



## FAIRBANKS WEAVERS' & SPINNERS' GUILD

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### FWSG Presidents' Letter

Hello from Claire and Kim!

2022 was a good year for the guild. It's been so nice to reconnect with old friends and meet so many new ones. Here's hoping we continue this fiber journey together in 2023!

Our weekly Open Studios continue to be a wonderful opportunity to visit and work on a fiber project. Davis Hall has turned out to be a great space for all our various activities. We've done everything from indigo dyeing to rabbit grooming with lots of weaving and spinning and knitting and needlework and sewing in between. There's room to spread out each week to accommodate whatever folks are working on and the snacks are great. The guild looms are easily accessible and set up for sampling. In fact, we currently have three looms threaded in various Rosepath techniques. Please come on down and weave!

#### Upcoming Classes

**Two Scarves in Four Weeks** - Davis Hall, Sundays from 10-2, April 16-May 7

We are finalizing plans for a four-week scarf weaving course that will introduce (or reintroduce) folks to multi-shaft weaving. Looms will be pre-warped and threaded and students will begin the first of two wool scarves on the first day. Students will leave the class with a plain weave scarf and a twill scarf and will learn hemstitching and wet finishing techniques that really bring out the beauty of the wool. Class size is limited to six students to provide the optimal student-instructor experience (and because that's all the looms we have available).  
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### Officers & Board Slate for 2022-2023

Co-Presidents: Kim Kortenhof 907-712-4431  
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**New Weaver, New Loom** - Look who got a new loom last month!  
 Congratulations,  
 Deborah!



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We are also planning a Saturday warping workshop that will cover creating a warp on a warping board and a warping reel and demonstrate both front-to-back warping and back-to-front warping. Stay tuned!

### Upcoming Meetings

**Open Studios** Wednesdays from 2:00 to 8:00 p.m. Please see the Open studio schedule in the newsletter. We will continue our weekly Wednesday sessions until a brief interruption during Ice Alaska February 10 - April 5. We'll resume our weekly schedule afterwards and continue until just before the fair begins.

**Monthly General Meeting** Our next general meeting is Wednesday, January 18 at 6:30 p.m. and will be a Show and Tell where we can show off all our holiday fiber presents.

**Monthly Board Meeting** Our next board meeting will be in person at Davis Hall on January 11 at 6:30.

Happy Weaving! Kim and Claire

## Calendar - January-February 2023

### Open Studios

**Wednesdays, Jan. 11, 18, 25, Feb. 1, 8; 2 pm - 8 pm, Davis Hall studio/meeting space on the fairgrounds in the Lions' Club Building**

Bring a project to work on or use the guild's pre-warped looms, sit and chat with fiber friends, and enjoy coffee and a snack. Stop by for a quick visit or spend the afternoon. We hope to see you there!

**Board Meeting, Wednesday, Jan. 11, 6:30 pm**

Monthly board meeting in person at Davis Hall.

**Spinning Saturdays, Jan. 14, Feb. 4, April 8, May 13, June 10; 3-5 pm, at Davis Hall on the fairgrounds**

Bring your wheel or spindle and some fiber, and gather for a spinning session. Any questions, contact Kate 907-590-1420

**Monthly Guild Meeting, Wednesday, Jan. 18, 6:30, Davis Hall studio/meeting space on the fairgrounds in the Lions' Club Building**

Brief business meeting followed by Show and Tell. Bring your holiday presents to show them off.

### Holiday Bazaar Success!

Thank you to all who helped with the guild's table at the Fairbanks Arts Association's Handmade Holiday Market in November. Special thanks for setup and table help go to Maureen and Claire, and others who volunteered, donated time and items, made cards throughout the year, and more. Apologies to anyone whose name is missed here. Your efforts are appreciated!

Funds from sales go toward guild programming and rent at Davis Hall on the fairgrounds.



### Open Studio Wednesdays at Davis Hall in the Lions' Club Building on the Fairgrounds, 2-8 p.m.

Bring a project or work on the looms set up. There's plenty of space. Come join the fun, hope to see you there! Check the calendar (page 2) for details.



Photos courtesy of  
Kim

### The Folk School - Weavers' Workshop - Rugs and Runners and Towels

**Location: Pioneer Park Cabin 66  
Tuesdays and Thursdays, 6-8 pm, Jan. 31-  
Feb. 28 (no class Feb. 7)**

This project-based workshop focuses on creating beautiful and useful home textiles—rugs, table runners, place mats, napkins, tea towels, or bread bags. You will start weaving right away, working on multi-shaft floor and table looms. Throughout the process, we will look at each other's projects and compare notes on how the design, choice of fiber, and choice of weaving equipment come together to create beautiful woven cloth.

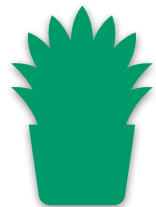
Beginners are welcome in this workshop. As soon as you register, the instructor will contact you to select a project appropriate to your skills, the kind of weaving experience you hope for, and the amount of time you're able to invest in working on your project.

Link to class registration and details: <https://folk.school/events/event/weavers-workshop-rugs-and-runners-and-towels/>

For more information, contact Bonni  
907-980-3126

### Tanana Valley State Fair 2023

It's never too early to start thinking about and planning for the fair.



Theme: "Don't Go Bacon My Heart."

Colors: pink, teal, and green.

Fair flower: succulent.

Fruit/Vegetable: zucchini.

Fair dates: July 28-August 6, 2023.

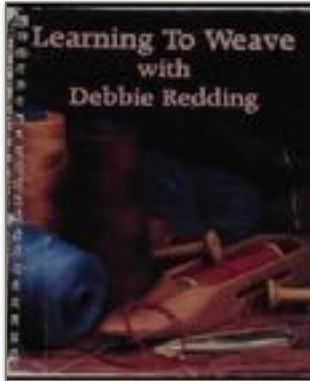
**Next Newsletter Deadline - Tues.,  
March 7, 2023** Send any items to  
[fairbanksweavers@gmail.com](mailto:fairbanksweavers@gmail.com) Thank you!

## Book Reviews

By Claire Spann

***Learning to Weave with Debbie Redding*** by Debbie Redding

***Handwoven Table Linens*** by Tom Knisely



I've been a weaver for many, many years but recently found myself needing to review the basics. I started with *Learning to Weave with Debbie Redding* and forced myself to read it cover to cover (typically weavers flip around to pertinent information). Wow! I

learned all sorts of tips that have upped my game. I love Debbie's conversational, step-by-step approach to teaching.

The follow-up book I recommend is Tom Knisely's *Handwoven Table Linens*.

This book has absolutely gorgeous designs with clear, concise instructions and even color suggestions throughout. This



particular book is great to review the basics, but interesting enough to keep the most advanced weaver intrigued.

Happy Weaving and Happy New Year!  
Claire

The Midwinter Party at Davis Hall was well-attended, with a lively white elephant gift exchange, and delicious holiday treats.



FWSG is currently a member Guild of ANWG (Association of Northwest Weavers' Guilds). ANWG has a conference every 2 years. This year the Fiber connections Conference is being held June 11-12, 2023, in Bend, Oregon at Riverhouse Hotel & Convention Center. The main page for the conference is <https://anwgconference2023.com/>

### Fairbanks Weavers' & Spinners' Guild FAQs:

**Mission Statement:** Our mission is to connect fiber artists across Interior Alaska and build community through practice, teaching and learning in the arts of weaving, hand spinning and related textile arts.

**Membership Dues:** Annual \$30, due in April, (half-year \$15 in Sept.); email [fairbanksweavers@gmail.com](mailto:fairbanksweavers@gmail.com)

**Membership Meetings:** Monthly may be either in person at Davis Hall/Lions' Club building on the fairgrounds or other locations as noted

**Website:** <https://www.fairbanksweavers.org>  
Find events calendar, newsletters, general guild info, by-laws and other fiber-related resources.

**Social Media:** Follow the guild on **Facebook** and **Instagram**. We welcome photos and events for those pages to [fairbanksweavers@gmail.com](mailto:fairbanksweavers@gmail.com)

More questions? Email: [fairbanksweavers@gmail.com](mailto:fairbanksweavers@gmail.com)

