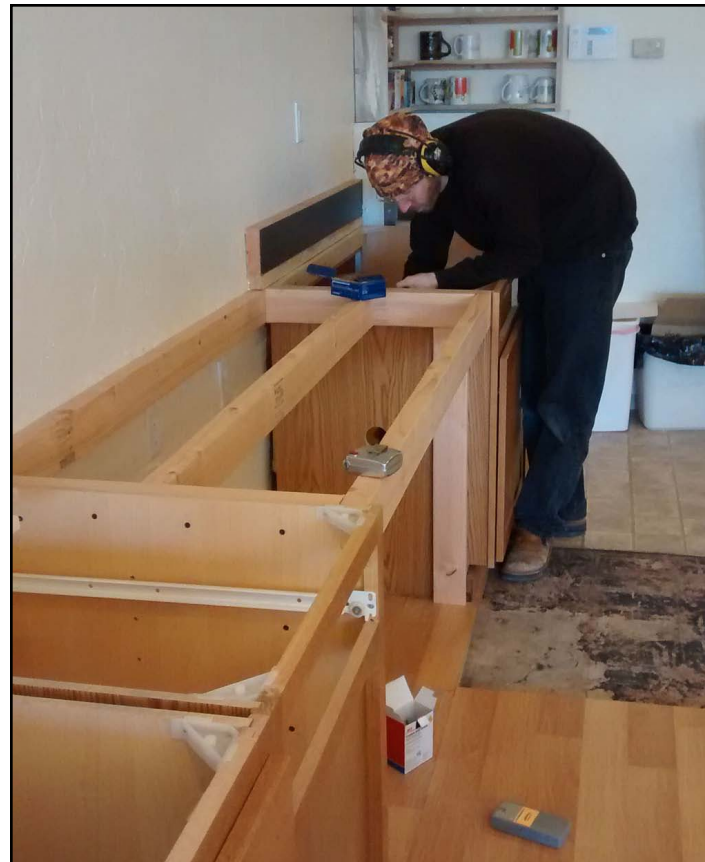
Jen Garrison Stuber, SHG President

## Upcoming SHG Events

- **Tuesday, Mar. 10, 4:45 PM:** Board of Directors' meeting at the Guild Hall. All Guild members are welcome to attend.
- **Tuesday, Apr. 14, 6:00 PM:** Monthly Guild meeting will feature a slide show from the 1979 ANWG conference that SHG hosted in Spokane. Follows a Board meeting at 4:45. See SHG website or next month's newsletter for details.
- **Thursday, Apr. 16, 7:00 PM:** Linda Davis, nationally known weaver from Oregon, will present a free, two-hour program, open to the public, on the history and weaving of tartans at the Guild Hall.



Above: The built-in desk/room divider is gone from the Hall.  
Below: Repairing holes and missing sections of the kitchen area.



## Marketplace Listings - Buy, Sell or Trade

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](mailto:weaving_news@spokaneweavers.org)

**FOR SALE:** Four harness maple low castle Schacht Spindle Co Standard Floor Loom, 36 inch weaving width. Two reeds. Excellent condition. \$1200. Loom is located in Spokane. Cannot ship. Contact Dinah at [demersdjd87@gmail.com](mailto:demersdjd87@gmail.com)

**FOR SALE:** Arthur Allen Folding Floor Loom \$600. Tall castle, 4 shaft, 6 treadle counterbalance. Comes with raddle, lease sticks, angel wings lease stick holders and matching handwoven-upholstered bench. Updated with newer sectional beam, convenient-to-reach friction brake system on the warp beam, and a 30 inch 15 dent reed. However, full weaving width is 43 inches. Close-up digital photos available. Price negotiable. Pick up from South Perry District, Spokane, WA. Contact Judy Olsen by email at [jrdolsen@aol.com](mailto:jrdolsen@aol.com) with the subject heading "Loom Exchange"

### A Note From SHG Member Vicky Dalton:

I was at Volunteers of America Thrift store today (Sat. Feb. 28) - 6206 E Trent. There were 8 bags of cotton sock loopers - 5 grey and 3 white - for weaving rugs. Each bag is about 1 1/2 gallons in capacity; bags are priced at \$3.99 each..

## SHG Welcomes Two New Members!

This month SHG is pleased welcome new members Susan Melka, who hails from Harrison, ID and Michal Preston of Spokane.

**FOR SALE:** Old, all wood. 32" rigid heddle loom from Denmark (unknown maker), warping board and umbrella swift. I also have some weaving books. All for \$100. Items are located near Hayden, ID. Contact Christine at [cduarte51@yahoo.com](mailto:cduarte51@yahoo.com)

**FOR SALE:** Solid oak, 46-inch "Studio Loom Signature Model" jack loom. Eight harnesses, double back beams, adjustable bench, two reeds - 8 and 12 dents. \$2,000. Located near Newport, WA. Contact Penny at 509-447-0613 or [penny47n@gmail.com](mailto:penny47n@gmail.com)

**FOR SALE - REDUCED PRICE:** Four harness Gilmore loom, 40-inch weaving width, with bench, three reeds and raddle in Moscow, ID. Excellent condition. ~~\$1200~~ \$995 \$500. Cannot ship. Contact Jessica at [torbeckj@gmail.com](mailto:torbeckj@gmail.com).

### • MANY ITEMS FOR SALE:

- Swedish Cottolin 22/2 and Bookens Nialin, 9 oz. tube, approx. 1800 yards. Dark green - \$20.00
  - Wool yarn, medium lacy weight, 16 oz. cone, natural color with black & grey, very textured. \$12.00
  - Dye Products - 5# salt \$6.00, 5# soda ash fixer \$6.00
  - 100% Wool Roving - 3-1/4 lbs. natural, 5 lbs. natural, 4-1/2 oz. yellow & 9-1/2 oz. blue. \$15.00 per pound. Will not wind off smaller amounts.
  - Drop spindle - natural wood - \$10.00
  - Rug weft: 10 lbs. Denim - 1" wide strips. Cut, frayed, & stitched into lengths: red, white & various shades of blue denim. Enough for one good size rug or more. Price: \$4.00 per lb.
  - Rug weft: 5 lbs. denim - 1/2 " wide strips. Cut & stitched into lengths, unfrayed. Price: \$3.00 per lb.
  - Leclerc Table Loom 15" - 4 shaft "Dorothy" Includes: Original owners manual, Leclerc book - Warp & Weave, 2 reeds, 2 metal lease sticks, 1 Leclerc boat shuttle & bobbins, Leclerc reed hook & threading hook, extra heddles, spacers, warp paper & extra wood lease sticks. Folds for transportation or storage. In complete working order. Price: \$365.00
- All items located in Spokane, Washington. Email Jet at [jpkercher@comcast.net](mailto:jpkercher@comcast.net) for photos and more info.



## Weaving Challenges & Towel Exchanges

The Guild is offering two weaving exchanges for members to participate in! For each challenge, participants are asked to weave a number of kitchen towels. Towels are due Fall 2015.

If you would like to take part, attend the March meeting and get details or contact program committee member Colleen East by email at [cpeast@msn.com](mailto:cpeast@msn.com).

### Beginning Weavers' Challenge

- Use 2 or 4 harnesses
- Structure = plain weave or twill
- Woven size 18" x 30" before finishing
- Number of towels to weave = 3
- (1 for you to keep, 1 as a donation to the Guild sale, 1 to exchange)
- Include complete draft with each towel
- Yarn suggestions: 3/2, 5/2, 8/2, 8/4, Sugar & Cream
- Skill focus: Even selvages with little drawn-in, no threading or treadling errors, hemming and wet finishing
- Bonus challenge: interesting use of color or texture or accent

### Advanced Weavers' Challenge

- Structure must require four or more harnesses
- Structure = weaver's choice
- Finished and hemmed size 18" x 30"
- Number of towels to weave = 6
- (1 for you to keep, 1 as a donation to the Guild sale, 4 to exchange)
- Include complete draft with each towel
- Yarn suggestions: 5/2, 8/2, 10/2, 20/2 – nothing heavier than 5/2 except as an accent
- Skill focus: Even selvages with little drawn-in, no threading or treadling errors, hemming and wet finishing PLUS appropriate structure for intended use (float length, density, drape)
- Bonus challenges: Original draft, six different treadlings on one threading

## Election of 2015-16 Board & By-Laws Revision Vote In May

At the May Guild meeting a vote will be held to elect the 2015-16 Board of Directors. We will also vote on some small wording changes to the Guild by-laws.

Please consider running for a place on the Board. Current SHG directors are a dedicated and forward-thinking group who would love to have more members involved. Board meetings directly precede the general meetings and are fairly short.

A draft of proposed by-laws changes will be sent out in early March. Please read them over and plan to either to attend the May meeting to cast your vote or to vote by proxy.

Our Guild can't run without YOUR involvement!

## Support Our 2014-15 Business Members

**Alison Addicks Handwovens LLC** (Alison Addicks), 2075A Johnson Rd., Rice, WA 99167, 509-738-6998, [adicks@centurytel.net](mailto:adicks@centurytel.net)

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

**A Child's Dream** (Deborah Staggs), 214-A Cedar St., Sandpoint, ID 83864, 208-255-1664, <http://www.achilds-dream.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 join us as a business member!

*If you received this newsletter printed in black & white, please note that you can read and/or download it in full color at <http://www.spokaneweavers.org/wp/newsletters/>*

## Celebrate Spring By Attending a Fiber Event!

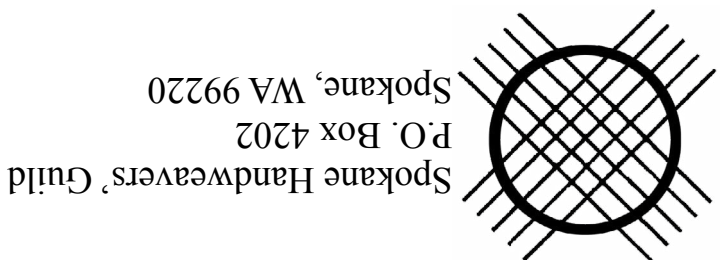
- Every Wednesday, 9:00 AM until 12:00 noon - open handspinning and other fiber arts studio at Create Art Center, 900 W 4th St. in Newport, WA. Information at <http://pendoreillefiberarts.weebly.com/index.html>
- Mar. 7 & 8 - Helena Weavers and Spinners Guild's color study workshop with Roby Spady at the Helena Holiday Inn. For details go to register visit [www.mawsonline.org/Guilds/Helena.html](http://www.mawsonline.org/Guilds/Helena.html)
- Wed. March 11, 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)
- Thurs. March 12 and beyond, 1:00 until 4:00 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.
- Mar. 13 & 14 - Fibres West at the Cloverdale Exhibition Park, Surrey, B.C., Canada. Vendors, Classes, Demos, Free Lectures, Artists' Gallery and Cafe. See <http://www.fibreswest.com/>
- Sat. March 14 - SHG member Dian Zahner teaches a basketry class at Blue Flag Handweaving in Sandpoint. Weave a uniquely shaped basket designed to accommodate two bottles of wine. Details and registration information at <http://www.blueflagweaving.com/classes.html>
- Sat. March 14, 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.

**MUGS: Don't forget – we have a mug shelf in the Guild Hall. Please bring your own personal mug for tea, coffee and other beverages.**



*Spinners recently enjoyed a free day of handspinning, fiber shopping and socializing in Sandpoint, ID.*

- Mar. 27 - 29 - Powell River Fine Art, Weaving & Spinning Retreat in Powell River, BC, Canada. Complete details at <http://www.prfiberfest.com/>
- Sat. Mar. 28, 9:00 AM until 4:00 PM - Log Cabin Spinners annual Spin-In at Red Lion Templins Hotel in Post Falls, ID. For information contact Monica at 208-664-4280 or [saidaughters3@yahoo.com](mailto:saidaughters3@yahoo.com)
- April 9 through 12 - Conference Northern California Handweavers (CNCH) at Asilomar Conference Grounds on the Monterey Peninsula. Information at <http://www.cnch.org/conferences/cnch2015/>
- April 16 - 19 - Interweave Yarn Fest at the Embassy Suites Loveland in Loveland, CO. Four-day event featuring weaving, knitting, spinning & crochet. Sponsored by Interweave Press. Learn more at [www.interweaveyarnfest.com/ehome/index.php?eventid=93938&&mid=577602&rid=7699973](http://www.interweaveyarnfest.com/ehome/index.php?eventid=93938&&mid=577602&rid=7699973)
- May 14 through 17 - Magic Mountain Retreat sponsored by the Crossborder Weavers at Chewelah Peak Learning Center near Chewelah, WA. For information contact Christine Bunnell at [woodtick50@aol.com](mailto:woodtick50@aol.com)
- May 30 - 31 - Okanogan Valley Fiber Festival at the Okanogan Fairgrounds Agriplex building near Omak, WA. Registration is now open. Find information about vendors, classes and more at <http://www.okfiberfest.org/index.html>



## Surplus Equipment Sale Was a Big Success

Thank you SHG members who participated in the guild's equipment sale! We made over \$500 and "re-homed" some surplus weaving equipment supplies.

The Guild library and equipment committee has been working since last June, moving and repairing the guild's books and equipment. In June we moved the library books and cart from Orchard Crest, and the Guild's looms from a storage unit in Spokane Valley, over to the south hill, with help from many guild members and friends.

Then in November, everything was moved again to the new Guild Hall in the Garland District.

All this time, the committee was evaluating the materials and making decisions about the storage and maintenance of the equipment. It was determined that since there is limited space for storage, some of the equipment would be offered for sale to guild members. We kept those looms and tools that are in good repair and can be used in workshops and classes.

Thanks, again, to members who helped with all the moving and arranging, and who bought some of the surplus equipment. With the \$500, we have a start on a "kitty" for purchase of new weaving tools.

– Gina, Sarah, and Diane, SHG library and equipment committee

## SHG's Neighborhood Is In the News

The February 18 issue of the *Inlander* included an article titled "Garland University of the Arts," which featured SHG as well as the art-related businesses in the district. Read the article online at <http://www.inlander.com/spokane/garland-university-of-the-arts/Content?oid=2414129>

A day earlier KHQ's *Invest Northwest* series aired a story entitled "Plans For the Garland District." Watch that video story at <http://www.khq.com/clip/11145287/invest-northwest-for-sunday-february-17-plans-for-garland-district#.VO0d4cMKLy.facebook>