

Weaving News You Can Use!

Summer 2015

SPOKANE HANDWEAVERS' GUILD

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

July & August Guild Meetings

SHG's July meeting is **Tuesday, July 14 at 6:00 PM** in our Guild Hall at 606 W. Garland in Spokane. This meeting will feature member Judy Olson speaking about her recent adventures in tartan weaving with instructor Linda Davis.

This meeting will also feature 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 on the afternoon of Tuesday, July 14, well before the 6:00 PM meeting. Please price items with SHG's 20% consignment fee in mind. Both you and the Guild will reap the benefits!

Get details and an inventory form for the items you wish to sell at <http://www.spokaneweavers.org/wp/events/used-weaving-equipment-and-yarn-sale/>

Guild members will also meet at the Guild Hall on **Tuesday, August 11 at 6:00 PM**. The program for this meeting is still being planned. Watch for details online at <http://www.spokaneweavers.org/wp/events/august-2015-monthly-guild-meeting/>

Everyone attending either or both of these meetings 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.

Other Upcoming SHG Events – See *MORE* on page 8!

- Mon. July 6, 6:30 PM - SHG Board of Directors' Meeting at the Guild Hall.
- Sat. July 11, 9:00 AM until 4:00 PM - **Color-and-Weave Gamp Workshop** taught by Colleen East. Weave a pattern gamp (sampler) that you can quickly refer to and use for future projects. Seven patterns threaded in the warp, 40 or more treadling patterns result in 280+ reproducible patterns to refer to. Dark and light warp colors, dark and light weft colors. \$98.00 for the all-day class. Register online at <http://www.spokaneweavers.org/wp/events/july-11-color-and-weave-gamp-workshop/>
- Mon. August 3, 6:30 PM - SHG Board of Directors' Meeting at the Guild Hall.
- Sat. August 8 - Open studio all day during the annual Garland Street Fair. Bring your loom or other textile pursuit and spend a few hours or the whole day enjoying the best summertime party in our neighborhood!
- Thurs. August 13, 1:00 until 4:00 PM - **Tiny Tapestry Class** with Diana Taylor. Weave a small wall hanging on a simple frame loom, incorporating several basic tapestry techniques. Inspire yourself with color, texture, shape and form, using a variety of yarn textures and colors. Students will warp a simple frame loom and learn about fringes and knots, in addition to traditional tapestry weaves. Registration information coming soon at <http://www.spokaneweavers.org/wp/events/august-13-tiny-tapestry-class/>

A Message From Our New President

As I ponder what to write for my first President's Message, it occurs to me how much the Spokane Handweavers' Guild has changed since I joined a few years ago, and I know that change will continue in the coming years. And yet, as I am working on the programs and workshops, I notice that some things don't change. We will continue to have weavers' challenges, (How are those towels progressing? See page 3!), the Guild Sale is scheduled (See page 4!), the gift exchange and pot luck is on the agenda and we still have marvelous members.

The biggest change has been our meeting space. We have gone from meeting at Orchard Crest Retirement Community and Paradise Fibers, to our own Guild Hall space. Having our own space provides us with opportunities that weren't before possible. I am hoping that we can build on these opportunities, such as offering more classes for all abilities, forming study groups, having "open studios" and help sessions, and evolving to where the Guild Hall is occupied by our members more often.

What has not changed is the fact that members are still the most important assets of the Guild.

We have had a very dedicated group of Board members and volunteers that put in many hours trying to grow the Guild and make the space transition as smooth as possible. A huge thanks goes to our outgoing board members: Susan Keeger, and Marsha Hein. We wouldn't be where we are today without you.

A big thanks goes to the members who have stepped up to take on roles as Board members Diana Taylor as vice president, Susan Thomson as treasurer, and

Bonnie Thomson as secretary. Gina Hoefler, Judy Olsen, Kristie Sherrodd and Jen Garrison Stuber will continue to have a presence on the board and committees. I look forward to working with all of you.

There are also committee members who are not board members who really make a contribution: Diane Florance on the library committee, Colleen East and Sandra Staff-Koetter on the programs and workshop committee and Carla Coleman, who will head up a study group sometime this fall.

I have stated that I would like to get more people involved, so this is my call for volunteers. There are opportunities to volunteer at one-time events and for ongoing involvement. The Garland Street Fair is coming up on August 8th; The Guild sale is Nov. 6th-8th. Help with these events would be greatly appreciated. Kristie has taken on a huge commitment as the Communications Chair. She has done a fabulous job maintaining the website and newsletter and numerous other "behind the scenes" tasks. She is the Chair and only person on the committee. Help is needed. The treasurer's position has also grown, as our membership has increased. Someone to help with membership would be greatly appreciated.

Are you interested in a study group? Please let us know! Would you be interested in open hours or help sessions? Please let us know! Do you have ideas for workshops, or classes that you would be interested in taking? Please let us know! Your involvement and suggestions can only lead to a more vibrant Guild.

Thank-you to all members, for supporting your guild!
– Sarah Laudenbach, SHG President

Save This Newsletter!

Because it's the hot and busy summertime, SHG will only issue two newsletters this summer – this June/July issue and an August/September issue, which is due out in late August. Please keep this copy to remind you of events and classes through August and visit the Guild website at <http://www.spokaneweavers.org/wp/> for updates!

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/>

SHG's 2015 - 16 Board of Directors

Elected Officers:

- President: Sarah Laudenbach
- First Vice-President: Diana Taylor
- Second Vice President: Jen Garrison Stuber
- Secretary: Bonnie Thomson
- Treasurer: Susan Thomson

Appointed Board Members:

- At-Large Seat #1 & Communications Committee
Chair: Kristie Sherrodd
- At-Large Seat #2 & Guild Historian: Judy Olsen
- At-Large Seat #3 & Equipment & Library
Committee Chair: Gina Hoefler

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: New price! Oak, 46-inch jack loom. Double back beam, 8 harnesses with adjustable bench. 8- and 12-dent reeds. \$1,500. Located near Diamond Lake, WA. Contact Penny at 509-447-0613 or penny47n@gmail.com

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

FOR SALE: New in package 'Weaving a Life' Journey loom. Price \$90 (\$30 off retail price). Contact Diana Taylor at 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

Weavers' Challenge Towels Due October 13

Don't forget to take part in one of two weaving exchanges this fall! For each challenge, participants are asked to weave a number of kitchen towels. Towels are due at the October 13 Guild meeting

If you would like to take part, just start weaving your towels and bring them in October. If you have questions, contact program committee member Colleen East by email at 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

Don't Forget to Get Prepare For the Guild Sale Scheduled For November 6, 7 & 8

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.

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.



A canvas-weave scarf, in progress on Kristie's loom, is destined for the Guild sale in November! What's on your loom?

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

Due to challenging legal requirements for labeling, flame proofing and testing, children's items will not be accepted:

- Baby blankets or wraps
- Clothing
- Toys

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/>

July & August Inland Northwest Fiber Events

- 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>
- Thursdays July 2, July 16, July 30 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.
- Sat. July 4 - Happy Independence Day!
- Wed. July 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/>
- Sat. July 11, 12:00 noon until 4:00 PM - Color-and-Weave Workshop at the Guild Hal. See page 1.
- Sat. July 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.
- Sat. July 18, all day - Spin-In at the Greenbluff Grange, 9809 E Greenbluff Rd, Colbert, WA. Free, all-day event with vendors, classes and more. Information at <http://greenbluffspinin.com/>
- Sat. Aug. 8, 10:00 AM until 7:00 PM - Garland Street Fair. Come out and enjoy the fun in the Guild Hall's neighborhood!
- Sat. Aug. 8, 12:00 noon until 3:00 PM - Twisted Threads and Pals, a Spokane-area spinning group at Valleyford Fire Station #82.
- Wed. Aug. 12, 12:00 noon until 3:00 PM - North Country Weavers Guild meets at Create Art Center, 900 W 4th St. in Newport WA.
- Thur. Aug. 13, 1:00 to 4:00 PM - Tiny Tapestry Class at the Guild Hall. See page 1.
- Thursdays Aug. 13 and 27 and beyond, 1:00 until 4:00 PM - Free, open spinning at Blue Flag Handweaving Studio in Sandpoint.
- Thurs. Sept. 4, 9:00 AM until 4:00 PM - Doubleweave Workshop at Blue Flag Handweaving in Sandpoint. See <http://www.blueflagweaving.com/classes.html> for details.

The Inland Northwest has many active weavers and other fiber artists as well as lots of great events to inspire us. Go out and experience some of these!

Spring 2015 Tartan Weaving Workshop Results



Judy and Patty shared photos of their finished projects, started during a workshop with Linda Davis in April. See Judy's work at right and Patty's on the left.



Membership News

As of June 27 our 2015-16 membership total stands at 30. A big thank-you to all the renewing members and this month we are pleased to welcome new members William Anstead, Sheila Anthony, Amanda Farnsworth, May Kytonen and Andrea Matters, all of Spokane.

If you haven't joined or renewed yet, find a membership form to mail with your dues on page 7 of this newsletter or pay online. Visit <http://www.spokaneweavers.org/wp/membership/> for complete information about SHG membership.

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
- Use of Guild library and equipment
- Invitations to and priority registration for Guild-sponsored events and workshops
- Membership in the Association of Northwest Weavers Guilds
- Business members receive a complimentary listing on the Guild's Resources web page and in every issue of this newsletter.

PLEASE NOTE: If you were previously a member and have not renewed for 2015-16, this will be your last newsletter until you renew. Don't miss out!

Please Support Our Business Members

Want to see your fiber-related business listed here? Join at the Business level and be listed in every issue and on our website! If you are listed here and have not renewed for 2015-16, please renew today! This is the last time your business will appear until you renew.

- **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/>



Eight-harness twill blocks are just one of the block weaves that will be drafted and woven during a two-day class at the Guild Hall in September. See page 8.

We would love to see photographs of YOUR handwoven creations or other textiles arts! To have your work included in a future issue of this newsletter, please send digital photographs, 900 pixels wide, to the editor at weaving_news@spokaneweavers.org or contact Kristie at a meeting if you have printed photographs.



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MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

Membership year runs July 1 through June 30

Members receive many benefits:

- ◆ Monthly emailed or mailed news and reminders about upcoming events
- ◆ Use of Guild library and equipment
- ◆ Invitations to and price discounts on guild-sponsored events and workshops
- ◆ Many, many friends who love yarn and fibers in all forms

Date: _____

Name: _____

Weaving-Related Business Name: _____

For business member listing on our website Resources page

Address: _____

City, State & Zip Code: _____

Phone: _____

E-mail: _____

Membership type - check one:

- \$30.00 - Individual \$60.00 - Fiber-Related Business
- FREE membership for those over age 75 *who have been members for 5 or more years*

Payment:

- 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: _____

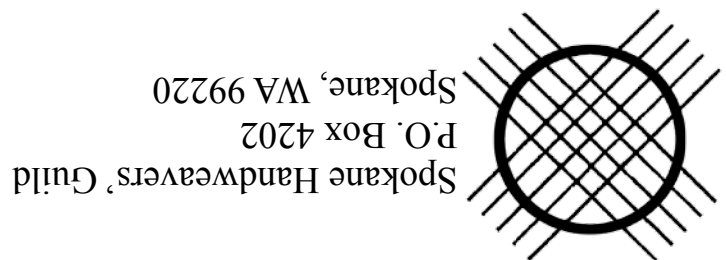
Is this a renewal membership or new membership?

How do you prefer to receive reminders, announcements and other news from the Guild? Email U.S. Mail

Thank You & Welcome!

Spokane Handweavers' Guild

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Events On Tap at SHG For September & Beyond

- Tues. Sept. 8 in the afternoon - **Woven Cuff Workshop** taught by Colleen East. Details, price and registration information TBA.
- Sun. Sept. 13 & Mon. Sept. 14, 9:00 AM until 5:00 PM both days - **Introduction to Block Weaves Class** taught by Kristie Sherrodd. Learn how to read and write both profile drafts and block weave drafts. Then weave summer and winter, twill blocks, lace blocks and more. Students' looms will each be threaded with a different weave structure and samples will be woven in a round robin format. Learn more at <http://www.spokaneweavers.org/wp/events/introduction-to-block-weaves-class/>
- Sat. Oct. 10, 9:00 AM until 5:00 PM - **Exploring Twill Workshop** taught by Colleen East. Details, price and registration information TBA.
- Sat. Oct. 17, 9:00 AM until 5:00 PM - **Advancing Twill Workshop** taught by Colleen East. Details, price and registration information TBA.
- Fri., Sat. & Sun., Nov. 6 -8 - **Annual Guild Sale**. See details on page 4.
- Mon., Tues. & Wed., March 14 -16, 2016 - **“Crimp & Create” with nationally known weaving instructor Dianne Totten**. This 2 1/2-day weaving workshop takes fiber in a new direction by creating “crimp cloth.” Using a variation of woven shibori for both warp and weft, learn to create fabric with permanently crimped designs that hold their memory even when washed. Participants will draft, weave, and crimp their samples in class to discover the endless possibilities. Learn more & register now at <http://www.spokaneweavers.org/wp/events/crimp-create-weaving-class-with-dianne-totten/>