

Fairbanks Weavers & Spinners Guild

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GUILD MEETINGS – First Wednesday

NOVEMBER 7 TEXTILE PRESERVATION

Time: 7:00pm
Location: Weaving Studio, 452-7737, 516 2nd Ave.

DECEMBER 9 Sunday's WINTER PICNIC

Time: Noon brunch to 6pm
Location: KIM'S NEW STUDIO at 23 Mile Chena HS

SPINNING Study Group Meetings

November 3rd Sat. 3 – 7pm Alice Stickney's home
Call Alice for directions 479-3425

December 9th Sun 12 – 6pm Kim Kortenhof
Call for directions, 488-4779

KNITTING and Lace Gatherings

There are quite a few knitting groups around that guild members participate in. New knitters are wondering if any of the groups are open to new knitters. Call the Weaving Studio: 452-7737

DROP IN & KNIT anytime INUA Wool Peger Rd

Knanook Knitters at UAF Noon -1pm Wood Center
Email contact: fnlah1@uaf.edu Multilevel lounge

Third Friday Knitters Call Lois 479-5251

Sip, Stitch & Knit 2 Street Station, Downtown
Saturday, 1 – 4pm, November 3
Tuesday, 5 – 8pm, November 20

Bobbin Lacers Wed. 6:30pm Barnes & Noble
Contact: Sherrill – 456-5223

NEEDLE FELTING RAFFLE FUNDRAISER

ON FOUR of Birgitte Krag Hansen's

"Funny Little Theater Figures"

Buy a raffle ticket for \$1.00

First drawing at the Winter Picnic – Dec 9th

See photo and story

NEWSLETTER DEADLINE

December 15, 2007

Send email to info@fairbanksweavers.org or to the Fairbanks Weavers & Spinners Guild, PO Box 73152 Fairbanks AK 99707, or phone 907-452-7737

BOARD MEETINGS

November 19 Monday 5:30 pm
December 17 Monday 5:30 pm
Meet at the Weaving Studio, Rm 219 , 516 2nd Ave.

GUILD PROGRAMS

NOV. 7 Wed. 7pm Textile Preservation & Restoration with love and care

November's meeting will present methods and ideas for preserving and caring for the textiles that we make, accumulate or inherit. Learn how to store, how to repair, press and care for these precious textiles. Bring any 'How to' techniques that are used to maintain your textiles. What do you save and what do you use it for when textiles wear out? Bring in old and interesting textiles for show and tell, for lace identification, and share your methods and tools used for textile care.

DECEMBER 9 WINTER PICNIC

Fairbanks Weavers and Spinners Guild Winter Picnic Spinning Bee & Studio Open House

Kim Kortenhof's Weaving Studio
Sunday, December 09, 2007
12 noon to 6 p.m.

Stop by for an hour or stay all afternoon.

. Chinese Auction. Potluck .
Spinning Bee
Call Kim at 488-4779 for directions.



KIMS NEW STUDIO IN THE WOODS

President's Letter

Well, it looks like winter is here to stay so it's time to get back to all the indoor weaving projects that didn't get finished this summer. If you need inspiration for new projects, talk to someone who has taken one of the recent Guild workshops. We've had a bunch of really good ones this fall.

Our November meeting will be all about textile conservation. We'll be talking about how to preserve your hand-crafted fabrics, from washing and drying to mangling, repairing, and storing.

And don't miss our December meeting. This year's Winter Picnic will be held on December 9 at my new studio. We'll be combining the picnic with a spinning bee. Bring a project to work on and head on out. We'll also have a potluck so bring a dish to share (but I will prepare way too much food as usual, so only bring something if you feel so inclined). We'll also have our traditional Chinese Auction. If you'd like to participate, bring along a small item to trade. If you need directions, please give me a call and I'll email you the map. Hope to see you there! Kim

New MEMBERS & MEMBERS IN THE NEWS

NEW MEMBERS joining the Guild from the Felting Workshop are: **Lauren Attanas, Lynden Staciokas, Christie Shell** and **Kay Petal** traveling from Wasilla to Copper Center and then to Fairbanks to take both felting workshops from Birgitte Krag Hansen. Lauren works with Alice Stickney, Lynden is a friend of Rebecca Morse and Georgean Seeliger and Christie works with Susan Willrud.

Kay Petal needle felted an Albert Einstein doll and won First place and Grand Champion in the Fiber Arts Division and then Best of Show in State Fair. Check out her winners: <http://www.feltnalaska.blogspot.com/> Thanks to **Sherrill Peterson** for hosting Kay while she was here.

Thank you's go **Carol Meares** for driving Birgitte to Healy and to both **Alena Anderson** and Carol for staying and taking the workshop. Many Many Thanks to Amanda at Healy for the Tri-Valley Library Workshop, to Amy & Colin Keith at the Denali Suites in Healy for hosting Birgitte and driver, to Robin Mayo Underwood for coordination of the Copper Center Workshop and to Janelle Eklund for hosting Birgitte, Penny and Kay Petal, another Thank you to Kay Petal's Mom for hosting Birgitte and Penny in Wasilla. We could not have done it without all of you. A special THANK YOU to the Alaska State Council on the Arts for the grant to bring Birgitte to Alaska.

Sally Schoenburg, the Bobbin Lace Instructor will be moving to Farmington, New Mexico. We have been so fortunate to have Sally come from Anchorage to teach bobbin Lace Classes twice a year. They already miss her. Sally has a Bobbin Lace Video coming out this winter that will be purchased for our library.

Jane Gregory has a new hip and is house bound for a few weeks but that should not keep her down long. She called the ambulance, checked in the hospital, had surgery and was out within a week.

Helen Howard has a new profession as a Watercolor Artist. On the First Friday at the Grange Hall in North Pole, Helen sold 13 painting. Congratulations Helen and another First Friday Nov. 2nd at Woodway.

Ann Wildman has moved her loom to Anchorage with husband's new job. Maybe now she will have more time to weave probably not since she is still working.

A letter from new members **Gary & Patricia Pollard** - Upon our return, we may not be able to attend all meetings but are interested in meeting the membership and events. Gary cards wool and I loan him out to guild members since my spinning cannot keep up with his carding. Thank you. Patricia Pollard

Tired of Gray already

DYE WINTER a different color

The garden harvest was so bountiful that a Winter Dyeing workshop will be held to use up some garden material and donated natural dyestuff.

The report from the August Dye Workshop was that too much time was spent mordanting lots of yarn and not enough time spent on dyeing. So in preparation for next year, a winter dye 'HOW TO' workshop is planned. Learn 'how to' mordant so more dyers will be prepared for next years harvest. See WORKSHOPS for registration, fees and additional information. Sign up early.



CORRECTIONS:
Adult Grand Champion
Molly Manaugh's scarf was
made from Soysilk™ yarn,
Not Tencel.

OFFICERS FOR 2007

President	Kim Kortenhof	488-4779
Vice President	Sherrill Peterson	456-5223
Secretary	Kate Hedstrom	451-0975
Treasurer	DeLaina Stacey	479-3034
Historian	Becky Hammond	490-4464
Board of Directors:		
	Barbara Ebbesson	479-0440
	Martin Miller	374-1995
	Helen Howard	488-2314
	Sue Moser	457-1348

Appointed or Volunteer Positions:

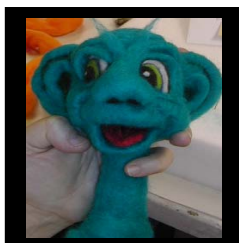
Librarian	Barbara Ebbesson	479-0440
Hospitality	Open	
Newsletter	Open	
Fair Supervisor	Kate Hedstrom	451-0975
Workshops	Alice Stickney	479-3425
	Penny Wakefield	457-4124
Busy Bee Coordinator	Open	
Dye Garden	Gail Mayo	479-2954
Social Secy.	Open	
Spinning Study Group	Alice Stickney	479-3425

FUNDRAISING RAFFLE on A CAST OF CHARACTERS



FUNDRAISING RAFFLE on Birgitte Krag Hansen's 'Funny Little Theatre Figures' that she made as demos for each of the one day workshops. The Raffle was started on the October first Friday at Barnes and Noble. You can pick up photos and tickets at the next guild meeting to sell to friends and office workers or buy a bunch yourself. Call the studio 452-7737 and we will be sure to get a folder to you. Since we had a short fall In funds for the Felting workshop, Birgitte donated these figures as a fundraiser.

The first drawing will be at the Winter Picnic, Sun., December 9th.



CAST OF CHARACTERS



BARNES & NOBLE REPORT NATIONAL SPINNING & WEAVING WEEK

As you know the National Spinning and Weaving Day was held at the Barnes and Noble Book Store. Thanks to the many members who helped make that possible and sold our cards, spun a bit of yarn and demonstrated Bobbin Lace, card weaving and spinning. Thanks to Kate who came home early for this event, Alice, Sue, Becky, and Sherrill, who book vouchered on all the cars at Walmart and anyone I might have missed. We received a check from Barnes & Noble for \$120 for the \$1200 of books purchased with our vouchers.



WORKSHOPS UPDATE

Nov 6 Tue/Thr. Beginning Daytime Weaving
 Jill Choate Antler Basket Workshops
 Nov. 17 Sat. Antler Porky Pod Basket
 Nov. 18 Sun. Antler Potato Basket
 Coming in January – Mordanting and Dyeing Workshop
 Jan. 13 Sun. Mordanting Day PHASE I
 Jan. 24 Thurs. Art 127: Beginning Weaving
 Jan. 27 Sun. Natural Dyeing PHASE II
 Jan. 29 Tues. Art 227: Woven Design: Surface Design
 Feb. 10 Sun. Natural Dyeing PHASE III

6 WEEK DAYTIME WEAVING COURSE

Begins NOVEMBER 6th, 12 - 3pm

DATES: BEGINS NOVEMBER 6 – DECEMBER 12TH
 Tues/Thurs. 12 to 3pm

FEE: \$175 includes materials for two warps.

REGISTER: CALL 457-4124 OR 452-7737

Student will make a colorful sampler warp with a variety of threading /treadling patterns and an alpaca scarf warp designed from the sampler.

JILL CHOATE, Trapper Creek

ANTLER BASKET WORKSHOPS

NOVEMBER 17, Sat – ANTLER PORKYPOD BASKET

Expand your basketry repertoire with this new addition. The Antler Porkypod uses Kari Lonnings "hairy" technique as embellishment. This unique basket uses twined & rib construction techniques. Don't miss incorporating this addition into your own collection.



INSTRUCTOR: JILL CHOATE

LOCATION: RM 219, WEAVING STUDIO,
 Lathrop Bldg., 516 2nd Avenue

HOURS: 9 am to 5 pm

FEE: \$125 includes basketry materials

See registration information below. Check website for materials, etc to bring. www.fairbanksweavers.org

NOVEMBER 18, Sun – ANTLER POTATO BASKET

Learn to take an ordinary antler & make it the focal point in a potato basket using ribbed construction techniques. Learn the basics of antler basketry weaving as you weave a story around the antler. Only you know the tale.. A great class to start your antler basket making Odyssey.



INSTRUCTOR: JILL CHOATE, Trapper Creek

LOCATION: RM 219, WEAVING STUDIO,
 Lathrop Bldg., 516 2nd Avenue

HOURS: 9 am to 5 pm

FEE: \$95 includes basketry materials

REGISTER: Contact Jodi Gouwens, 474-9144. Prior to workshop send a \$47.50 deposit, *made out to Jill Choate* to Jodi Gouwens, PO. Box 84675, Fairbanks, AK 99708

New credit card registration for Jill's classes -

Minimun class must be met by November 5th

Call Jodi today 474-9144.

WEAVING CLASSES TO BEGIN IN THE NEW YEAR 2008

ART 127: INTRO TO WEAVING COURSE

6:30pm THURSDAY, JANUARY 24TH

ART 227:WOVEN DESIGN: FABRIC SURFACE

DESIGN 5:30pm TUESDAY on JANUARY 29TH

FEE: \$251 paid to the Guild on the first night of class. Sign up through the University if you are interested in taking the courses for credit in Art or the Humanities for an extra \$75. Sign up through the Guild if you are just interested in learning how to weave. Check website for descriptions. www.fairbanksweavers.org

NATURAL DYE WORKSHOPS 2008

PHASES I - III

DYE Sunday, HEAVENLY colors Monday

JANUARY 13 PHASE I MORDANTING

JANUARY 27 PHASE II NATURAL DYEING I

FEBRUARY 10 PHASE III NATURAL DYEING II

Learn the specifics about Mordanting and the specifics about Natural Dyeing. Make up small skeins of yarn or fiber and sample the different natural colors available. (*Do not expect to dye large quantities of fiber or wool.*)

INSTRUCTOR: Kate Hedstrom, 451-0975

Location: Weaver's Yarn

Time: Sundays, 1pm to 5pm

Fee: \$50

Register: Call Kate: 451-0975

Sign up early so that enough mordant can be ordered. More info regarding materials to bring in December newsletter.

JOIN OR REJOIN NOW

Membership form on the website

www.fairbanksweavers.org

Address label reflects your Membership Status

WEB MEMBERS will receive email reminders

Membership Fee: \$20 renewing members

New members \$10 until March 2008

Thanks to the many members who have paid their dues and continue to support the guild even though receiving your newsletter on the web. Your membership is important to us

We will continue to send the newsletter out since a number of members do not have web access. If you care to download the newsletter instead of a hard copy, please let us know. Email: info@fairbanksweavers.org

LOOKING FOR A NEWSLETTER EDITOR

Anyone interested in helping out with NEWSLETTER – PLEASE LET US KNOW. It's not hard – only every two months. Email or call the studio: 452-7737

MAIL Membership fee to: Fairbanks Weavers & Spinners Guild,
 PO Box 73152, Fairbanks, AK 99707

6 Newsletters	Free
Website: www.fairbanksweavers.org	Free
10 programs, 2 family picnics, Study groups	Free
2-3 Member Studio Tours	Free
2-3 warping sessions	Free
Extensive Library	Free
Warping/Weaving Assistance	Free anytime
Rental Spinning Wheels (6) Ashford, Louet	\$6.00/week
Carding Drums: 1 fine, 2 medium, 1 coarse	\$6.00/week
Hand carders	\$6.00/week
Mini-workshops	Minimum fee
Major workshops:	Fee according to expenses incurred

**Mordanting & Dyeing Websites to check out before
MORDANTING & NATURAL DYEING workshop**

<http://www.longridgefarm.com/dytips.asp>
Mordanting & Earthues natural dyes

<http://www.allfiberarts.com/library/aa00/aa062100.htm>
All kinds of info on mordanting,
Cochineal dyeing with and without mordanting

<http://www.naturaldyes.org/instruction.htm>

<http://www.textilelinks.com/dye/natinfo.html>
This La Belle Compagnie site, discusses plants from the
Medieval times, many of which were planted for **dye**
sources. Check out the Japanese Indigo article and
Mordanting recipe from Kathryn of the Hills.

<http://www.joyofhandspinning.com/hand-carding.shtml>
A very good site for beginning spinning and carding with
video. Many other items on how to and explanations about
spinning ratio, different spinning wheels, natural dyeing, yarn
design, fibers of all kinds, tips and recipes for natural dyeing,
Navajo plying – with video on many of the techniques.



INFORMATION ARRIVING AT OUR WEBSITE



FOR SALE Solid oak weavers
bench for sale. Measurements are
H24" x W52" x D13". Handcrafted from
an old farm in the state of Washington.
Asking \$350 OBO.
Contact Cheryl 488-6506



ALPACA FIBER FOR SALE

We are an alpaca ranch just outside of Fresno, CA and we are selling out all
of our 2007 clip of ribbon winning alpaca fleeces. Normally it sells for \$3 -
\$5. per ounce at this top quality. ALL SHOW QUALITY/RIBBON WINNING
FIBER.....NOW \$2.00 per ounce plus shipping.

White.....Brown.....Black (True Black not Bay Black).....

Mix and match colors and quantities as you like. These are not from our oh-
hum alpacas but from those whom we have taken to shows and received
winners ribbons - There is a HUGE DIFFERENCE.

Let me know if any of your members would like some of it.....They
can email. PorterBray@cs.com (559) 834-4934

Julie Porter and Barb Bray Alpacas at PorterBray Pines
Alpacas you love. People you trust. ust 15 minutes South of Fresno, CA
www.alpacas-PorterBrayPines.com



CASHMERE COMPANY WEBSITE

"California Cashmere Co" talibah@calcashmere.com

Becca rigid heddle loom 26 inches wide

with two sets of rigid heddles on a stand & some tools to go with it,
maybe some books. You can use as a four shaft loom
\$100 Call Ruth Levy 458-7161



WHAT'S HAPPENING AROUND TOWN

WOODWAY'S FIRST FRIDAY OPENING

Features
HELEN HOWARD
With Recent Paintings
November 2nd, 5 – 8pm

JODI GOUWENS

Will be at the following bazaars
With **BASKETS GALORE**

Nov. 4	10 – 4pm	UAF Women's Bazaar –Wood Center
Nov. 17	9 – 6pm	Quota International Holiday Bazaar
Nov. 24-25	10 to 5pm	Pioneer Park Holiday Bazaar
Dec 8 th	10 – 4pm	Farmers Market – West Valley High

Baskets can be found in the following locations
Alaska Rag Co. 603 Lacey Street
Bear Gallery in Pioneer Park
Ornamentry – 801 Pioneer Road



LLAMA FIBER FOR SALE

I raise llamas in Kentucky that are producing some outstanding fiber. I have
it processed in a local mill. The mill processes each fleece separately
(adding a little wool to assist in processing). This type of processing means
that each batch of roving is completely unique. All rovings are in natural
colors of black, gray, and browns. Would your members be interested in
this type of product? If so I would be happy to send you a sample and
inventory/price sheet. You can learn more about my llama herd at
www.llamasofthebluegrass.com Charlotte
"dave beaudin" <dbeaudin14@hotmail.com

MORE LLAMA WOOL FOR SALE

I spent 20 years in Fairbanks and have moved to central Texas. I am
looking for a place to sell my llama wool. There is a commercial market for
angora goat hair and sheep wool. There is absolutely nothing for llama
fiber. Do you have any suggestions?

Joan Sullivan justanothermom@gmail.com

FELTING KITS & CLASSES

Hello, I would like to teach some felting classes and introduce my felting kit.
I am not sure where to begin! This is my website for a preview!
Thank you! Have a nice day! Lynnette Schell www.feltgood.org

NEW ON LINE MAGAZINE I recently published the first issue of a
new online magazine focusing on spinning, knitting, weaving, felting and
anything else involving fiber! We want to build an online community of fiber
arts to share ideas, meet new people and provide interesting content. The
magazine is free, and includes many tutorials, articles, forums and much
more. We have some big plans, but as we are just getting started we need
to let people know about the site. There will be a new issue every two
months, and we release some smaller articles, tutorials, projects and other
fun stuff weekly. We hope to see you there, and also would appreciate it if
you would share the link with your guild members. At this point we don't
have much on some of the fiber arts, such as weaving, but we are working
on adding new content in as many areas as possible. We are accepting
submissions, and as we get more readers our content will expand to include
more topics. Allena Jackson, Editor www.SpindleAndWheel.com

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Advancing Twill Ripsmatta – 10/2 warp

