

# CONTEMPORARY Handweavers OF HOUSTON

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### Message from the President

Where do you find your inspiration? Do you anxiously wait for *Handwoven* each month? Are you struck by the beautiful or unique in nature? Does the monthly Show and Tell send you to your loom? Do you stare at your stash until something “speaks” to you? All of the above. I’m also book-obsessed. (There are so many sticky notes in my weaving books!). We happen to have a great collection in the Guild House—books and fellow weavers. If you ever do run out of ideas, come to a meeting and tap into a wealth of inspiration. - Susan Antrican

### Board Meeting

Our next board meeting is scheduled for Saturday, April 17, 1pm. Right after the regular meeting.

### General Meeting

**Mar. 17, 2018 10:00am**

Thanks to Kathy Bone and her delightful presentation on Shetland Wool Week. It was indeed interesting to learn of the event and have some of the insight that Kathy shared about planning and traveling there. It is good to know we have resources within our guild for venturing outside the guild to explore all things fiber! It made me want to visit.

This next month's program, March 17 (you may want to wear green;-) is especially important to attend for everyone who will be in our annual sale; who will help and or shop. Carol Moseley, the chair, will present on all the particulars. This will be an excellent way to get inspired to enter and give you plenty of time to produce. She will present time honored sales products, how to elevate

them to the next level and how to price. She will also challenge members to stretch their imagination for fashion pieces and home décor whether for the holidays or as eye candy in the home. Come join in the conversation and share your knowledge and experience as well. Meeting CHH Guild House, March 17, 2018 at 10:00am. See you there.

PS: Keep in mind this is St Patrick's Day and there is a parade scheduled for downtown at noon so check out your route.

Weave joy into all you do - Caryn Vukelich, Program Chair



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## After the Meeting

This month Tracy will demonstrate the Tempo Treadle on a Jane table loom - curious check out [www.tempotreadle.com](http://www.tempotreadle.com). It's a gizmo that attaches to your loom and helps keep track of threading and treadling sequences. Come check it out!

## YARN! YARN! YARN!

Weather permitting, I will come to the March meeting with a LOT of yarn I no longer want in the back of my truck. Please take a look and help yourself. I will try to have them sorted by fiber content. There is a lot of cone yarn, plus some hand knitting yarn. Please feel free to take a look and lessen my load! Carol Moseley

## Fiber Festivals

After Kathy Bone's wonderful program on the Wool Festival in Scotland, several people were overheard wondering about other similar festivals. Although a lot of them are geared towards knitters, there are almost always classes and vendors focused on spinning and weaving, too. Below is just a sampling of what is available during the year.

Texas hosts several events throughout the year:

**DFW Fiber Fest** – April 5-8 at the Irving Convention Center, Irving, TX

**Yellow Rose Fiber Festival** – April 27-28 at the Coliseum, Seguin, TX

**Houston Fiber Fest** - June 22-24, 2018 at the Berry Center in Cypress, TX. CHH has had a yarn winding booth here for the past two years as a fund raiser for the Guild House.

**East Texas Fiber Festival** – November 9-10 at the Picker's Pavillion, Lindale, TX

And if you're up for a road trip, here's a sampling. Or you can just Google "fiber festivals"!

**Ply Away** – March 27-31, Kansas City, MO

**Interweave Yarn Fest** – April 12-15, Loveland, CO

**Maryland Sheep and Wool Festival** – May 5-6, West Friendship, MD

**Estes Park Wool Market** – June 7-10, Estes Park, CO

**Black Sheep Gathering** – June 29 - July 1, Albany, OR

**New York Sheep and Wool Festival** – October 20-21, Rhinebeck, NY

## Nominating Committee

Fern, DeeDee, Kathy, and Diane have been emailing and calling members to fill some open positions on the appointed officers slate. So far, we have filled the following positions:

President - Barbara Esterholm  
Vice President -  
Secretary - Din Iyer  
Treasurer - Blaine Davis

We are still searching for a Program Chair (who arranges programs/guest speakers for monthly meetings, coordinates equipment/accommodations for speakers, and provides information to the Newsletter editor and Webweaver). There are several programs that are traditional - the holiday party in December, the we-want-to-know-what-you-did-this-summer August program, two lectures (usually) by workshop teachers, and no meetings for June or July. So only six programs to come up with during the year. The Program Chair has funds budgeted to pay speakers so not all of them must be volunteers.

Publicity Chair is also open and performs the usual function of spreading the word about important guild events, especially the annual sale. Publicity must work closely with other chairpersons because publishing deadlines are usually several months in advance of the actual event.

All board members are expected to attend four board meetings a year in addition to the general meetings each month.

Special thanks to Annie Lancaster who volunteered to be Co-Chair with D'Anne for Membership and to Din who will be Co-Chair with Fern to learn the Workshop procedures.

## Community Craft Day

Volunteers are needed for our booth at HCCC's *Craft Community Day*, a free spring event featuring local artist guilds and community groups. Visitors of all ages are invited to see craft demonstrations and visit the resident artists' studios, view current exhibitions, and find one-of-a-kind gifts in the Asher Gallery.

We are looking for spinners and weavers for demonstrating, as well as providing hands-on help with cardboard looms. Morning and afternoon shifts are available. If you are available for this fun event, please contact Blaine Davis at [bd2921@gmail.com](mailto:bd2921@gmail.com) or Din Iyer at [dinakariyer@gmail.com](mailto:dinakariyer@gmail.com).

The event is held at the Houston Center for Contemporary Craft  
4848 Main Street  
Saturday, March 3, 2018 from 11:00 am to 3:00 pm

For more event information check out their website [here](#).

## Guild House News

**Upcoming classes** - We have a full schedule of classes for Winter/Spring 2018, which are listed below. More details and how to sign up are on the website at <https://www.weavehouston.org/classes/>. If you have any topics you would like us to cover, please contact Tracy at [tkweaver1@gmail.com](mailto:tkweaver1@gmail.com).

Tapestry Basics - March 10

Introduction to Rigid Heddle - April 7  
Learn to Spin - April 7

Sign up on the CHH website [www.weavehouston.org](http://www.weavehouston.org)

*FREE* Stuff - We have a couple of bins on the side wall that have things members have donated. Think of the saying one man's trash is another man's treasure. When you are at the Guild House check out the boxes and take something home.

Not Free stuff - We also have some yarn, used books and magazines for sale for a steal. Check those out, too! We also have two inkle looms for sale and a Babe Spinning Wheel!

We do accept donations - books, magazines, yarn, equipment. If you want to donate something please check with Tracy first before you bring it to the Guild House.

Tracy Kaestner, Guild House Director

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To access the Guild House:

To enter the main building go to the door in the center of the front or back of the building. There is a coded lock on the door – Press 5314. Our interior door is marked.

Come by and check it out. Hours – Tuesdays, Thursdays and Saturdays from 10-4.

## Thank you to our Guild House volunteers!

Barb Andes	Blaine Davis	Connie Elliott	Diane Ferguson
Din Iyer	Tracy Kaestner	Ginny Martin	Theresa Rogerson
Ann Stephens	Mary Welch	Gretchen Werner	Dee Dee Woodbury



Want to volunteer at Guild House? Contact Lisa Rose at [lisa@rose2.net](mailto:lisa@rose2.net). If you do any volunteer work on behalf of the guild, be sure to record your hours in the book located in the Guild House office.

## Guild House Gallery News

Time to do a gallery refresh. We may not have much in the way of sales but people, members and visitors alike, do enjoy seeing our work. Who knows when someone may see something they just have to have. The current inventory will be coming down the afternoon of March 17<sup>th</sup>. That's right after the March meeting. I'll start accepting inventory on that day through March 24<sup>th</sup>. Starting with this session, you will be entering your tag information online. I'll print them and attach them to the items at the Guild House on setup day. All the necessary documents, with detailed information, are on our website ([www.weavehouston.org](http://www.weavehouston.org)). They can be found under the Shopping tab and by selecting the Guild House Gallery link.

Please contact me before you begin entering your inventory so that I may send you your Consignor number. If you have never participated in our annual sale or submitted anything to the gallery previously, let me know so that I can create a number for you.

Read through all the documentation carefully. A few things have changed. Let me know when you have completed entering your items so that I may print your tags. When you drop off your inventory, at the Guild House, be sure to include your inventory list as well as a signed contract.

Let me know if there are any questions – Pat Powell ([patricia.powell@att.net](mailto:patricia.powell@att.net))

# Online Gallery News

Don't forget our online gallery. We're still looking for woven and felted items. Check the website ([www.weavehouston.org](http://www.weavehouston.org)) for documents and information. Look under the Shopping tab and select the Online Gallery link. You can check out our online gallery at <http://stores.myresaleweb.com/contemporary-handweavers/>

Pat Powell [patricia.powell@att.net](mailto:patricia.powell@att.net)

We do not have custodial help at the Guild House.

If you make a mess please clean up after yourself. AND please do not leave any uneaten food in the refrigerator, we end up with spoiled, nasty stuff to throw out.

Thanks, Tracy and Ann

Guild House Staff 😊

## Workshops

The next workshops that are scheduled will be with Molly Koehn.

**The Eco Printing** is a one-day workshop done on April 28 in the morning. 9am to 1pm

**Bookbinding** is a 2-day workshop. The cover is made the first day and must dry overnight. Both days will begin at 2pm and end about 4:30. Binding and stitching is done on the second day. Cost for Eco printing is \$62.50 per person including materials. Minimum 8 people, maximum 15 people

Cost for Book Binding is \$ 82.50 The kit is included. Minimum 8 people, maximum is 15 people

There are pictures for both workshops on the CHH web site

Please send the deposits to me at my home.

I have heard from Jennifer Moore. I will be coordinating with both the Fort Worth and The San Antonio Guilds for airline prices. I hope to be able to put the sign up information in the April newsletter

Fern Handler, [fhandler2203@att.net](mailto:fhandler2203@att.net) 713-906-3026

Here's our latest group of new weavers from February's rigid heddle class.



## Swatch Swap 2018

### *Coming soon!*

Look for our sample book in the Guild Library at the end of June 1st.

The topic for 2018 Swatch Swap is "Seasonal Inspiration". This can be interpreted as seasons of the year, seasons of life, or holiday seasons. The weave structure and yarn choices are unlimited and only subject to your imagination. The drafts and notes are due to Marian Carlson by April 30th. The actual exchange date is Sunday, May 27th, 1:00PM. We will be making a collection of our samples, notes and drafts for each member to retain plus a copy for the Guild House Library and a raffle book as well.

We will choose a different theme for next year so check us out and think about joining the fun in 2019!

Marian Carlson, Coordinator [marian.carlson1@live.com](mailto:marian.carlson1@live.com)

## Fiber Study Group - Discharge Workshop by Linda Thompson

Wednesday, March 14, 2018  
10:00 am-3:00 pm at the CHH Guild House

Register by March 5<sup>th</sup> [creativecouture@att.net](mailto:creativecouture@att.net)

Supply fee: \$8.00 payable upon registration

Maximum class size 12 participants

**Come Play! Come Create! Come Be Surprised!**

Discharging fabric is simply taking out the dye that is already there. You can do it in a huge variety of ways to create a multitude of patterns and never really know what you'll get until you're done. The surprises are beautiful! You'll love it. It's very addicting and very fun! COME JOIN ME March

14<sup>th</sup>!

I will provide you with the majority of the materials you will need, particularly the chemicals. Think now about what type of fabrics you'd like to work with. 100% Silk, cotton, linen, and natural rayon give you a huge choice to draw from. Remember that dark colors will give you the best results.

Don't just think "black & solid though. Think navy, brown, olive, burgundy, stripes, flowers etc. Already patterned fabric can produce very interesting surprising results so experiment! Workshops are the place to do that. Because of our somewhat limited time and space I'm going to suggest you think about using fat quarters or ½ yd. pieces of fabric, either hand dyed or store bought. Bring a dozen or so different pieces so you can experiment.

I'll have a more extensive supply list for you once you sign up.

Sign up early too as I will give you some preparation instructions that you'll want to complete to get the most out of the workshop. Linda - [creativecouture@att.net](mailto:creativecouture@att.net) or [713-816-3709](tel:713-816-3709).

Hope to see you there!

## Study Groups

In addition to our regular monthly guild meeting, CHH has quite a few study groups that meet each month to provide our members with an extra opportunity to study a particular subject in more depth, as well as socialize with others interested in the same topics.

**CHH SWATCH SWAP:** Annual swatch swap exchange. This year's topic will be "Seasonal Inspiration". Email Marian Carlson [marian.carlson1@live.com](mailto:marian.carlson1@live.com) for details.

**FELT STUDY GROUP:** The Felt Study Group meets once a quarter on a Sunday afternoon at the **Guild House**. The 2017 dates are April 2, July 9, and October 1. This group is dedicated to studying felt making and related topics. We share techniques and ideas to deepen our knowledge of felt making. Format varies and includes hands-on learning, presentations, and show and tell.

**FIBER STUDY GROUP:** Meets monthly on the 2nd Wednesday, 10am, at the **Guild House**. To get the latest information on the Fiber Study Group, send your email to Yvonne Wilson – [ywilson1005@gmail.com](mailto:ywilson1005@gmail.com), 281-744-2211

**KATY SPINNERS:** Meets monthly on the 4th Tuesday, 6:30-8:30 pm at Peggy Barnette's house, 1506 Calveryman, Katy, TX 77449. Bring your spinning wheel and come join us! **(West)**

**TALL PINES STUDY GROUP:** Meets monthly on the 4th Sunday, 2pm (no meeting in June). Meeting location varies, so contact Jane Hilton at [hiltonjane@att.net](mailto:hiltonjane@att.net) for more info. Tall Pines is a weaving study group, which meets in the homes of our members and invite anyone who is interested in exploring weaving. We welcome brand new weavers as well as experienced weavers. **(North)**

**TAPESTRY STUDY GROUP:** Meets monthly on 3rd Sunday, 2pm, at the **Guild House**. The focus is on learning about design, equipment, yarns, weaving techniques, mounting, pricing and sale of created tapestries. Projects TBA.

**WOW (Way Out West Weavers):** Meets monthly on 1st Thursday, 10:00 am, at the *Cinco Ranch Public Library, 2620 Commercial Center Blvd., Katy*. The group began meeting in 1998 and has 21 members; some live out of town. Email Marian at [marian.carlson1@live.com](mailto:marian.carlson1@live.com) to see which location. **(West)**

**WESTSIDE WEAVERS & SPINNERS:** Meets monthly on the 3rd Tuesday, 10:00 am to 2:00 pm, with the location rotating among members' homes. The group began meeting in 1981. For more info, contact Penny Nelson at 979-733-8120 or [penny@skyloomweavers.com](mailto:penny@skyloomweavers.com). **(West)**

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All study group participants must be active members in CHH. Just as visitors are allowed to attend one general membership meeting, so are visitors allowed to attend one study group meeting. Regular participation in study groups requires active membership. It is not fair to those who maintain their membership regularly to have to support those who feel they don't need to because

they don't attend the general membership meetings. So study group coordinators please have your delinquent members go to our website, [www.weavehouston.org](http://www.weavehouston.org), and renew. Thank you.

## CHH Officers 2017-18

### Executive Board

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Contact info for committee chairs can be found in the Member's Only section of our website.

## INFORMATION

### **CHH Membership Meetings**

are held the third Saturday of the Month, August through May at 10:00 a.m.

**Guild House** is open on Tues., Thurs., and Sat.

10:00 am to 4:00 pm  
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Houston, TX 77004  
713-807-0330

### **CHH Mailing Address**

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(we no longer have a P.O. box)

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## Newsletter Deadline

The deadline for submissions to the monthly newsletter is the 25th of each month. The newsletter will be emailed on the 1st. All members are welcome to submit articles or photos that might be of interest to the guild. Articles may be edited for content or space.

Want to advertise in the CHHit CHHat Newsletter that goes to all members?

Contemporary Handweavers of Houston's CHHit CHHat Newsletter is published monthly, August through June, and is sent to all paid members. DEADLINE for stories and advertising is the 3rd Thursday of the month for subsequent month's issue.

Send ad copy to Theresa Rogerson, Editor, ([tdunn1953@gmail.com](mailto:tdunn1953@gmail.com)).  
Send check in advance to the Guild House address, c/o Blaine Davis, Treasurer.  
Electronic copy and artwork is preferred. **Make checks payable to CHH.**

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1/2 page 7.00  
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check out the CHH ad page at <http://weavehouston.org/classifieds/>

## LeClerc Arisat 36" Floor Loom \$1.00

This loom has to go! Please don't let it go to the burn pile!

This 4 shaft jack-type floor loom is designed for the weaver with limited space who wants a fairly wide, solid loom. The Artisat is a quiet floor model loom equipped with an easy tie-up system. Loom weight has been reduced to a minimum (95 pounds), but it is sufficiently sturdy to do heavy work. It can be folded front and back to a depth of 14" (4 shaft loom) even if weaving is on the loom. The shed will always be good regardless of the kind of cloth you are making (Double Weave, Bronson, Leno, etc.). It is built with 6 treadles (4 shaft loom) and permits any combination of tie-ups. Manual included. Located in Hondo, TX. Would be willing to work with buyer on delivery arrangements. Contact [roadbirdrv@gmail.com](mailto:roadbirdrv@gmail.com)



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