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Message from the President

Alice Walker said, "When you are creating beauty around you, you are restoring your own soul."

We do our fiber crafts because it makes us happy. But did you know it is also good for you? There have been a number of studies on the beneficial effects of crafting. The voluntary mental focus (I refer to it as my Zen) engaged while crafting and the sense of accomplishment when you finish provides emotions that can be hard to duplicate in your daily routine. The reward center of your brain releases dopamine (a natural anti-depressant) when you do something that brings you pleasure. Other benefits include a boost to your brain power by activating different parts of your brain, increasing communal support through gatherings like the guild, and helping with hand-eye coordination. Intellectual activity can also help prevent cerebral atrophy, according to a study in *The Journal of Neuropsychiatry*.

If you're looking for a way to improve your mental health, a creative endeavor couldn't hurt! - Susan Antrican

General Meeting

May 19, 2018 10:00am

Thank you to Connie Elliott for her April program on indigo dyeing, and for sharing her wonderful examples of indigo textiles from all over the world. We also enjoyed seeing all the beautiful items shared by our members. It was obvious that we all love indigo!

Daniel Garver will be our program presenter for our final meeting before the summer hiatus on May 19. Daniel is currently one of the artists in residence at the Houston Center for Contemporary Craft. He works as a weaver stating, "From fragments of drawings, weavings take shape and present new regulations and constraints, which are in turn manipulated again by the

instruction of masking, resisting and dyeing. My process of making continually shifts between drawing and weaving, 2 dimensional and 3 dimensional, to mutually inform each material and new work.”

He is from Madison Wi and holds a BFA from the University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee (2011). In 2015 he was selected for a 2-year Fellowship at the Penland School of Crafts. During this Core Fellowship the unrestricted exploration of craft and material studies radically shifted his practice from ceramics to focus primarily on drawing and textile.

Come, meet a new member weaver and learn how he develops and expresses his ideas through this great medium.

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



Donna Rae Harris

Sept. 28, 1925 – Apr. 28, 2018



Donna Rae's granddaughter, Tina, posted this on Facebook:

"Grandma passed away last night very peacefully, she had a long and happy life. She was dearly loved and will be greatly missed by so many. Thank you all for the love and prayers that have been sent. Sing " I'll fly away" today"

A visitation will be held Wednesday, May 2, 2018 from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. at Forest Park East Funeral Home, 21620 Gulf Freeway, Webster, TX 77598. A Celebration of Life will be held Thursday, May 3, 2018 at 3:00 p.m. with interment to follow. You can read the obituary in the Alvin Sun [here](#).

Guild House News

We Need YOU!

If you love to weave inkle bands and would like to share your knowledge we need you. We are looking for someone interested in teaching a class on inkle weaving. We received a donation of inkle looms, now we have enough to teach a class! Contact Tracy Kaestner, tkweaver1@gmail.com

We will be selling some of our newly acquired inkle looms - they are in good condition by Ashford. They sell new for \$111.00, we will sell them for \$25.00. Stop in at the Guild House if you are interested!

Upcoming classes at the Guild House:
Spinning, Next Steps
Art of Transparency (only 2 spots left!)
Into to Tapestry
Saturday Floor Loom Weaving in August

Tracy Kaestner, Guild House Director

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!

Blaine Davis	Connie Elliott	Diane Ferguson
Din Iyer	Ginny Martin	Ann Stephens
Mary Welch	Gretchen Werner	



Want to volunteer at Guild House? Contact Lisa Rose at 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.

Sale News

We have several changes this year for the sale. If you are new to the sale, or have so few items that you might be considering for the sale that the fee seems too steep, then I have good news. The entry fee of \$30.00 will be reduced by half if you are new to the sale, or have 10 or fewer items.

Also, we are streamlining things this year. The sale will be for two days only. The sale entry form reflects this change. It is available on the web site, along with other information. Hope you are all working!



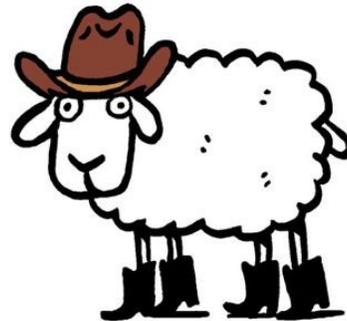
And please do not forget, the one way each of you can support the sale is by finding new names for our mailing list. Please send them to me, e-mail or snail mail or a note at the meeting. Thanks!

Carol Moseley

Volunteers Needed For Houston Fiber Fest

June 22-24, 2018
at The Berry Center in Cypress, TX

Vendor hall hours:
Friday, June 22: 10am – 6pm
Saturday, June 23: 10am – 6pm
Sunday, June 24: 10am-3pm



We will once again be participating in the Houston Fiber Fest with our yarn winding booth in the vendor hall. We will need volunteers for each shift to work the booth and wind skeins into balls each day.

We have also been invited to participate in the NEW Demo Area. We will be demonstrating weaving during our time slot from 12-1pm on Friday and Saturday. There will be an Erica loom already warped and ready for weaving. More details to follow.

If you are available to fill any of these volunteer positions, please contact Tracy Kaestner at tkweaver1@gmail.com.

Member Achievements

I am happy to pass on news of the achievements of several of our members.

The Convergence Fashion show will have work by Carol Moseley and Charlene Kolb. Laura Viadaa will be teaching her transparency class in Reno. And Blaine Davis will be representing us in another direction, with a textile residency in Iceland.

Good work all. Carol Moseley

Weaving with Wire Workshop

Instructor Short Bio:

Christine Miller is a life long fiber artist and a high school art educator for the last 13 years in the Dallas and Plano school districts. Christine has experience in many fiber disciplines: sewing,

knitting, crochet, basketry, embroidery, beading, felting, dyeing and weaving. Her weaving career spans 45 years with 30 years devoted to weaving exclusively with wire. She has exhibited her work and taught weaving workshops throughout the U.S. and has presented at state and national Art Education conferences throughout her art education career. Art Education Website: <https://artistteacherjournal.com>
Fiber Art Website: www.explorefiber.com



Workshop description: Explore Fiber - Weaving with Wire

The woven metal fabric that is created in this workshop is a wonderful, sculptural material that can be used for jewelry, basketry, sculpture and more! There are unlimited possibilities for this material! Your imagination can take it in any direction. This 3-day workshop will cover:

- Presentation by the instructor of the possibilities of weaving with wire and examples of the instructor's work
- Preparing a warp out of wire
- Beaming the wire warp onto a 4-8 harness small floor or table loom
- Weaving a 3 yard woven metal warp, either 3/8" or 1" wide to be used for jewelry
- Weaving a large, 6" wide sample on the instructor's loom to get a feel for a wider warp
- Create some jewelry pieces from the woven metal using patterns from the instructor, or creating your own designs.

Beginning to advanced weavers are appropriate experience levels for this workshop. Participants will be required to provide a small 4-8 harness table or floor loom. A full list of required equipment, tools and materials for the workshop will be provided to registered participants prior to the beginning of the workshop.

Cost: \$225.00 for 3 day workshop, approximate \$30.00 supply fee for wire.

Register: Maximum number of attendees 15. For more information and to reserve your spot for the workshop email Christine Miller: explorefiber@gmail.com



Double Rainbow Workshop

2-3 day workshop with Jennifer Moore

2 Layers, 4 Shafts, 6 Colors – Endless Possibilities *now also with 2 blocks on 8 shafts!

Oct. 16-18 (Tue-Thur) or Oct. 19-21 (Fri-Sun) at the Guild House

This is perhaps the ultimate color sampler! You will begin by winding a warp and setting up your loom according to Jennifer's system for working with multiple colors in a rotational sequence and bringing it to the workshop. A basic two-layered structure will enable us to mix and match our colors, creating an amazing array of color mixtures. As you weave, your warp colors move past each other you will experience a visual feast of iridescence and moire patterns. We will also experiment with single-layered structures such as warp rep and warp-faced twills and the effects that they create on this versatile warp. This sampler will provide a remarkable education in color theory and how optical mixtures work in weaving, as well as a great source of inspiration for future weaving projects.

Level- Intermediate. No prior experience in doubleweave is necessary, but students must know how to warp a loom

Students will bring a 4- or 8-shaft table or floor loom warped according to instructions

Material fee- \$10 per student

Maximum- 20 students

Equipment- whiteboard

Student supplies:

4-shaft table or floor loom

8- or 10-dent reed (8-dent is ideal)

2 boat shuttles

6 bobbins, extras if possible

5/2 perle cotton in specified colors below

6 colored pencils or markers to match your yarn

Maximum for this class is 15 people.

Total cost for the workshop is \$184.00. I am taking deposits now of \$92.00. All deposits should be made out to Contemporary Handweavers of Houston.

This price **DOES NOT** include the yarn. each participant will need a 4-yard warp of 6 colors of 5/2 pearl cotton. The colors required are Blue, Green, Yellow, Orange, Red and Purple. This can be from your stash or purchased individually.



Contact Fern Handler, Workshop Chair fhandler2203@att.net for space availability for each session.

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. Final pages are due to Marian Carlson by May 7th. 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

Fiber Study Group

Wednesday, May 9, 10:00-12:00
Cindy Hickok Home Tour
523 Briar Path Dr., Houston 77079.

WE WILL **NOT** BE MEETING AT CHH
Please RSVP to Cindy @ cynthiahickok@sbcglobal.net Phone 281-493-2525

She will have for the members to view:

- ~~Her machine embroidered works—lots of them
- ~~Her collection of English art, all with a bit of humor, and many with books about their makers
- ~~And, to take home, a selection of items from her good-intentions pile, plus copies of her book

She will be having refreshments there, but there are good restaurants nearby, too.



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 for details.

FELT STUDY GROUP: The Felt Study Group meets once a quarter on a Sunday afternoon at the **Guild House**. The 2018 dates are August 12, and October 14. 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, 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 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, 1:30pm, 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 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. **(West)**

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, and renew. Thank you.

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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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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).
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.**

Newsletter Advertising Rates:
\$10/month, which includes one photo and up to 100 words.
Discount rate of 20% applies to advertisers who pay for one year in advance (10 issues).

**For more individual member listings and photos
check out the CHH ad page at <http://weavehouston.org/classifieds/>**

Loom for Sale

Gorgeous cherry Fireside loom for sale. Hand-carved cherry blossoms, 12 shaft, 14 treadle, 48" weaving width loom with original sliding bench and 3 reeds. Excellent condition and all packed up for easy moving. Pick-up in San Antonio. \$7,500
Text 210-467-8027 between 9 & 9 CDT



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