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GUILD MEETING: Sunday, Sept 19, 2021, 4pm via Zoom

TOPIC: Renowned Tapestry Artist & Teacher Molly Elkind

Molly will be giving us a 60-minute presentation on Tapestry Design Elements and Principles, which she has shared with other guilds and tapestry groups across the country. Artists have always used concepts like Color, Texture and Contrast to make their works sing. In this lecture, learn about the eight most important Elements of Art and Principles of Design for tapestry. View many images of tapestries that show exactly how these elements are used successfully and gain insights about how you can apply these concepts to make your own work even better.

Fiber artist Molly Elkind's recent work explores the expressive potential of handwoven tapestry. Molly's work has always been characterized by a commitment to slow, contemplative processes.

Molly has focused on weaving since 2009. Her earlier work ranged across the spectrum of fiber arts including papermaking, quilting, embroidering, book arts and collage. She earned an MA in Studio Art from the Allen R. Hite Art Institute at the University of Louisville in 2002 and in that year was awarded an Artist Enrichment grant by the Kentucky Foundation for Women. Her work has been exhibited broadly throughout the United States and she has been published in a number of fiber arts publications including Tapestry Weaver and Shuttle, Spindle and Dyepot.

Molly maintains her studio in Santa Fe, New Mexico and travels nationwide to teach.

This event is free to all FWSG members. Suggested donation \$10 for non-members. Contact Bonni Brooks at bonontherun@gmail.com for more information and to register for this presentation.

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President's Letter

Greetings,

Hope this finds you all well as we transition to our cooler seasons. Lots of work to do this time of year!

It's hard to believe we are transitioning out of the Lathrop building. Walking through empty rooms on the second floor, I get an eerie feeling mixed with satisfaction. It's been almost a year since we were given the keys to the entire floor. The guild was really only responsible for the guild rooms. Penny and Ken had been so generous to the guild that we wanted to help in any way we could. We took on the project of emptying out the entire floor.

What a ride this project was with Covid looming large over our world. We rolled with it! Nobody really had to tell anyone what to do - everyone came with their own skill set and got it done!!! Emails went out to you and you all answered the call in a spectacular way! You are an impressive group of folks!!! ❤️

As we close one door, another door opens. We signed a lease to rent a shared space at the Lions Club Davis Hall on the fairgrounds. We're excited to begin offering educational and social programs in our new space. The Education Visioning group will meet this week - I believe they are really motivated to begin educational offerings. Stay tuned. Congratulations to All on a job well done!

That's all for now.....

Buffy

Tanana Valley State Fair 2021

Grand Champion: Bonni Brooks, for her absolutely stunning musk ox tapestry, *Lucy*.

Junior Grand Champion: Hazel Sutton, for her lovely ecoprinted scarf.

Bonni's tapestry also won the Adult People's choice award and there was a three-way tie for the Junior People's choice award between Hazel Sutton's scarf, Tempest Dooley's woven rug and Daria Mantei's woven leash.

Qiviut Scarf Raffle Winner: Pat Costello

Although fair entries were down a bit this year, the entries we received were of generally high quality. An exceptionally special entry was a felted doll of Penny made by Lilli Bond.

The raffle brought in \$685 and with all the wonderful items gathered from the studio, the Silent Auction was another huge success bringing in \$255 for the items that were all hand-selected by Rob and Kate.

A special thanks to Kate Hedstrom and Rob Cermak, all the judges and booth sitters and everyone who helped set up the booth. In case you weren't able to make it to the fair this year, here's what our booth looked like:



New Studio Space

After much research, deliberation, and input from guild members (remember those surveys?), the board decided to sign a lease to rent space at the Lion's Club at the fairgrounds. The building is right across from Badger Hall, has plenty of parking, including close up for easy access, and the main area is almost twice the size of the 2 studio rooms in the Lathrop building.

We will be sharing this space, but based on the amount of time the previous studio was actually used for guild activities, sharing will not be a problem. So, if you have any ideas for classes, workshops, or other special events, let us know. Feel free to email any ideas or information about any classes or workshops you might like to teach to fairbanksweavers@gmail.com and someone will be in touch with you soon!

The space at Davis Hall:



Thank you all for your patience over the past year and thank you in advance for helping keep our guild active!

Special Note

We will be requiring masks, social distancing and limits on class/group sizes to conform with CDC guidelines regarding Covid-19. Requirements may change as those guidelines change.

Fairbanks Arts Association Mega-Bazaar

The Guild is planning to participate in this event. The Mega-Bazaar will be held on Saturday, November 27, 2021 (Small Business Saturday) from 10am-5pm in the Centennial Center for the Arts. If you have items that you'd like to donate to the guild or if you have items that you'd like us to have for sale on consignment, please email fairbanksweavers@gmail.com. We're still investigating available options. Please note that goods must be handmade or self-produced.

Fairbanks Fiber Festival (Canceled)

For those who have not yet heard:

It is with deep regret that the board has decided to cancel our fiber festival in September due to the covid case loads and the fact that they are going up. We had hoped to be able to make this decision closer to the festival but cannot afford paying for promotions and ending up cancelling anyway. We are however not giving up, we are planning to hopefully have a live online festival sometime in November and hope you will join us. If you are interested in possibly doing an online live vendor sale please let me know. Very Respectfully, Becky

For more info, check these links:

<https://www.fairbanksfiberfestival.com/>

<https://www.facebook.com/FairbanksFiberFest/>

In Search of ...

We are urgently looking for volunteers to help with the following working groups:

- Budget & Fundraising
- Education & Programming
- Communication

This is a great opportunity to use your creativity to shape the future of the guild! Groups work creatively and collaboratively and require only a small commitment of time to achieve really great things for the guild!

Please email fairbanksweavers@gmail.com if you're able to help! Thanks in advance!

Haulapalooza Thank Yous

Thursday, August 26, and Sunday, August 29 were the final days of hauling away items from the Lathrop building. Everything else is being taken with us to the new space! The hallway was full of yarn, furniture, yarn, fiber, artwork, yarn, shelves, yarn, books and more yarn! By the end of the day Thursday, most everything had been taken away. By the end of the day Sunday, the hallway was completely empty!

Thank you to all who helped (sorry if we missed anyone):

Helen Howard

Gloria Corey

Devta Khalsa

Deb Bennett

Kerry Nicholson

Cathy Eagan

Terry Wilson

Carol Secor

Jasmine Johnson-Kennedy (and Raif)

Lois Henderson

Martin Miller

Caroline Wolf

Kate Hedstom and Rob Cermak

Alice Stickney

Lara Lotze (and Lena)

Joyce Palmer (and son)

Amelia Carpenter

Becky Hammond

Shawna Laderach (and Cerena)

Shana and Dwayne Eager

Amy Mackinaw

Lynn Mayo

And a very special Thank You to Terry Roberts for organizing this event!