

Fairbanks Weavers & Spinners Guild

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GUILD MEETINGS

November 15 Sunday 2 to 6pm
Program: 3:00pm Looms that Travel
Location: Weaving Studio Rm. 219, 516 2nd Ave.
Phone: 452-7737

Dec. 5 5:00 Winter Picnic
Location: Barbara Ebbesson's Home
 3165 Anella Rd
Phone: 479-0440

JANUARY NO MEETING THIS MONTH
FEBRUARY DOUBLE YOUR TROUBLES

BOARD MEETINGS

Nov. 16 Monday, 5:30 pm Helen Howard's
 new home on Riverview 488-2314
Dec. No Meeting
Jan. 25 Monday; 5:30 pm
Location: Weaving Studio, Rm. 219 516 2nd Ave

SPINNING STUDY GROUP

November 14th 2pm - 6pm Alice Stickney 479-3425

All spinners are welcome, and, if you are interested, call Alice at 479-3425 for details and directions.

The **Ravelry.com knitting group** continues to meet Wednesday evenings, not always at the same place. Their Christmas party is also on Dec 5, at 5pm until ?? at the Dog Musher's Hall.

The **UAF KNITTING GROUP** has disbanded because a convenient time for everyone was impossible.

Bobbin Lace still continues at Barnes & Noble on Friday evenings with Marnie & Sherrill.

GUILD PROGRAMS

(Everyone's schedule is so busy that we are trying to hold meetings at different times to improve our member attendance.)

November 15 Sunday 2 – 6pm
Program presentation: 3pm

ECO TIMES & GOING GREEN HAVE LOOM – Will Travel

From very small to Large – with projects to go.

Come and try a multitude of small portable looms that can be made for children and adults. A display and demonstration of looms that can be used for traveling or filling your leisure time as you wait for the family. Make your own rigid heddle loom as a present or weave on a large rigid heddle loom; warp up the tablets/cards for Christmas shoestrings or belt. Try your hand at the inkle loom, bead on a meat-tray loom, or learn how to warp a bicycle wheel or pizza board, a Navajo loom, cardboard box. On display: a real African loom with toe toggles and a Guatemalan back strap loom. That is not all. There's a straw loom, a frame loom, a triangle loom and a Scandinavian band loom. Bring your own exotic loom or projects. The program & short business meeting is at 3pm and the extended time is to allow anyone to try out the different looms that can travel. Free duplicate magazines and wool rug yarns for sale

December 5 5:00pm Winter Picnic

Barbara Ebbesson has always missed the winter picnic because of her travels to Sweden so this year she volunteered to host the winter picnic at her home.

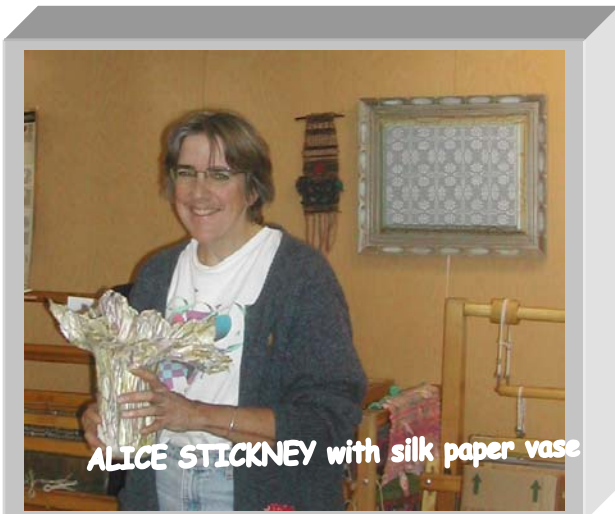
It's a salad pot-luck. Any kind of salad hearty, main-dish type, green, fruit, or whatever. **Just 'no soups' or stuff requiring bowls.** For another wild and wooly White elephant Auction, bring along a 'nutty or nice' item that we can 'fight' over.

DIRECTIONS: Barbara's home: take Chena Pump Road, just past the Rosie Creek turnoff and on the right is Anella, turn right and go down to the 9th/10th house on the right. 3165 Anella on a big Black mailbox. Phone 479-0440

JANUARY MEETING CANCELLED

**NO MEETING IN JANUARY DUE TO COLD WEATHER
 NEWSLETTER TO COME IN JANUARY**

New fibers available at local yarns shops are:
 Include blends yarns of Buffalo, Bamboo, Soy, silk,
 And qiviut fibers blended with a variety of fibers.
 Check out your local yarn shops



ALICE STICKNEY with silk paper vase

OFFICERS FOR 2008

President	Jodi Gouwens	474-9144
Vice President	Devta Khalsa	479-9722
Secretary	Kate Hedstrom	451-0975
Treasurer	Tracy Duffield	451-5952
Historian	Becky Hammond	490-4464

Board of Directors:

Barbara Ebbesson	479-0440
Helen Howard	488-2314
Jane Gregory	457-7707
Open	

Appointed or Volunteer Positions:

Librarian	Barbara Ebbesson	479-0440
Hospitality	Open	
Newsletter	Martin Miller/Penny Wakefield	
Fair Supervisor	Kate Hedstrom	451-0975
Workshops	Alice Stickney	479-3425
	Penny Wakefield	457-4124
Dye Garden	Gail Mayo	479-2954
Spinning Study Group	Alice Stickney	479-3425

A Big Thank You to the Members who stepped up to be Officers & Board members. We still need one more board member to fill our this year.

Presidents Letter November 2009

This has been a year of change for many people in the economy and in politics. It is also a year of potential change for the Fairbanks Weavers' & Spinners' Guild.

First, we are trying some new meeting times. The attendance at our normal first Wednesday of the month meeting has been dropping. So we are trying some alternatives. Our November meeting on Sunday afternoon is one example of this. Come join us for the chance to sample a number of small looms throughout the afternoon with a more formal presentation at 3 pm on how they work. Feel free to bring your friends, neighbors and children who may be interested in trying these out. This is a great time of year to use some of these petite looms to make holiday presents. The December meeting is our traditional Winter Picnic with details in this newsletter. There will not be a January meeting as it is usually too cold most years.

Second, with the closing of New Horizons Art Gallery and the return of the building to the bank, the future of the Weaving Studio is somewhat cloudy. The Lathrop Building containing the Weaving Studio is scheduled to be auctioned the second week of November. It may be a while before we know what this means for us. See the article in this newsletter giving a history of our 20 years in the Lathrop Building.

As the Guild explores different meeting times, we are wondering if anyone would like to host a meeting at their home. Let us know if you may be interested and what month. Also, consider scheduling a Busy Bee this winter at your home.

As we plan the meetings between now and April, are there any topics you want to see covered? Contact myself or Penny Wakefield with your suggestions. Our program chairman is on sabbatical. We want to feature things of interest to our members.

Jodi Gouwens, President

THANK YOU'S TO ALL

THANKS to all the workshop people who helped clean up after the Karen Selk workshop. I know everyone had a wonderful time and made truly beautiful items. See photo's

THANK YOU'S to the following members: Barbara Ebbesson, Tracy Duffield & daughter, Helen Howard & Penny Wakefield, who demonstrated at the National Spinning & Weaving WEEK at the Morris Thompson Cultural Center. Good hearty soups and bread were shared but the member attendance was low. We watched the HGA Fashion Show 'The Dance of the Flamingo's' from Convergence 2008 -- The fashion show & HGA exhibit photo's can be checked out from the library.

MEMBERS IN THE NEWS

Four new members joined from the Karen Selk Workshop. **CELIA QUINN** Spinning instructor from Homer is a member and was so nice to drive Karen to Anchorage. Celia presented a great spinning workshop last spring with a lot of spinners attending. **MARY MATHEWS** is a well known papermaker using wasp nests and such for creating fairly large installations. Her dresses and coat can be seen at McCaferty's Coffee Shop on Cushman. **TRACY SMITH** is a self taught felter, student at UAF and wanted to know more about the silk felting. **BROWLEE MCKEE** a tourist from Princeton, NJ, on a Elder Hostel Tour overheard a conversation and wanted to know more about our Weaving Guild & Studio. She read the newsletter and signed up for the workshop which fit perfectly into her travel plans.

KATE HEDSTOM and husband Rob are in their new house. Now they have room for more stuff. THE HOUSE was on the Home tour this year. Anyone looking to buy -- theirs is up for sale in a nice neighborhood, close to UAF. **JODI GOUWENS** is back on her feet, making baskets and giving basket workshops. She will be at the following Bazaar's

Nov. 7/8	Sat/Sun 10-4	UAF Women's Bazaar, Wood Ctr
Nov. 21	Sat 9-5	Ryan Middle School Holiday Bazaar
Nov. 28/29	Sat/Sun 10-5	Pioneer Park Holiday Bazaar
Dec. 5	Sat 10-4pm	Tanana Valley Farmer's Market West Valley H.S. on Geist Rd.

Look for **ELIZABETH KEECH, CHRISTINE DICURTI, BECKY HAMMOND & others** selling at the bazaars.

2010 - WEAVING STUDIO to CELEBRATE 20 YEARS

In 1991, the Fairbanks Weavers & Spinners Guild moved into the Lathrop Building to teach Weaving and continue the instruction of our Weaving & Spinning Heritage. Our class attendance has been as high as 17 and as low as three. We quickly realized that teaching weaving would not pay the rent. The success of the YOUTH FIBERARTS PROGRAM (from 3 weeks, 15 classes, 5 instructors in 1992 to 9 weeks, 50 classes & 14 instructors in 2009) has paid the rent, subsidized instructor's salaries. Insurance, phone, supplies, etc and the many workshops we sponsor. Over the 18 years, 4000 youth have benefited from our unique guild sponsored program.

Your membership fees are still very important, paying for the newsletter, stamps, printing, PO Box rent, banking fees & checks, basic supplies etc. Your input regarding the future is very important and we would like to hear from you. Please come to the next meeting with your ideas and suggestions for the future.

THE ART SCENE

FAIRBANKS ARTS ASSOCIATION
BEAR GALLERY Exhibits

Nov 6 – 28 50/50 Photo Exhibit Alaska Statehood
Dec 4 – 31 RARIFIED LIGHT - Photography
Jan 8 – 30 Juried exhibition for New Media
3 R's exhibit 'ReUsed & ReAssembled, ReCycled'
Deadline in late December and Monday Jan. 4th.
Feb 5 – 27 Patterns of Influence – Changing Times
Deadline for Juried exhibit – January 31
For prospectus for these exhibitions: fairbanksarts.org

WORKSHOP UPDATE

NOV 14, Saturday SMALL BREAD BASKET

This rectangular basket is perfect for serving a few rolls or slices of bread or can easily be used to organize things on your desk. This 3" high plaited basket starts with a 3" by 10" base teaching the construction of a shaped rim using flat oval reed. The 1/4" dyed reed is available in a wide variety of colors.

Limit: 6 people. ****All basketry materials included.

HOURS: 9am - 4:30 pm

FEE: \$45 + \$2 to stain if you wish

TO REGISTER call 474-9144 or Email

BirchsongC@gmail.com

Location: Instructor's home off University Avenue

***YOU PICK THE DATE AND THE BASKET ***

For a minimum of 4 people and 2 weeks notice, you pick the basket and decide the day of the week! Weekdays are also available.

NOV 22 Sunday 1- 4pm MITTEN WORKSHOP

Learn how to make mittens from old felted sweaters or weave off a length of fabric to felt, cut up and sew for the warmest mittens. Warp available at the Studio.

Location: Weaving Studio

Workshop Fee: \$25 includes pattern & leather.

Must know how to sew.

Register: Call 457-4124 or 452-7737

WEAVE FOR MITTENS

Spinners & weavers with Lumpy Bumpy type of handspun yarn Clean out those yarn baskets, use up that old thick thin stuff that you made way back when and now can not spin anymore because you are a SOOO FINE spinner. I still a wool warp that loves thick thin yarn and makes up into the warmest mittens ever. You do need to sign up for the weaving time (about 3 hours) We are there Tues/Thurs evenings from 5:30pm until 9pm. You do not need to know how to weave – so start house cleaning and find that stuff. Call 452-7737



Charlie Steps Out

Nov 19th Annual Meeting and fund Raiser

The Fairbanks Arts Association CHARLIE pARTy for the Arts will be held Thursday, November 19th at 7pm. An opportunity to purchase artworks from Neville Abbott Jacobs, bid on a Navajo Rug, a Rockwell Kent and many unique art pieces. RSVP to 456-6485 ext 226

IN OUR MAIL BOX and EMAIL BOX

A Notice from NADINE SANDERS for registration for her 2010 Threads, Tunes and Ruins tour in Scotland

Go to the following website to check out her brochure:
<http://www.singingweaver.com/travel.shtml>

Cotton Thread and Yarns for Sale from

Mitzi Meyers A Weaver in Sweet, Idaho
www.mitzis-yarn-weaving-knitting.com
Mill ends from the fabric & sock mill.

The **Anchorage Weavers Guild Newsletter** - latest issue:
<http://www.anchorageweavespin.org/newsletters/2009November.pdf>

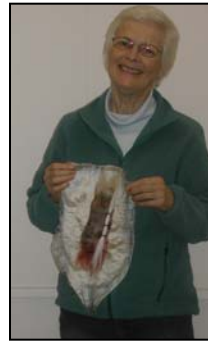
OPPORTUNITY for FIBER Exhibit

FIRST FRIDAY FOR FIBERS - DECEMBER 4TH MORRIS THOMPSON CULTURAL CENTER

Morris Thompson Cultural Center invites everyone for a Fiber First Friday, December 4th, A Show and Tell and or ITEMS FOR SALE. So Adea Cotter can advertize for this event she would like some names so if you could send around to your fiber people that would be great. I believe it

is from 5 to 8pm like a regular first Friday.

Anyone interested in doing sales or show and tell. Contact Adia Cotter at 459-3732



A LETTER FROM our newest member BROWNLEE MCKEE

Remarkable Alaska followed me home - Native Alaskan performers, artists, and an exhibit of ancient ivories of Bering Strait came to Princeton NJ this week!

At the art show someone waved to me across the room: she was one of my campus tour guides at UAF! and is also a

Native dancer with the Alaskan Native Heritage Museum in Anchorage. I recognized and talked to some other people from UAF and the Heritage Museum, too.

Brownlee McKee Princeton NJ.

Reindeer Research Program

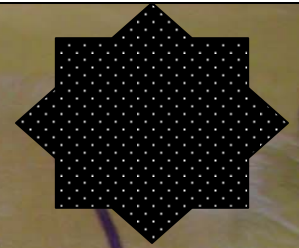
Hello, I work for the Reindeer Research Program. I have quite a lot of Reindeer Hair available to use for spinning into woolin/felted products. This has been done in Canada with great success by combining the hair with other types of wool, the hairs are hollow so extra warm, and come in several different colors and I was hoping someone locally would like to give it a try. My thought is that it could become the next Alaskan Grown Industry, such as Quiviut has been. Please give me a call at your earliest convenience. Thank you.

Melody D. Cavanaugh-Moen Reindeer Research AHRB
176, P.O. Box 757200 P 474.5449 F 474.7175

For more pictures & all in color go to the website
www.fairbanksweavers.org

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JOURNAL by SANDY GARBOWSKI

HOLIDAY GIFTS

Looms for Sale

27" Lclerc 4 shaft loom floor
Warping board, some books, reeds
Sharry Gillesse , 388-8875
sgillesse@hotmail.com

4 shaft Table loom with loom stand
Some Books, shuttles, warping
board
\$400 Call the Studio

Musk Ox wool FOR SALE
OLD SPINNING BOBBINS
Lisa Behr 474-0479

Rigid Heddle Loom
On a Stand
20" wide, 10 epi
Brand New \$400
Call the Studio, 452-7737



CELIA QUINN'S LAMPSHADE with wild flowers