

# Weaving News You Can Use!

May 2015

## *SPOKANE HANDWEAVERS' GUILD*

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

### **Annual Guild Membership Meeting Election of 2015-16 Board of Directors & By-Laws Revision Vote Scheduled For May 12**

There is a lot happening at our next meeting on **Tuesday, May 12, at 6:00 PM** in our Guild Hall at 606 W. Garland in Spokane. 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. Used weaving tools and materials will be collected for a sale on May 23. And, as always we'll enjoy inspirational show-and-tell and share a snack or two.

Current candidates for Officer positions are:

- Sarah Laudenbach, President
- Diana Taylor, Vice President
- Bonnie Thomson, Secretary
- Susan Thomson, Treasurer

Jen Garrison Stuber will move into the the Immediate Past President seat. Gina Hoefler, Judy Olsen, and Kristie Sherrodd, will retain their at large positions. A draft of proposed by-laws changes can be found in

the April issue this news-letter.

(Online at <http://www.spokaneweavers.org/wp/wp-content/uploads/2015/04/april2015-news.pdf>) 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 5.

Members are encouraged to bring gently used weaving tools and equipment as well as yarn, spinning fiber, books and videos for to sell on consignment at a Guild sale on Saturday, May 23. (See below and page 6).

Everyone also may bring projects for show-and-tell as well as finger foods and beverages to share and enjoy.



### **Upcoming SHG Events**

**Tuesday, May 12, 12 noon – 5:00 PM Board of Directors Meeting to Prepare 2015-16 Budget.** At the Guild Hall, 606 W. Garland. Members are always welcome to attend Board meetings.

**Saturday, May 23, 10:00 AM – 2:00 PM Used Weaving Equipment and Yarn Sale:** On May 12, gently used weaving tools and equipment as well as yarn, spinning fiber, books and videos will be collected for the Guild to sell on consignment (20% consignment fee). Please consider offering for sale those excess items taking up space in your weaving studio! Both you and the Guild will reap the benefits. Need some “stash”? Then come, shop and find some great deals! At the Guild Hall, 606 W. Garland.

**2015-16 Membership** dues, for the year beginning July 1 are due in June! Visit our website next month or watch for the June newsletter with membership information and forms.

## President's Message

Dear Weavers,

I look back at the last two years, and I don't know about you, but I think it's been a hell of a ride. I will confess that that fateful night two years ago, I didn't really intend to run for President -- and, if you recall the conversation that evening, I planned only on staying for a single term. The best-laid schemes of mice and men gang aft agley, don't they?

I look around at what we've accomplished over the past two years, and I am astounded and amazed and filled with gratitude. Thank you. Thank you for your hard work, for your support, for your encouragement, for your time and your talent and your humour.

We're off to this great start, and I'm so excited to see what the new year and the new board will bring to the guild. We've the swap and barter (bring your items to the annual meeting on the 12th!) and the guild sale coming in November.

Speaking of the Annual Meeting -- please come and vote in the new board, or send your proxy to do the same. If you come to vote or send your proxy, we promise not to nominate you to a board position. (Though we'd love to have you, if you'd like to serve on the board!).

Warmly,

Jen Garrison Stuber, SHG President



### Tae a Mouse, on Turning up Her Nest with the Plough by Robert Burns

Wee, sleekit, cow'rin,  
tim'rous beastie,  
O, what a panic's in thy  
breastie!  
Thou need na start awa  
sae hasty  
Wi bickering brattle!  
I wad be laith to rin an'  
chase thee,  
Wi' murdering pattle.

I'm truly sorry man's  
dominion  
Has broken Nature's  
social union,  
An' justifies that ill  
opinion  
Which makes thee  
startle  
At me, thy poor, earth  
born companion  
An' fellow mortal!

I doubt na, whyles, but  
thou may thief;  
What then? poor beastie,  
thou maun live!  
A daimen icker in a  
thrive  
'S a sma' request;  
I'll get a blessin wi' the  
lave,  
An' never miss't.

Thy wee-bit housie, too,  
in ruin!  
It's silly wa's the win's  
are strewin!  
An' naething, now, to  
big a new ane,  
O' foggage green!  
An' bleak December's  
win's ensuin,  
Baith snell an' keen!

*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/>*

Thou saw the fields laid  
bare an' waste,  
An' weary winter comin  
fast,  
An' cozie here, beneath  
the blast,  
Thou thought to dwell,  
Till crash! the cruel coulter  
past  
Out thro' thy cell.

That wee bit heap o' leaves  
an' stibble,  
Has cost thee monie a  
weary nibble!  
Now thou's turned out, for  
a' thy trouble,  
But house or hald,  
To thole the winter's sleety  
dribble,  
An' cranreuch cauld.

But Mousie, thou art no  
thy lane,  
In proving foresight may  
be vain:  
The best-laid schemes o'  
mice an' men  
Gang aft agley,  
An' lea'e us nought but  
grief an' pain,  
For promis'd joy!

Still thou are blest, com-  
pared wi' me!  
The present only toucheth  
thee:  
But och! I backward cast  
my e'e,  
On prospects drear!  
An' forward, tho' I canna  
see,  
I guess an' fear!

## May 2015 Inland Northwest Fiber Events

*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>
- Thurs. May 7, May 21 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.
- 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).
- Sat. May 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.

### Marketplace Lisitngs - Buy, Sell, Trade

**FOR SALE:** 40 2-pound, 1,300-yard spools of nylon thread for sale at \$5.00 each. The colors are burgundy, dark brown and tan. Contact Greg or Hope at 509-928-8422 or [gregandhope@ptera.net](mailto:gregandhope@ptera.net)

**FOR SALE:** New in package 'Weaving a Life' Journey loom. Price \$90 (\$30 off retail price). Contact Diana Taylor at [weavingspirit@gmail.com](mailto:weavingspirit@gmail.com)

**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)

- Wed. May 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 <https://northcountryweavers.wordpress.com/>
- May 16 and 17 - Magic Mountain Retreat sponsored by the Crossboarder Weavers and Kettle River Weaving Guilds at Curlew Civic Hall, Curlew, WA. For information contact Jean at 509-684-7893, Bobbie at 509-779-0147 or Betty at 509-779-4751.
- May 15 though 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>



### Save the Date: HGA's Convergence 2016

Handweavers Guild of America's biennial conference, **Convergence**, will take place July 30 through August 6, 2016 at a midwest U.S. location still to be announced.

HGA is soliciting instructor proposals for that event. Find more information at <http://www.weavespindye.org/leaders>

## Events To Make a Part of Your Summer Travels

**Craft Book Sale and Liquidation Sale of Interweave Library**, Interweave Press, Loveland, CO, May 8-9. Giant new and used craft book sale liquidating the Interweave library, a collection compiled over more than 30 years.

**2015 Weaving History Conference** offers a variety of presentations explores the fascinating past and present of the heritage art of weaving at the Thousand Island Arts Center/Handweaving Museum, New York, NY, May16-17, 2015.

**By The Work of Her Hands** is a unique cultural exchange between embroidery artists and quilt makers in the Au Grain de Sesame Collective in Morocco and the Quilters of Color Collective in Brooklyn, New York. At the Fabric Workshop and Museum, Philadelphia, PA, June 1-5, 2015.

**Smithsonian Folklife Festival**, Washington DC, June 24-28 and July 1-5, 2015 will feature projects, organizations, and groups whose cultural expressions highlight social, cultural, and economic exchanges in Peru.

## Support Our 2014-15 Business Members

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

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

**Unraveling Identity: Our Textiles, Our Stories** – The largest exhibition in Textile Museum history unites textiles from across cultures to explore expressions of individual, cultural, political, and social identity throughout the ages. At George Washington University Museum/Textiles Museum, Washington, DC, March 21-August 24, 2015.

**The Red That Colored the World**, an exhibition exploring the use of cochineal through a journey of global creativity and trade. At the Museum of International Folk Art, Santa Fe, NM, May 17-Sept. 13, 2015.

**African Textiles and Adornment** – This exhibition presents the profound visual impact of African textiles in a variety of techniques and using a broad range of natural materials. Los Angeles County Museum of Art, Los Angeles, CA, April 5, 2015-October 12, 2015.

**Woven Luxury: Indian, Persian, and Turkish Velvets from the Indicator Collection**, a private New York collection, provides a glimpse into the richness and diversity of Iranian, Indian, and Turkish silk velvets. Asian Art Museum, San Francisco, CA, March 13-Nov. 30, 2015.



SHG member Dian Zahner, right, recently taught a basket-making class at Blue Flag Handweaving in Sandpoint, ID.

## Spokane Handweavers' Guild Proxy Vote Form

2015

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: \_\_\_\_\_

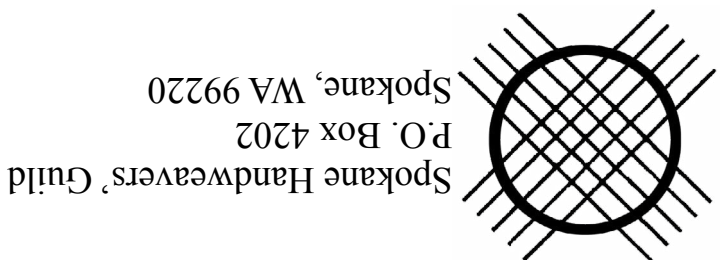
Proxies not received by Corporation Board Secretary Susan Keeger prior to commencing the voting at the May 12 meeting will not be accepted as valid.

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.



### **Cash from Your Stash or Restock Your Cache:**

## **SHG Used Weaving Equipment and Yarn Sale**

On Saturday, May 23 from 10:00 AM until 2:00 PM SHG will hold a consignment sale of used textile arts-related items such as weaving tools and equipment, yarn, spinning fiber, books and videos.

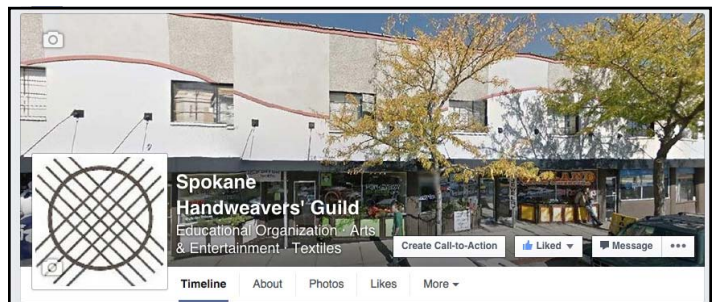
Have excess items taking up space in your weaving studio? Those with items to sell may bring priced goods to the May 12 Guild meeting. Please price items

with SHG's 20% consignment fee in mind. Both you and the Guild will reap the benefits.

Need some new-to-you items for your "stash"? Come, shop and find some great deals at the Guild Hall, 606 W. Garland.

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