

Fairbanks Weavers & Spinners Guild

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GUILD ACTIVITIES & PROGRAMS

ANNUAL MEETING Wednesday, APRIL 3rd 5:30pm BAHN THAI Dinner Dessert Potluck at 7pm

APRIL 3rd Wed. 5:30pm ANNUAL MEETING & Election
Location: BAHN THAI restaurant - 3rd Ave
DESSERTS: 748 Gaffney Road Suite104 388-0247
 We will gather at 5:30pm at the Bahn Thai restaurant on 3rd Avenue for dinner and conversation. After dinner, we move to Gayle Hazen's Studio 104, 748 Gaffney, 388-0247 for the DESSERT POTLUCK at 7pm followed by the annual business meeting, election of officers and ends with our favorite white elephant exchange. Reduce 'fiber stash', extra books, unusual items in your treasured 'stuff', a UFO, (unlikely to be finished ever) or to 're-gift'. We are sure you will come up with something. Do bring your favorite dessert to share. Email RSVP: info@fairbanksweavers.org for a table count.

MAY 1 Wed. 7pm GARMENTS FROM OUR HANDS
Location: Weaving Studio, RM 219, 516 2nd Ave

This semester weaving students final project will be creating fabric's for garments, so bring your garments and inspirational stories to share with the students. Since the invention of the needle, 20,000 B.C., our garments have been made by hand. The invention of the sewing machine by Walter Hunt in 1832 freed the garment makers of tedious hand stitching. Even today our leisure time hours are spent using our hands to create wearables from our spinning, weaving, knitting, felting, quilting and crocheting even though modern machines are capable of doing the same. The enjoyment of creating a beautiful and useful item by hand is a great joy of accomplishment.



JUNE 1 OR 8 DYE GARDEN PLANTINGS

Location: Georgeson Botanical Gardens
 Stay in touch for the information regarding the dye garden planting day. Let Gail Mayo 479-2954 or Kate Hedstrom 451-0975 know you are interested in helping. Email info@fairbanksweavers.org and get your name on the info list. It takes many hands to plant & keep the garden clean.

BOARD MEETINGS

April 22 Monday, 5:30pm
 Location: Jodi Gouwens home in Linck Estates, #304 Condo's behind the Bowling Alley

60th Anniversary BAGS & APRONS BAGS
 A few EXTRA 60th Anniversary BAGS & APRONS BAGS are still available so if you forgot to order, you still have a chance to pick up one at the meeting .

INTERESTED IN KNITTING GROUPS
 Contact Moxie 479-8443 or try Ravelry.com

ELECTION OF OFFICERS - APRIL MEETING
 President Jodi Gouwens will continue for another year as the president. We Thank Jane Gregory for her many years of service as board positions, fair chairman and newsletter editor. Gayle Hazen's travel schedule for the next year prevents her from participating and we Thank her for serving on the board and helping organizing the 60th Anniversary Mini-retreat with Kim Korten Hof. Several guild members, Cathy Egan & Joyce Outten have volunteered to be Secretary and Historian, respectively. The 2013 slate:

Officers & Board members for 2013 -14

OFFICERS FOR 2012

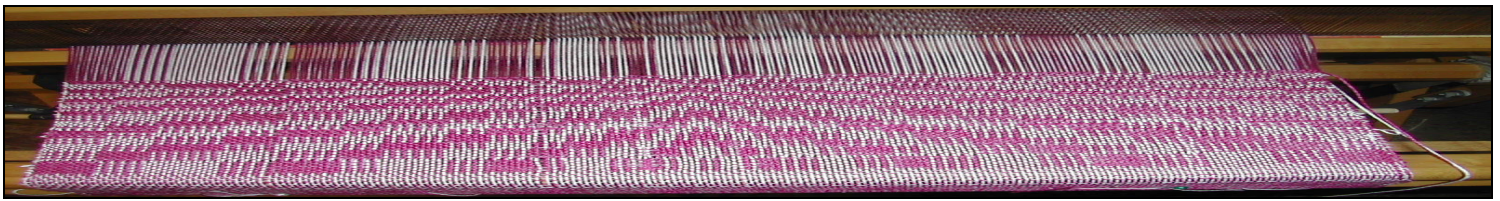
President	Jodi Gouwens	474-9144
Vice President	Kim Korten Hof	488-4779
Secretary	Cathy Egan	457-4290
Treasurer	Rob Cermak	451-0975
Historian	Joyce Outten	488-9424

Board of Directors:

Barbara Ebbesson	479-0440
Moxie Pender	479-8443
Pat Costello	457-7033
Kate Hedstrom	451-0975

Appointed or Volunteer Positions:

Librarian	Barbara Ebbesson	479-0440
Hospitality	OPEN	
Newsletter	Penny Wakefield & Kathy Buckley	
Fair Supervisor	Moxie Pender	479-8443
Workshops	Alice Stickney	479-3425
	Penny Wakefield	457-4124
Dye Garden	Gail Mayo	479-2954
Spinning Group:	Alice Stickney	479-3425



March 2013 Newsletter
Presidents Letter

The thermometer doesn't always say it's spring but the increasing daylight with sun on the horizon later each evening tells us the warmth has finally come with the longer days. Time to think about those bright colored yarns in your stash to make some new spring hand-wovens.

Come join us for the April 3 (Wed) meeting to elect officers, pay your dues for the coming year, share a meal at Bahn Thai followed by delicious desserts with a white elephant gift exchange at Gayle Hazen's Studio.

On May 1 (Wed & May Day) we gather at the Weaving Studio focusing on hand-woven garments. Many of our members have hand-woven garments in their closets we'd love to have you share with us during the show and tell part of this meeting.

Some folks are already planting seeds for summer gardens - including hopefully a few dye plants. We will have more info later on our usual June meeting to clean-up and plant our plot at the Georgeson Botanical Garden.

Penny is setting up some warps at the Weaving Studio where you can help weave some items to sell at the Fair this August. Give her a call if you have some time to work on these items. Your effort can make a difference in helping the Guild to promote the fiber arts in Fairbanks.

President Jodi Gouwens

MEMBERS IN THE NEWS & THANK YOU'S to the following:

Welcome to **ALICIA SPIELMAN**, a new member and a new weaver.

THANKS again to **JOYCE OUTTEN, ALICIA SPIELMAN** and **HELEN HOWARD & CATHY EGAN** and other spinners for volunteering their help for ART EXPO. Lots of cards and qiviut were sold, donated by Alice Stickney.

THANKS to all the renewing members. A new member booklet will be available soon so don't miss out, send dues in now.

THANK YOU to **ALICE STICKNEY & HELEN HOWARD** for organizing the spinning bees and to **ALICE** for coordinating and getting the Musk Ox Workshop going for 7 spinners learning how to work and spin Qiviut. **THANKS TO WENDY ELSNER** for instructing that workshop. She is off to Martha's Vineyard for a new job.

WORKSHOP UPDATE

APRIL 13 12:30pm to 3 WARP UP THE BICYCLE or THE KNITTING FRAME FOR LOOPER WEAVING

Learn how to warp up that old bicycle wheel for making circular rugs for the bathroom or use fabric strips for placemats on the knitting frames, both small and large frames. A portable summer project.

Location: Weaving Studio, Rm 219, 516 2nd Avenue

Time: 12:30pm to 3

Fee: \$10 includes loopers and warp

Bring your own bicycle wheel with out the spokes or make a \$5.00 donation to the guild for a wheel. Bring your own fabric strips if you want a specific color theme. You will need to register ahead of time so wheels will be available.

Call the studio 452-7737 to register for this special workshop.

COMING IN MAY or JUNE 2013

Machine Knitting Twined Rugs
If would like to do a weekend workshop,
Please contact the studio. 452-7737

MAY 4th TBA FELTING SYMPOSIUM

Calling all felters to present a variety of felting techniques and their experiences in felting with different fibers. Prepare a short presentation or demonstration to share a felting technique though demo's, samples, photos. Share different felting techniques or samples on Saturday should be fun. Email your presentation proposal by the 20th of April to info@fairbanksweavers.org. Indicate if you can present morning or afternoon so a schedule can be set up. Potluck lunch. Questions regarding what you would like to know about felting can also be sent to the same email.

A felting workshop by Ann Wood is scheduled for Sunday

MAY 5TH Sun. 10 - 3pm FELTING WITH ANN WOOD

Following the felting symposium, Ann Wood will present a felting workshop. The project is to be announced soon.

Location: Weaving Studio, Rm 219

Fee: \$?? Will depend on the project. Next newsletter should come with the project information, just save the date. Express your interest by calling the Weaving Studio, 452-7737

August 25 - 30 Pine Needle Basketry

See last newsletter for workshop description info.

NEW ITEMS FOR SALE

Washed DOG HAIR, 36 oz white, 37 oz dark.
Would trade for some spun yarn etc.
Call Bruth George 488-6982



PAULA'S PICKER FOR SALE
CALL Gail Mayo to make an offer
Any reasonable offer would be considered
Call Gail 479-2954

LOOKING FOR A LITTLE QIVIUT FIBER FOR A SPINNING FRIEND
Qiviut Wool for sale

1 oz of uncleaned fiber for \$20 per ounce.
Donated by Alice Stickney as Guild Fundraiser
Call Weaving Studio 452-7737

Knitter & Dyers Wanted
Call Vivian at 490-6722.

Also looking for knitters and dyers

Looms for Sale

45-inch 8-shaft LeClerc Nilus back hinge treadle loom, near new.
Includes many extras: custom bench, attached bobbin/skein holder,
4 reeds (8, 10, 12 and 15 DPI),
LeClerc bobbin winder,
LeClerc boat shuttle with bobbins,
custom small boat shuttle with bobbins,
2 Schacht ski shuttles, 2 Northwest ski shuttles,

6-drawer accessory cabinet and several texts, all original tools, VHS instruction video and textbook included,
homemade raddle, comb.
Reduced Price to \$2100
call 488-1674

LOOM FOR SALE

45" 4 shaft Gilmore Loom with a bench (Maple)
Includes warping reel and several shuttles \$800
It is located in Kasilof & would pick up there
Call Gretchen 474-7124 or Diane 456-2250

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

36" Harrisville Model T 4 Shaft floor \$950
Warping board, 2 shuttles, 2 reeds, spool winder
& 14 spools & other weaving accessories
Kanza Keill, 457-2423

4 shaft Table loom with stand
Some Books, shuttles, warping board
\$400 Call the Studio 452-7737

Loom for Sale
36" LeClerc 4-shaft floor loom, 3 reeds,
Extra heddles etc \$1050
Separate handcrafted bench \$400
Call Helen Howard, 374-2914



Make an appointment to meet the pacas. Tons of photos on

<http://www.facebook.com/SkyflightAlpacas>
Contact Moxie 479-8443 to meet the pacas.

****** REDUCED PRICE**
****** ANIMALS FOR SALE**
SELLING Huacaya ALPACA
HERD 5 males, 5 females
REDUCED PRICE PREFER
TO SELL THE ENTIRE
HERD but will consider
selling individual animals.
Contact Moxie 479-8443