

Weaving News You Can Use!

April 2015

SPOKANE HANDWEAVERS' GUILD

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

Free Seminar: Tartans and Tartan Weaving

On Thursday, April 16 beginning at 7:00 PM, Linda Davis, nationally known weaver from Oregon, will present a free, two-hour program on the history and weaving of tartans.

This event is free and open to the public. It will take place at the Guild Hall, 606 W. Garland in northwest Spokane.

Next Guild Meeting

Next meeting is **Tuesday, April 14, at 6:00 PM** in our Guild Hall at 606 W. Garland in Spokane.

Join us for a journey back to 1979 as we enjoy a slide show of the Association of Northwest Weavers Guilds conference hosted by SHG (then called the Inland Empire Handweavers' Guild) in Spokane. Popcorn will be available during the show!

Everyone attending is encouraged to bring recent their recent textiles arts projects for show-and-tell, finishing or knitting or spinning or other handwork as well as finger foods and beverages to share and enjoy.

Election of 2015-16 Board of Directors & By-Laws Revision Vote Scheduled For May



At the May 12 Guild meeting a vote will be held to elect the 2015-16 Board of Directors. We will also vote on some 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 can be found beginning on page 4 of this newsletter. Please read them and plan to attend the May meeting to cast your vote. Members who cannot attend should choose someone to cast their votes by proxy. Please complete and submit the proxy form on page 6 of this newsletter.

Our Guild can't run without YOUR involvement!

Upcoming SHG Events

- **Tuesday, April 14, 4:45 PM:** Board of Directors' meeting at the Guild Hall. All Guild members are welcome to attend.
- **Tuesday, May 12, 6:00 PM:** Annual SHG membership meeting to elect officers and conduct other Guild business. Follows a Board meeting at 4:45.

President's Message

Dear Weavers,

Well . . . I keep waiting for winter to swoop back in and take this lovely weather from us, but I note the snow is gone from Mt. Spokane, the daffodils and forsythia are screaming forth yellow, and the swallows and redwing blackbirds are back around my lake. I think spring is here to stay.

We want your vote! We need your vote! We know not everyone can make it to the general meeting on May 12. If you can't, please send your proxy. Our bylaws require 33.3% of the membership for a quorum. Without it, we can't hold an election – and we have a great slate of candidates. So please review the bylaw changes, and vote for them and the new board.



Please join us for two meetings this month. On the 14th we'll take a look back in the SHG archives with a slide show by Judy Olsen. Join us for popcorn and slides at 6pm. Then come back Thursday April 16 at 7pm as we welcome Linda Davis for a program on tarantulas, preceding her workshop the following weekend.

Last month, we had a workshop on marketing weaving, which laid a great foundation for our Guild Sale in November. I would love to see everyone participate in the sale. We have such a great width and breadth of talent in this guild. Please consider submitting items for the sale. If you have talents in recordkeeping, change making, organizing or display and would like to be a part of the Sale Committee, please contact Kristie. We'd love to have you.

Finally, if you walk our neighborhood, you may have seen our addition to the sign on the corner of Post and Wall, announcing the businesses in our building.

See you the 14th! Warmly,

Jen Garrison Stuber, SHG President



Marketplace Listings - Buy, Sell, 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

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 demersjd87@gmail.com

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

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

SHG Welcomes New Members!

During March 2015 SHG was pleased welcome four new members. They are:

- Sarah Hickman, Spokane
- Diana Taylor, Spokane
- Sheila Till, Rathdrum, ID
- Kalita Benway, Spokane Valley

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/>

Ignore the April Showers! Take In 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>
- Wed. April 8, 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 <https://northcountryweavers.wordpress.com/>
- Thurs. April 9 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.
- 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/>
- Sat. April 11, 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.
- 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
- Sat. April 18 - SHG member Dian Zahner teaches a basketry class 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>
- Saturday, May 9, 10:00 Am until 3:00 PM - Fiber With a Twist Spin-In at the Richland (WA) Public Library. Hosted by Desert Fiber Arts and Northwest Regional Spinners Association (NwRSA).
- 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
- May 15 through 17 - Snake River Fiber Fest at Eastern Idaho Technical College in Idaho Falls, ID. More information and registration at <http://srfiberartists.org/>
- 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>

Support Our 2014-15 Business Members

Alison Addicks Handwovens LLC (Alison Addicks), 2075A Johnson Rd., Rice, WA 99167, 509-738-6998, 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/>

Handwoven Scarf Donations Sought

Weaver Veronica White is seeking donations of handwoven scarves to distribute in September at the Union Gospel Mission's crisis shelter.

For more information or to donate scarves, contact Veronica by phone at 509-276-1975 or 509-821-0243

Proposed Revisions to SHG's Bylaws

These pages include only those sections of the bylaws that the Board of Directors seek to revise. Proposed changes are indicated with red type (grey in black and white print version). The complete bylaws can be read and downloaded from the Guild's website at <http://www.spokaneweavers.org/wp/membership/bylaws/>

- Article II Membership Section 2 – **language added**

“Any member over age 75, **who has been a paid member for at least five years prior to his/her 75th birthday**, will be considered a lifetime member without payment of dues.

- Article II Membership Section 3 – **language changed and added**

Thirty-three and one-third percent (33 1/3%) ~~Twenty-five percent (25%)~~ of the members shall constitute a quorum of the membership. Also see Article IV, Section 5

RCW 24.03.090

Quorum – The bylaws may provide the number or percentage of members entitled to vote represented in person or by proxy, or the number or percentage of votes represented in person or by proxy, which shall constitute a quorum at a meeting of members. In the absence of any such provision, members holding one-tenth of the votes entitled to be cast represented in person or by proxy shall constitute a quorum.

The vote of a majority of the votes entitle to be cast by the members present or represented by proxy at a meeting at which a quorum is present, shall be necessary for the adoption of any matter voted upon by the members, **unless a greater proportion is required by this chapter, the articles of incorporation or the bylaws.**

- Article II Membership Section 4 – **language changed**

The fiscal year shall run from July 1 through June 30. Dues are payable in **May-June** for the following fiscal year and become delinquent after **June-30 July 31**. Dues paid prior to **May+ June 1** will be credited to the current fiscal year and expire on June 30. Dues paid at any time during the membership year are not prorated.

- Article II Membership Section 6 – **language added and changed**

e. Begin receiving member discounts, **if applicable**, on workshops six months after paying for membership

f. Be annually provided a Yearbook, no later than August 31 or upon joining, whichever comes first, containing a list of fellow members, the membership year program and meeting schedule, general information about the Corporation, a list of Board Members, Officers and Committee Chairs, and equipment and library loan items, policies and fees.

- Article III Board of Directors Section I – **language added**

The management and administration of the affairs and funds of this Corporation shall be by a **volunteer** Board of Directors consisting of seven paid members in good standing who shall be elected by the membership at the annual meeting to serve terms of one year each, beginning on July 1 and until their successors have been elected and qualified.

Bylaws continued

- Article III Board of Directors Section 5 – **language removed**

In the event of a vacancy on the Board of Directors, **either the members or** the remaining Directors by majority vote may elect a successor to fill the unexpired term. . .

- Article IV Officers Section 3b. – **language removed**

The First Vice-President **serves as Chair of the Program & Workshop Committee and** assumes the duties of the President in the absence or at the request of the President....

- Article VI Meetings Section I – **language changed**

The Board of Directors shall meet no less than four times per year. Additional Board meetings may be held as the Board deems necessary. The annual meeting of the Board of Directors shall be held in the month of **May June** at such time and place as determined by the Board of Directors.

- Article VI Meetings Section 5 – **language changed**

A quorum for a general membership meeting shall be **thirty-three and one-third percent (33 1/3%) twenty-five percent (25%)** of the membership

- Article VII Committees Section 1.a. – **language added and changed**

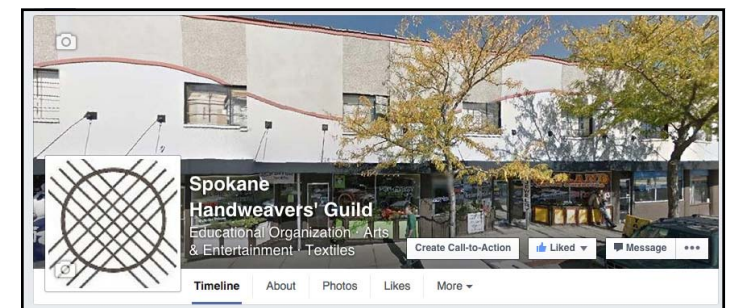
Program & Workshop Committee, **under the leadership of a Chair appointed by the President**, organizes programs for each general membership meeting and arranges for one to three workshops each year presented by professional weaving instructors. This includes speaker or instructor scheduling, meeting room procurement and set up, gathering needed materials and equipment, seeing that each meeting is appropriately publicized and, in conjunction with the Treasurer, preparing a budget and handling finances for events. **The First Vice President is the Program & Workshop Committee Chair.**

- Article VII Committees Section 1.d. – **language removed**

Communications Committee, under the leadership of a Chair appointed by the President, is responsible for publicity and communication both within and to those outside of the Corporation. This may include, but is not limited to, a member newsletter, a website, social media, **and** press releases **and, in conjunction with the Treasurer, produces the annual Yearbook for members.**

Follow Us On Facebook

Want to keep track of what's happening with SHG as well as with other textile artists and arts organizations in the area? Find us on Facebook at <https://www.facebook.com/pages/Spokane-Handweavers-Guild/>



SHG's Guild Hall building is the current cover photo on our Facebook page.

I _____, a fully paid member in good standing as of May 12, 2015 of Spokane Handweavers' Guild, a Washington State Nonprofit Corporation,

hereby grant my proxy vote to:

(MUST ALSO BE A PAID MEMBER IN GOOD STANDING AS OF May 12, 2015)

for the sole purpose of casting my vote on revision of the Corporation's Bylaws at the general meeting being held on May 12, 2015 @ 6p.m.

Remember:

- Pursuant to the Bylaws, there is only one vote per member.
• The execution of this proxy does not affect your right to vote in person. Otherwise this form will be considered a binding agreement between the two parties for the purpose of voting either "for or against" any motion put forth in the meeting.

Member Signature: _____

Proxy Signature: _____

Proxies not received by Corporation Board Secretary Susan Keeger prior to commencing the voting at the May 12 meeting will not be accepted as valid.

OFFICE USE:

Proxy received on _____ (date) at _____ (time)

By _____ (Secretary)

Please mail your completed proxy form to Spokane Handweavers' Guild P.O. Box 4202 Spokane, WA 99220. You may also see that your Proxy is hand-delivered at the beginning of the meeting on May 12, 2015.

Annual Guild Sale Returns November 6, 7 & 8

It's been a long while, but the time has come to resurrect SHG's annual sale! A draft of sale guidelines was reviewed at last month's marketing workshop and some decisions were made. However, there is still much to be done! Anyone interested in working on any aspect of the sale is encouraged to join the Sale Committee. Contact Kristie at 208-263-4600 or kristie@blueflagweaving.com.

Meanwhile, here is what has been decided so far. The sale will be held at the Guild Hall on Fri. Nov. 6 - 6:00 until 8:00 PM, Sat. Nov. 7 - 10:00 AM until 6:00 PM and Sun. Nov. 8 - 12:00 noon until 5:00 PM. It is intended as a showcase of fine handweaving, notable for its craftsmanship using traditional

techniques as well as innovative methods.

Participation in the sale is open to Guild members who have paid their dues by the end of the September General meeting. There are no limits on the number of sale items per member. The Guild will take 30% commission on each item that is sold unless the seller has offered the item wholly to the Guild. In which case, the Guild will retain 100% of the sale price.

Because this is our first annual event, the types of items that we will sell this year have been carefully limited to assure a cohesive display and to insure that customers are offered multiple selections for each type of item.

The following are sought for the 2015 show:

- Scarves, shawls, throws
• Bags, purses, totes
• Vessels, including baskets
• Wall art
• Cards with a handwoven component
• Ornaments
• Pincushions
• Rugs
• Pillows, pillow cases
• Kitchen items, made with fibers that will not melt in contact with high heat
• Coasters (sets of 4 or more)
• Napkins (sets of 4 or more)
• Pot holders
• Towels
• Placemats (sets of 4 or more)
• Runners

Due to limited display fixtures the following will not be accepted this year:

- Sewn clothing
• Hats
• Jewelry
• Baby blankets or wraps
• Clothing
• Toys



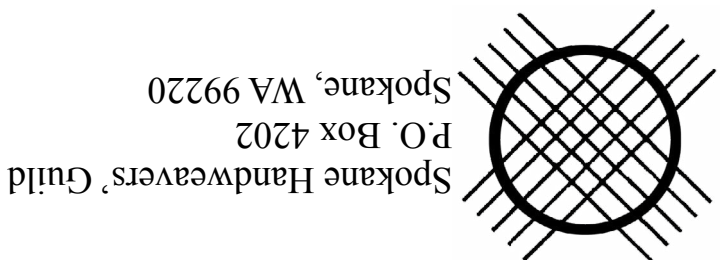
Want to Teach a Weaving Class? Have a Program Idea? We have an App[lication] For That!

The Guild is actively seeking members and others who are experienced instructors and who would like to teach weaving-related classes. A workshop proposal form is available on our website. Interested instructors may also contact Jen at 509-590-4155 or admin@spokaneweavers.org

View the Guild Library Online

Equipment and Library Committee member Sarah is busy entering all the SHG library books, magazines and videos into an online database. This will allow members to browse the library holdings at any time from any computer.

The data entry is still in progress but you can still take a peek at https://www.librarything.com/catalog/spokaneweavers



SHG Offers Resources Online For Members

Our *Resources For Members* web page – <http://www.spokaneweavers.org/wp/resources-members/> – provides links to useful forms and web pages. Here is what you will find there:

- Show-and-Tell Entry Form to download
- Link to SHG's Facebook page
- Link to SHG's library holdings
- Membership Form to download as well as a link to join and pay right online
- Link to SHG's *Marketplace* web page where you'll find looms and other weaving related items for sale, trade or give-away
- Links to all of our member business's websites
- Link to the quarterly newsletter of the Association of Northwest Weavers' Guilds
- Workshop grant application instructions to download
- Workshop or program proposal form to download
- SHG's current bylaws



SHG member Patty Kinast shows off the basket embellishment that she recently wove as part of a class she's taking in Sandpoint.