

Fairbanks Weavers & Spinners Guild

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GUILD PROGRAMS FOR 2010

APRIL 7 5:30pm WED ANNUAL MEETING

The Annual meeting POTLUCK & ELECTON OF OFFICERS will be held at 5:30pm, WEDNESDAY, APRIL 7^t.

SENIOR CENTER, 1424 MOORE STREET

Bring a dish to share, a show and tell, and a WHITE ELEPHANT item for the exchange.

On schedule for the evening:

COME EARLY for the display of

'How to felt on a Gertie Ball'

FASHION SHOW DVD

from Convergence 2008 in TAMPA, Florida

"DANCE OF THE FLAMINGO'S"

Election of Officers

White Elephant exchange

Senior Center will be open at 5:00pm

MAY 5 7pm Wed. INSPIRED BY FELT

Felt artifacts found in Siberia, date back to 600 AD. Felt is one of the oldest types of fabric that resisted wet and snowy weather. Saddles, clothing and shelters were made from felt. Modern day felt can be woven, pressed or needlefelted into any shape or form from garments, headgear, jewelry and furniture. Bring for show and tell your favorite felted pieces and any stories associated with felt. Demonstrations of felting techniques will be presented followed by a workshop on the weekend if anyone is interested. See Workshops

JUNE 5th Saturday DYE GARDEN PLANTING

2010 Dye Garden Report

A number of hopeful seedlings are stretching for the sun. Little do they know that soon they will be planted in the dye plot at the Georgeson Botanical Garden and growing by leaps and bounds (along with the weeds). Madder is sprouting, Japanese Indigo has been planted, and others are in line to be planted soon. If there is anyone out there who would like to house some seedlings until June please contact me (mayogail@gmail.com). Also please let me know if you have some new ideas for dye plants to try this year. Save some time in late May or early June for preparing the beds and planting. Exact dates will follow as the season progresses. The guild's listserve will notify you date on dye planting dates. March 31 2010

Gail Mayo

A big Thank you to Gail for keeping the garden going and growing. Each year the harvest and dye day provide lots of color from nature.

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GUILD MEETINGS

- APRIL 7 5:30pm WED ANNUAL MEETING**
 Potluck and White Elephant exchange
 Location: **SENIOR CENTER 1424 Moore Street**
 Turn on Wilbur and right on McCullum or Egan
- MAY 5 7pm WED. "All things FELTED"**
 Location: Weaving Studio, 516 2nd Ave. Rm. 219
- MAY 6 7pm THURS Student Presentation**
 Location: Weaving Studio, 516 2nd Ave. Rm. 219
- JUNE 5 SAT. DYE GARDEN PLANTING**
 Location: Georgeson Botanical Garden

SPINNING BEE

SATURDAY, APRIL 17TH

2 - 6pm,

LOCATION: Alice Stickney's home
Call Alice for directions: 479-3425

FRIDAYS for the Bobbin Lacers

Bobbin Lacers FRIDAYS at 6:30pm Barnes & Noble
 Contact: Sherrill - 456-5223 or Marnie 458-7816

NEWSLETTER DEADLINE APRIL 16, 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 2010

APRIL 19 Monday 5:30 pm
 MAY 17 Monday 5:30pm
 Meet at the Weaving Studio, Rm. 219, 516 2nd

CHECK WEBSITE FOR ACTIVITY UPDATES
www.fairbanksweavers.org

DUES ARE DUE IN APRIL

Your address label will indicate if your membership is due or will reflect the year you will need to renew. Internet subscribers will receive a notice via the internet when your membership is due.

THANK YOU THANK YOU

Our newsletter is on the web for everyone but you're annual membership dues and continued support remains very important to maintain our guild activities

\$20 for a year of activities

A Big Thank You to the Members who have volunteered to continue as board members and to Terry Roberts and Kim Korten Hof for rejoining the board for the coming year.

One board position is still open for the Vice President position who would then serve as President for the following year to help maintain continuity.

Anyone interested: call Jodi Gouwens: 474-9144

OFFICERS FOR 2009

President	Jodi Gouwens	474-9144
Vice President	OPEN	
Secretary	Kate Hedstrom	590-1420
Treasurer	Terry Roberts	455-8450
Historian	Becky Hammond	490-4464
Board of Directors:		
	Barbara Ebbesson	479-0440
	Kim Korten Hof	488-4779
	Jane Gregory	457-7707
	Helen Howard	374-2914

Appointed or Volunteer Positions:

Librarian	Barbara Ebbesson	479-0440
Hospitality	OPEN	
Newsletter	Penny Wakefield	457-4124
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

'BIRTH'

A short play produced by Malte and Jasmne

Johnson through the BeBold Action Network (www.boldaction.org) as a fundraiser for the Alaska Family Health and Birth Center (www.akbirthcenter.org).

The play dates are

Saturday, April 3rd & April 10th at 7pm

Sunday, April 11th at 2pm

LOCATION: ARTISAN'S COURTYARD

THE ART SCENE IN FAIRBANKS

FAIRBANKS ARTS ASSOCIATION Juried Competitions

INTERIOR ARTISANS EXHIBITION: Arts & Crafts

Opening Reception: April 2, 5 – 7pm

April 9,10,11 (Fri,Sat, Sun)

A Woman's Affair at the Carlson Center

Fri 6 - 9 pm -- special Friday evening admission \$25 for wine tasting, \$10 for soda

Sat 10 - 5, Sun 11-5 (smaller admission fee is charged)

JODI GOUWENS will be in both # 79 (listed as Goldstream Valley Arts) sharing the space with Denise Connors (Goldstream Valley Arts) and Hilda Melchoir.

Birch allergy HEALTH TIP FOR THE MONTH:

Antibodies are created by taking a tablespoon of birch syrup every day, starting approximately one month before the birch blooms open up which is around the 1st of MAY. You will be amazed at your allergy free relief.

THANK YOU'S THANK YOU'S

Thanks to **Jasmine Johnson** for the Navajo Rug Presentation with rugs and loom with rug in process and to **Arvid Weflin** for the sock machine demonstration.

Socks made in just a few minutes with very little handwork. My kind of knitting 'instant socks', great satisfaction. Two wonderful and informative programs

Thanks to everyone who helped out at the Guild booth with donations by **Sherrill Peterson** (beaded earrings), **Alice Stickney** and **Kate Hedstrom** (dyed and woven alpaca scarves) and **Tracy Duffield, Helen Howard** who came and helped man the booth.

Thanks to **Angela Bell** for weaving our Qiviut scarf for the fair. It is special because the warp is buffalo with a qiviut weft in a 5 shaft Spot Bronson pattern on 4 shafts.

THANKS to **Helen Howard** for organizing and to **everyone** who came to celebrated my birthday in February. As usual I was late and was surprised to see everyone. Thanks again to everyone.

GUILD MEMBERS

Looking for a nice gift and card,
stop at the studio and pick out
an alpaca scarf and a card.

HGA Convergence

July 18th - 25

ALBUQUERQUE 2010

HGA – Handweaver's Guild of America Convergence will be held in Albuquerque New Mexico from July 18th to 25th with workshops, seminars and vendors and exhibits everywhere. For more information and to check out the activities: go to www.weavespindye.org So far Terry Roberts, Lois Henderson, Moxie Pender and Penny Wakefield will be attending. Come and join the fun.

Fairbanks Summer Arts Festival -

July 18th to August 1st, 2010

check out the schedule at www.fsaf.org

TANANA VALLEY FAIR

"Barn in the USA"

August 6 - 14, 2010

Plan your entry now

Entry Day: July 31st, 1 - 6pm

www.tananavalleyfair.org

ALL GUILD MEMBERS

You are invited to the Student Presentation of Art 127 and Art 227 on the last night of class **MAY 6TH** at 7pm.

9 students will present their work accomplished over the semester of weaving. Come and welcome the new weavers

WORKSHOPS UPDATE

Apr. 10-11 10-3pm Sat PAINT YOUR WARP
1 - 3pm Sun
April 17th 12 to 3pm Sat Free Warping
May 8th 11 to 3pm Sat Felting Workshop

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. You could also make your warp that day and paint on Sunday.

TIME: 10 TO 3pm. Sat. 1 to 3 on Sunday
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

APRIL 17 SAT. FREE WARPING

**Warp up that loom for Summer
You will be surprised what a joy
it is to be back on the loom**

PADDLE WARPING, TWO COLOR or MIXED WARP
Help provided for designing a project. Make a SPRING warp as you review your warping technique or Learn how to use a warping paddle with many threads. No hassle beaming, even tension, no tangles/loose threads? NO LOOM? Then make a warp for a studio loom to be used for the YOUTH PROGRAM. 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 3:00pm
REGISTER: Call instructor, 457-4124 or Studio: 452-7737

THE WARPING FAIREY WILL COME TO YOUR HOME & HELP YOU GET ON THAT LOOM.

MAY 8 SAT. FELTING WORKSOP

This workshop is designed for anyone interested in trying different felting techniques such as using a blow up ball as the base for a hat or vase, silk chiffon for a lightly felted scarf, felted balls for jewelry or making a felted rope or just flat felt. MATERIALS to bring: a plastic wash basin, old towel, any fancy yarns for decoration, and felting wool if you have it otherwise PACKAGES OF FELTING WOOL IN A VARIETY OF COLORS will be available for sale.

LOCATION: RM 219, WEAVING STUDIO, 516 2nd Ave.
HOURS: 11 to 3:00pm
REGISTER: Studio: 452-7737 or sign up at the meeting.

BASKET WORKSHOPS by JODI

YOU PICK THE DATE AND THE BASKET

For a minimum of 3 people and with 2 weeks notice, you pick the basket and the date! Call me for options on the classes. CONTACT JODI GOUWENS 474-9144

IN OUR EMAIL INBOX:

A REQUEST FOR A Spinner/Weaver to participate in the Civil War re-enactment at Chena Lakes on Friday, May 7th
website: www.timewrights.com

Ric Wages, a retired teacher has organized an all day event for some 400 school children to experience the crafts and life as it was during the Civil War. In past years he has included blacksmithing, soap making etc. and would like to include the finer crafts such as weaving and spinning.

Anyone interested in participating and demonstrating spinning and weaving should contact Ric. If you need a portable loom to demonstrate on, please call the studio to make sure one is warped and ready to go. Ric Wages <rwages@gci.net>

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) in a variety of colors. Price is negotiable. - 479-5772

or tartanweaver@mosquionet.com

Thanks, Molly Manaugh

**4 shaft Table loom with loom stand
Some Books, shuttles, warping board**

\$400

**Located at the Studio
Call 452-7377**

**RIGID HEDDLE LOOM on a stand, Brand NEW
\$400 or Best Offer**

Located at the Studio

2010 Fiber Arts Retreat in Wasilla April 30, May 1 - 2

Sponsored by the Valley Fiber Arts Guild
PO Box 876142, Wasilla, AK 99687

Location has changed so you need to contact
Marjorie Bellringer, windhavn@hotmail.com
or call 907 232-8587

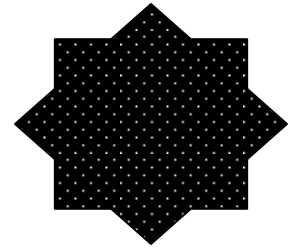
LATHROP BUILDING REPORT

As you know the Lathrop Building is up for sale so our future there is undetermined. The last buyer decided to not buy - to many items to upgrade so we are still there for how long - who knows. The YOUTH SUMMER PROGRAM is going on as planned and if anyone would like to assist and become familiar with the program, please call Penny. 452-7737. This summer program funds our rent for the year and the instructors pay for the summer. Last year was one of the lowest income years due to the economy and hopefully our 19th year will be much better otherwise the writing might appear on the wall regarding our future in the weaving program and the summer program. Any suggestions or ideas, please call any member of the board.

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**Dues are DUE
\$20 for a year**

This may be your last newsletter on paper unless you request a paper copy. When you renew, you will need to make sure you indicate that you want a paper copy sent to you. Download the form on the website and send in or bring to the annual meeting. You dues are important to the guild.

6 Newsletters online unless you request a paper copy	
8 programs, 1 family picnic, 1 winter picnic	Free
Two work parties – Fair Setup & Dye Garden planting	
Study groups	Free
2-3 warping sessions & design assist	Free
Extensive Library	Free
Use of the equipment for warping in studio	Free
Warping/Weaving Assistance	Free anytime
Rental Spinning Wheels (3)	\$10.00/week
Carding Drums: 2 medium, 1 coarse	\$6.00/week
Hand carders	\$6.00/week
Mini-workshops	Minimum fee
Major workshops: Fee according to expenses incurred	

NAME _____

ADDRESS _____

PHONE _____

EMAIL _____

Renewal form on the Website. \$20.00 for the following:
MAIL REGISTRATION FEE TO: Fairbanks Weavers &
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Download the Membership form
on www.fairbanksweavers.org