

Fairbanks Weavers & Spinners Guild

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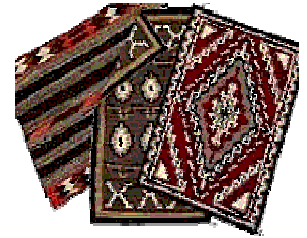
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GUILD PROGRAMS

FEBRUARY 3 7pm NAVAJO WEAVING

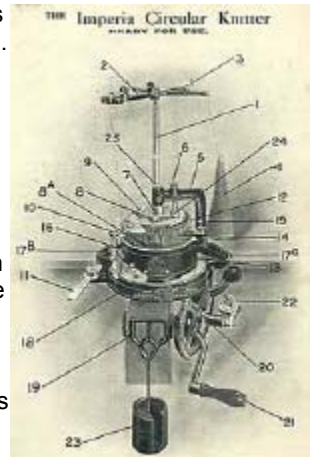
Jasmine Johnson will present a program on Navajo weaving the techniques, equipment use & the rugs that she & her sister have collected. They have traveled 'The Festival Trail' visiting Navajo Weavers studios & farms.



A short Navajo warping demo will follow the presentation with an opportunity to come in on **Saturday F** portable warp of your own. Once each warp pair is laced onto the traveling bars, the entire warp can be rolled up with the weaving already started, & be re-mounted to a frame. Please bring any Navajo textiles, tools and stories to share with members.

MARCH 3rd 7pm KNITTING IN CIRCLES FOR SOCKS

The craft of hand knitting is on the rise across the world. Everyone loves the colorful comfortable knitted socks. Patents for knitting inventions have been recorded in all nations starting with the invention of a peg frame in 1390, A stocking loom in 1589, the flat bed & a circular sock machine around 1870's. The last sock machine company closed down in 1980. One sock machine was known as the Money A Maker as socks were very important during war times and could be a cottage industry.



Arvid Weflen will demonstrate his sock machine. He will bring his socks & samples and we invite everyone to bring their socks as well. For more history on the sock machines: www.oldtymestockings.com/SockMachineMuseum.html
www.theknittree.com/knithistory.html

Added bonus: demo on the circular peg loom by Christine DeCuriti for hats.

CHINESE NEW YEAR'S PARTY

February 13th 4pm to midnight



Terry & Stuart Roberts invite you to a Chinese New Year party on Saturday, February 13th from 4 – 12. One year of the tiger! Please stop by – we will have games, food and drink.

Wear red – for good luck...no white, it's bad luck.

Directions: 1866 Pandora Dr. Pandora is at the 6 mile marker of Goldstream Rd. (1.8 miles east of Ballaine & or 6 miles west of the Steese Hwy.) Turn north off Goldstream Rd. onto Pandora. Go up ½ mile to 1866 Pandora, the first house on the right just past the mailboxes on the left. There is parking in our driveway – If you park on the road - be aware of the NO SHOULDER signs - big drop off.

Allergy Alert – Two cats & two dogs let us live with them. They try to stay out of sight but if you suffer from allergies, you may be aware of their presence. (Questions? 455-8450. myzterry@alaska.net)

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GUILD MEETINGS

FEBRUARY 3 NAVAJO WEAVING

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

MARCH 3 KNITTING IN CIRCLES

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

APRIL ?? ANNUAL MEETING & ELECTION

Location: ??????

SPINNING BEE'S

FEBRUARY 13TH SAT. Alice Stickney's home

MARCH 6TH SAT. 11-5 ART EXPO

Alaska Centennial Center for the Arts

A REALLY BIG THANK YOU TO for the FUND RAISING SCARVES woven by ALICE STICKNEY & dyed by KATE HEDSTROM for the Marigold/Cochineal afterbath alpaca scarves. Any one looking for a wonderfully soft colorful gift, please consider these handwoven scarves.

KNITTING and LACE Gatherings

DROP IN & KNIT anytime INUA Wool Moving to the Artworks space soon in College Mall

Third Friday Knitters Call Lois 479-5251

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

NEWSLETTER DEADLINE

February 20, 2010

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 for 2008

February 22 Monday 5:30 pm

March 22 Monday 5:30 pm

Meet at the Weaving Studio, Rm. 219, 516 2nd Ave.

ART EXPO SAT. ONLY 11-6pm MARCH 6TH

Come to the Centennial Center for the Arts at Pioneer Park, spin a yarn, weave a mug rug, and help sell our handmade cards, soap and hand woven bags. We will need Volunteers to demonstrate and man the booth on

Saturday, MARCH 6. Time 11 - 6pm

The Guild participates in ART EXPO promoting and demonstrating our programs. We can sell small items (\$25 or less). If you have an item of greater value to donate and sell, please contact Penny 452-7737.

If you are interested in having a booth for the day (\$50) download the ART EXPO form:

fairbanksarts.org/docs/Art_Expo_2010.pdf

ELECTION & NOMINATIONS FOR 2010

A Big Thank You to Jodi Gouwens for joining the board to finish out 2009 as President & **Tracy Duffield** to take the Treasurers position. Jodi has volunteered for another year as President and **Terry Roberts** for volunteering to take the **Treasurer** position. The guild will be going through an important transition in 2010. For the last 19 years, the guild has provided for the UAF Weaving program and provided a summer Youth Program for 18 years that funded all the expenses incurred by both programs. Now with the Lathrop building up for sale, there is a possible move & program change. With the building up for sale, we do not know the following bits of information:

1. if and when the Lathrop building will be sold????
2. when we would have to move to a new location and where that new location would be???
3. if the Guild should give up the Weaving courses and youth program altogether?

Your input regarding the possible loss of these two programs is very important so please contact a board member with your thoughts & ideas regarding what should happen or any ideas on fundraising.

We still need a couple volunteers to come forward for **Board positions**. Several officers are unavailable, one in Africa and the other on sabbatical and it is unknown at this time if they wish to continue.

OFFICERS SLATE FOR 2010

President	Jodi Gouwen	474-9144
Vice President		374-0271
Secretary	Kate Hedstrom	590-1420
Treasurer	Terry Roberts	455-8450
Historian	Becky Hammond	490-4464

Board of Directors:

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

OPEN POSITION

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
Dye Garden	Gail Mayo	479-2954
Spinning Study Group	Alice Stickney	479-3425

WORKSHOPS UPDATE

Feb. 6	Sat 12-3pm	Navajo warping session Free
Feb. 13	Sat. 12-3pm	FREE WARPING SESSION
Feb. 20	Sat. 2 – 5pm	Natural & Chemical Dyeing
Mar. 6	Sat. 11- 6	ART EXPO Demo's/Spinning bee
Mid March	T/Thr.	Beginning/Interm/Adv Weaving
Apr. 10 – 11	Sat/Sun	PAINT YOUR WARP
April ??		Felting the Easy way

February 6th - SAT. 12-3pm NAVAJO WARPING

Instructor: Penny Wakefield, 378-3324
Time: 12 to 3pm.
Location: Weaving Studio, 452-7737
Materials: Bring Two short or med length dowels & warping yarn, either wool or cotton.

February 13th - SAT. 12 – 3pm FREE WARPING

Session On PADDLE WARPING, TWO COLOR or MIXED WARP

MATERIALS to bring: Your portable loom, table or rigid heddle.
INSTRUCTOR: PENNY WAKEFIELD, 457-4124
LOCATION: RM 219, WEAVING STUDIO, 516 2nd Ave.
HOURS: 12 to 3pm
REGISTER: Call instructor, 457-4124 or Studio: 452-7737

WARP THAT LOOM FOR THE SPRING TOWELS Help provided for designing a project

A DAY to DYE

Natural Dye INDIGO & Chemical ACID DYE

Saturday, FEBRUARY 20TH, 2 – 5pm

No mordanting needed – Protein fibers only

Do not expect to dye large quantities of fiber

INSTRUCTOR: Kate Hedstrom, 590-1420
Location: Weaver's Yarn, 1810 Alaska Way
Time: Saturday, 2pm to 5pm
Fee: \$20
Register: Call Kate: 590-1420

Silk & wool yarns or rovings in a lingerie bag.
What to bring: Heavy rubber gloves, stainless cooking pot or an un-chipped enamel pot, tongs, pre-washed skeins, waterproof apron, plastic labeling, waterproof sharpie, Zip-lock bags for wet skeins.

6 WEEK DAYTIME WEAVING COURSE

For Beginners, Intermediate, Advanced

Begins Mid March- Time adjustable

DATES: BEGINS MID MARCH – until MID MAY
Tues/Thurs. Anytime between 12 - 5:30
FEE: \$175 includes materials for two warps.
REGISTER: CALL 457-4124 OR 452-7737

Beginning weaving student will make a colorful sampler warp with a variety of threading /treadling patterns & an summer scarf warp designed from the sampler.

Intermediate/Advanced student will do a shorter version of any of the advanced Art 227 Woven Fabric Design classes. Check the website for the Woven Fabric Design titles. A new one on DOUBLE WEAVE will be introduced this fall.

**MAKE THIS THE SUMMER
TO LEARN SOMETHING NEW**

THE ART SCENE IN FAIRBANKS

FAIRBANKS ARTS ASSOCIATION Juried Competitions

PATTERNS OF INFLUENCE: "Changing Elements"

Entry DEADLINE: January 31st 5pm

INTERIOR ARTISANS EXHIBITION: Arts & Crafts

Entry DEADLINE: March 28th

For prospectus for each exhibit: www.fairbanksarts.org

ART EXPO ARTISANS

Jodi Gouwens: Baskets and knitting

Penny Wakefield: handwoven mittens & hats.

Stop by and demonstrate or visit. Tell your friends.

WORKSHOP IN APRIL 'FELT - THE EASY WAY'

I have always liked felting but considered the process rather long and tedious, never knowing whether your fancy yarn was staying in place or moving around or just not felting at all. After a taking a workshop in Mesa with the Telerana Weavers Guild, I find felting fun so will share the technique. Penny

APRIL 10 & 11 SAT/SUN PAINT YOUR WARP

Make that warp up on Saturday, FEBRUARY 13th, and paint it Saturday APRIL 10 or Sunday APRIL 11. Dyes available for cotton, silk and wool fibers. Some silk scarves are available for purchase for painting.

TIME: 10 TO 3pm.
FEE: \$15 plus any scarf purchase
LOCATION: WEAVING STUDIO, Rm 219, 516 2ND AVE.
INSTRUCTOR: Penny Wakefield
REGISTER: Call Penny, 457-4124 or 42-773

Request for Silent Auction Donations

The Key Coalition of Alaska is a non-profit organization that advocates for non-profits working with children and adults who experience disabilities. On **Thursday, February 25th** the Key Coalition will hold their **Unity Dinner and Silent Auction event @ Pike's Waterfront Lodge in the Binkley Room.** Ellen Ganley, Co-founder, CEO and Principal Consultant of Information Insights, will be speaking about the Morningside Project during the dinner. The Morningside Project has been gathering information about Morningside Hospital and the Alaskans who were taken from their families. The following is from the Morningside Hospital blog: (www.morningsidehospital.com) From 1904 to the 1960s, Alaskans who needed mental health services were sent to Morningside Hospital in Portland, Oregon. The purpose of this blog is to share information about Morningside Hospital, the people who were sent there, and the remarkable story of the determined politicians who pursued the Congressional battle to change the way Alaska territorial citizens received mental health services. Alaskans were convicted of being insane and shipped to Oregon where they became patients of Morningside. The most important mission of this blog is to help families find lost relatives. We are posting patients lists as we find them. We believe there were 6,000 to 7,000 adults and children sent to Morningside. Our goal is to find as much information as possible on all of them and make it available on this blog. Funds received from the Silent Auction will assist the local Key Coalition in continuing to provide information about disabilities and much-needed local services. Please consider donating a hand-woven, knitted, or crocheted piece for the silent auction. **To donate, contact Terry Roberts @ ACCA (456-4003 ext 102.) You are invited to join us for the Unity dinner & Silent Auction @ 6pm on Thursday, February 25th. Please RSVP with Eva or Noel at 456-8901.**



FOR SALE ITEMS

For sale: a Louet temple 36" - 58" for \$50, or best offer.

Purchased in 1994, used only a couple of times.

Selection of Harrisville Highland Wool (8oz cones) variety of colors. Price is negotiable. - 479-5772

or tartanweaver@mosquitonet.com

Thanks, Molly Manuagh



Visit Jill Choate on the web at www.jchoatebasketry.com

IN OUR EMAIL BOX

A RAG RUG approach to making Rya strips to weave or stitch together to make a rug.

<http://www.knitting-and.com/blog/001589.html>

MOHAIR FOR SALE

Looking for a market for my Mohair. I am currently offering my Mohair for \$5.00 a pound. I have an assortment of colors & ages of Mohair. Colors are red, white, and gray. Any interest or any questions. Call me: Jennifer Banister (541)523-6071 44893 Keating Cutoff Road Baker City, Oregon 97814

MUSK OX HIDES FOR SALE

Looking for a market for Musk ox hides. I live in Nome and Musk oxen are legally hunted here. Most of the hides and associated qiviut are left in the field by the hunters. I have sold hides before to a couple people who pulled the qiviut themselves. I am not interested in selling qiviut. There are a couple people here who get hides and pull qiviut, but they use it for their own knitting. If you are interested in purchasing hides to get qiviut, let me know. As I am unaware of any market for hides at this time, I am uncertain of price. The few hides I sold in the past I sold for \$500.00 a piece. Thank You, Mike Quinn 907-443-5926 Nome, Alaska mhq@gci.net

Paula Simmons 'Spinning for Softness & Speed'

is back in print! This book is considered one of the bibles of hand spinning & is the result of a lifetime of spinning and teaching. Retail price is \$24.95, but willing to give discounts for bulk orders should a number of guild members wish to purchase them. Visit: <http://www.bookman.ca/Bookman-Swag/Spinning-for-Softness-and-Speed> Warm regards, Amber, Manager, The Book Man [bookman.ca](http://www.bookman.ca) 604.795.5992

A Thank you letter from a lady in New Hampshire for a small bit of Qiviut stated that she raised Finn Sheep, I thought spinners might be interested:

"I am a fiber-olic and spinning different types of fiber is just fun. I have spun dog, wolf, bison, angora bunnies- both german and french, goat-angora and cashmere also suri and hyacuya alpaca. My finn sheep are white, black and shades of grey and I have naturally dyed the white brown with butternuts. I have spun nettle, flax, cotton and milkweed. I have traded fiber with different shepards so have also spun different breeds. If you are ever interested in finn fleece let me know. Sincerely, Cheryl Myers

CMyers@dhhs.state.nh.us Raymond, New Hampshire

LOOKING FOR ALASKAN SPINDLES

In the spring 2003 issue of Spin-Off, the Woolery was selling spindles from Alaska, called Parasol & Pinwheel. They no longer list them on their website. Could you tell me if you know of any Alaskan Spindle Makers? Blessings on your Day! Angi in Ohio (just a fiber enthusiast, not a shopkeeper) jurado@adelphia.net.

LAMBSWOOL & LAMBSWOOL/MOHAIR SKEINS.

The yarn is medium gauge 2-ply and is ready to be dyed. Skeins range in size and cost is \$15 - \$20 per lb. The wool was raised in an organic environment in Southern Alberta Canada. If you know of anyone who might be interested in a product such as this, please pass on my contact information to them and in your classified section. triciaboyko@hotmail.com Thank you T. boyko www.fibrepalooza.com.

OPPORTUNITY TO BE ON STAGE

An inspiring lady named Maite and I are producing a play named "Birth" through the BeBold Action Network (www.boldaction.org) as a fundraiser for the Alaska Family Health and Birth Center (www.akbirthcenter.org).

The play itself is the story of eight educated american women's experiences within the american obstetric field through their pregnancies and births. They range from planned c-section through hospital birth, midwives in the hospital, to homebirth waterbirth. It is in many ways like a "vagina monologues" but for the birth experience. It is an intensely moving, empowering, and inspiring project!

We have a couple of women on board as actress but are in need of the rest of our cast. We are hoping to involve women who may not have stage experience but who are mothers and who have gone through the birth experience who can then bring their own experience to the production. However, if you don't have kids but are over-the-top enthused about the project, please join us!

The rehearsal process will be fairly low key and non-stressful. We will be meeting every saturday morning within the 9 - noon framework starting Feb 13th. The performances will be at the Artisan's Courtyard the first two weekends of April. Saturday the 3rd and 10th in the evening and Sunday the 11th. If you have young children, we will have a wonderful and responsible lady to watch them while we rehearse, so you can bring them to rehearsals.

In addition to the women, we are looking for one supportive emotionally open man to play the various male roles in the show. He would be playing husbands to a few of the women, both supportive and intimidating obstetricians, and a taxi driver.

Thank you all! Please do pass this on to anyone who may be interested, & of course, let me know if you are interested! Jey at medusa8979@gmail.com or at 907-978-0964.

Hello, I live in Nome and have been collecting Qiviut for some time. I was wondering if you spin it or know where I can get it sent out for spinning? Thanks Much.
Melissa Taylor 907-443-7864
melissa.taylor1@alaska.gov

THIRD INTERNATIONAL WEAVING COURSE AT VESAAS FARM

Welcome to the third international weaving course at Vesaas Farm Weaving Studio/ Mjonøy Handcraft and Cultural Center in Vinje,



Telemark. Weave with Norwegian master weavers Eli Vesaas and Ingebjørg Vaagen on a working farm in the Telemark mountains.

Each participant weaves fine Spelsau yarn into vadmél cloth during the first week. We full the cloth at a reconstructed water-powered fulling mill on the weekend, and we cut and sew custom designed garments inspired by Norwegian traditions during the second week. Sew your garment with expert guidance as you create a contemporary style with traditional sewing techniques and design details. Custom design and patterning result in a perfect fit. The course is an immersion experience in Norway's rich rural textile culture. Course runs May 30 – June 12, 2010. Visit us online at www.mjonoy.no and clicking on kurs (course). Email for details and registration information by February 15th: English-speaking contact:

Carol Colburn, Professor of Costume History and Design, University of Northern Iowa, Cedar Falls, IA, USA carol.colburn@uni.edu

Norwegian-speaking contact:

Eli Vesaas, Vesaas Farm Weaving Studio
N-3890 Vinje, Norway olav-ves@frisurf.no

INTERESTING WEBSITES TO VISIT

<http://groups.yahoo.com/group/ScanWeave/>

<http://www.knitpicks.com/>

<http://www.weavecast.com/>

<http://groups.yahoo.com/group/Weaving/>

WEAVING, TEXTILES AND PHOTOGRAPHY EXPLORING THE IXIL TRIANGLE with Richard Nelson (\$1945)

18 - 27 March 2010

Join photographer, artist and collector RICHARD NELSON for an informative and heartwarming look at the weaving communities located in the Ixil Triangle, along with other indigenous villages surrounding Lake Atitlan and La Antigua Guatemala.

Art Workshops in Guatemala" <info@artguat.org>