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## Next Meeting !

**Sept. 17, 2015**

**“Designing  
Fabrics”**

**Susan Ennis**

**6:30 p.m.**

**Location:**

**2327 Commerce  
Houston, TX  
77002**

**(at our new  
Guild House in  
the Art Square  
Studios)**

Contemporary Handweavers of Houston (CHH) is a non-profit educational organization dedicated to promoting interest in handweaving, spinning and related textile arts.



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Weaving has always been really personal for me. The first piece I did on my Baby Wolf was a scarf for my mother. The first piece on my big loom was a scarf for my best friend, to celebrate her completion of chemotherapy. The picture is of a baby blanket for my first grand baby. Although I have technically been weaving for several years, work and life have limited my actual hands-on time. There seems to be an “occasion” around every corner: Christmas, birthdays, promotions to be marked. As the item grows on the beam, the recipient fills my thoughts. Hopefully my future holds more open time for me and my looms, and I can weave for the sake of weaving. Until then, every piece holds a story. - Susan

## **BIG NEWS!! CHANGE IS IN THE AIR....**

Beginning 2016 CHH is going to test having our monthly meetings on the 3rd Saturday of each month. The board has discussed this several times, we've finally decided to take the plunge and give it a try. At the August meeting several of you indicated you'd like us to meet on Saturdays and we are listening! Mark your calendar for February 20, March 19, April 16 and May 21 at 10:00 am. Tentative schedule:

9:30 – Meet and Greet

10:00 – 12:00 Business Meeting and Program

12:00 – 1:00 bring a lunch and stay and visit

1:00 - ? Member activities, this will vary by month, it may be hands on, demos, or mini workshops. We are still in the planning stages.

This new schedule will give us flexibility to do more on a meeting day. You can come for the meeting and leave when it's done or stay for the day.

What do you think? If you've got an opinion tell any board member. We want to hear from you.

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## September 17<sup>th</sup> Program “Designing Fabrics”

Susan Ennis, Textile Designer, Painter and Quilter, will be our presenter on September 17<sup>th</sup>. Susan has designed collections of print fabrics that are sold commercially. The quilts that she designs and makes include her own fabrics that are printed, painted and stitched. Susan will take us through the process of designing fabrics starting with an idea, drawings, and painting. If you are a Handweaver, Quilter or Surface design enthusiast Susan's strong art background will give each of us information we can use in the craft of our choice. This is a program you don't want to miss.

Charlene Kolb—Program Chair

## September Meeting



Last names starting with  
**A-B**



**CHH meets at the  
NEW Guild House  
2327 Commerce, Suite 6  
Parking lot in back**

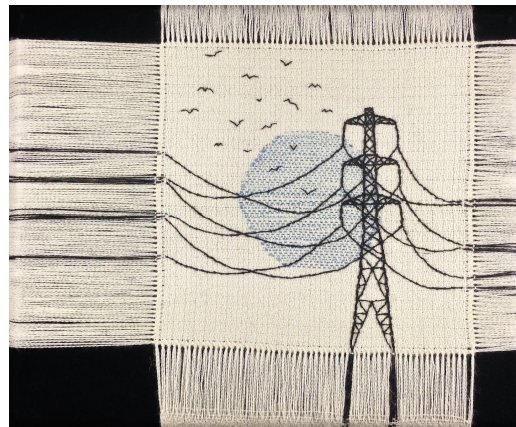
### CHH Member Web Page Login

User ID: CHH2015  
Password: cotton

## CHH Award

Contemporary Handweavers of Houston congratulates Amy Tromiczak. Juror, Nicole LaBouff selected Amy's piece, *Modern Landscapes 1* for the CHH Award at HGA's Small Expressions 2015. Nicole LeBouff PhD, is Assistant Curator of Textiles, Department of Decorative Arts, Textiles, and Sculpture of the Minneapolis Institute of Arts (MIA). HGA's Small Expressions was on exhibit at the Textile Center during the Midwest Weavers Conference held in Minneapolis, Minnesota in June. CHH began sponsoring the award in 2014 to encourage excellence in technical skills in hand weaving, including form, function and finishing.

To learn more about Ms. Tromiczak's work see her website <http://www.amytromiczak.com/about>



### **Modern Landscapes 1**

Handwoven alpaca and wool, cashmere embroidery and indigo-dyed silk inlay.  
11 x 13 inches

# CHH Annual Sale

## Weave! Weave! Weave!

October 22nd, 23rd, and 24th, 2015  
At The Guild House  
2327 Commerce, Suite 6, Houston, TX



Crank up your looms! Felt like crazy! Bead, bead, bead! Spin yourself silly! The sale will be here before we know it. There are only 2 ½ months left to produce lovely merchandise for our annual sale. We will have the sale at the Guild House. We are going to be open late Thursday evening (not Saturday like last year) for our customers who can't get there during the day time hours. As you may remember, we had to move to the building next door last as our Guild House space was not quite ready. We are very excited to be having the sale in our own space again this year! Remember that the guild portion of the proceeds help support our Guild House. Last year was quite successful – especially given that we changed the dates at the last minute and had to move to the building next door. We are really hoping to make this year even MORE of a success! That will require lots of participation, and lots of inventory. It's going to be a long, hot summer – the perfect time to stay indoors and be creative! We are hoping to see many more members participating and a lot of fresh inventory this year.

The 2015 Sale Entry form and the 2015 Sale Rules are included in this newsletter and can also be found on the guild website [www.weavehouston.org](http://www.weavehouston.org) If you are planning on participating, please fill out your entry form and send it in as soon as possible. (but no later than October 1<sup>st</sup> please!)

If you have any questions please contact  
Peggy Friedrichs [peggy\\_friedrichs@sbcglobal.net](mailto:peggy_friedrichs@sbcglobal.net) or 713-702-4391

## Swatch Swap 2016

Come one, Come many!

Swatch Swap is revving up for 2016. The chosen topic is "Cotton to the power of 10/2". Since 10/2 cotton is generally considered a "workhorse" in projects, we chose to put our imaginations into gear and get our creative juices flowing for its use. 10/2 cotton must be used in the weaving but there are no other stipulations or restrictions for it's use!

You are invited and encouraged to join us in the endeavor. The event will culminate in May 2016 with the exchange of our samples, a pot luck meal, and I assume if it goes as usual, good stories, fine conversation and many laughs. It has been my pleasure to participate for several years in the past but this is my first attempt at coordinating.

Please join us by sending me your name and mailing the \$7 fee in the form of a check made out to me, Marian Carlson. My address is 4738 Camden Brook Lane, Katy, TX 77494-2391 and email: [mari-an.carlson1@live.com](mailto:mari-an.carlson1@live.com).

You may also sign up and submit the fee at monthly meetings. More information will follow and if you have any questions please contact me.

# ***Guild House News***

Beat the heat and come to the Guild House and learn something new!

## **Upcoming classes –**

Introduction to Rigid Heddle weaving – Sept. 26

Learn to Spin – Sept. 19 & 26

Rigid Heddle Color and Weave – Oct. 10

Spin Doctor – Oct. 10

Spinning Next Steps – Oct. 10

Fun with Plying – Nov. 7



## **Coming soon –**

Make and Take classes – full and half day – felt, baskets, origami books. Have an idea of something you'd like us to offer or you'd like to teach. Contact Tracy

Check out the website for specific info on all classes or to sign up.

CHH has a calendar that we try to keep current on our website, you can always check there for current info [www.weavehouston.org](http://www.weavehouston.org).

## **MARK YOUR CALENDAR**

### **Celebrate National Spinning and Weaving Week**

### **Saturday, October 3, 10-2**

Come and join us at the Guild House for a fun day communing with like-minded people. Bring your loom, wheel, whatever you want to work on, a snack to share (optional) and come and sit and spin or weave or knit or felt..... whatever! We've got some cool door prizes, too! Don't miss the fun!

## **Many Thanks!**

Thank you to our April Guild House Volunteers!

Blaine Davis	Connie Elliott
Tracy Kaestner	Ginny Martin
Carol Moseley	Pat Powell
Ann Stephens	DeeDee Woodbury
Terri Zievers	



If you would like to volunteer at Guild House, contact Terri Zievers at [tzievers@yahoo.com](mailto:tzievers@yahoo.com).

## **Don't Forget!**

The Volunteer Book is now located in the office of the Guild House. If you do any volunteer work on behalf of the guild, be sure to record your hours!

Thank You for volunteering!  
Gerry Woodhouse, VP

# ***Guild House Gallery***

We are all lit up thanks to Ann Stephens and her husband. Come by and see the beautiful new additions to the gallery.



## **Tapestry Looms for SALE!**

We purchased a "lot" of tapestry looms off Craigs List, we have kept 10 for classes and want to sell the rest. They are \$45.00 each. If purchased new they are \$120.00, stand not included. There are still some looms left. If you are interested stop in to the Guild House and pick one up.



## Volunteers

The Volunteer Book is now located in the office of the Guild House. If you do any volunteer work on behalf of the guild, be sure to record your hours!

'If someone contacts the guild requesting volunteers, there is now a form you can give them (or mail to them) which asks what sort of volunteer experience they are seeking; the location and contact information for the person(s) who want volunteer(s), how many folks will be served by this volunteer (a classroom full of students, or a demonstration at a museum, etc.). We may not be able to serve everyone, but we will try our best! - Gerry Woodhouse

## Volunteers Needed at Renaissance Fair

"I have a fiber arts booth out at the Texas renaissance fair and I would like to invite members of your guild to come out to the fair and do demonstrations with us. I would cover the fair and parking pass, as well as most of the food and drinks as I have my own small little kitchen. I have rigid heddle looms, four-shaft floor looms, a few LeClerc Dorothy table looms, and two eight-shaft looms. Demonstrators would be able to walk the fair and shop when traffic is slow. Demonstrators would need to be in costume - 13th Century. For more information I can be found on Facebook under my name or my email [jrunkel@yahoo.com](mailto:jrunkel@yahoo.com). My wife and I along with Karen Boelter are the main three members of this shop. Karen Boelter is a master weaver and teaches any one that would like to learn if they want to come to the fair." - Jay Runkel

## Contemporary Handweavers of TEXAS

We need **YOU!** Houston is hosting CHT Conference 2017.

Join **NOW** so you don't miss a thing! Membership to the organization runs from conference to conference. If you went to Warp Speed Ahead in Austin you had an opportunity to pay your dues then.

If you have not joined or renewed for 2015-2017 here is the link:

[http://weavetexas.org/uploads/CHT\\_Membership\\_Form\\_2015-2017.pdf](http://weavetexas.org/uploads/CHT_Membership_Form_2015-2017.pdf)

Print it off, fill it in and send it, along with a check made to CHT, to treasurer, Jenny Barker. (the address is on the form). Membership benefits include a quarterly newsletter with real samples and news from across the state.

- Registration to Art Camp 2016.
- Scholarship opportunities.
- Registration to the State Convention; held every two years in locations around the state.

All of this for 20.00 per year made in one 40.00 payment that takes you from conference to conference.

Printed membership forms will be available at the August meeting. Don't wait!



## JETTE VANDERMEIDEN WORKSHOPS

Jette has been creating textiles since early childhood. Studying weaving, embroidery, knitting and bobbin lace at college led her to find her strength in weave theory, structure and design of cloth. With her extensive knowledge of fibre related topics, Jette has been a consultant to museums, documentary researchers, and developers of weaving curriculum for college fibre arts programs. A prolific writer and teacher, Jette has conducted classes and workshops across Canada, USA and England and is a regular columnist for *FIBRE FOCUS*. She weaves damask and Scandinavian weaves on her drawlooms, and volunteers at the Ontario Science Center, working on the Jacquard loom. Her goal is to share weaving skills so this ancient craft will continue to enrich our lives.

Jette taught most recently in Texas at the 2013 CHT conference and was greatly loved! CHH is thrilled to be offering two workshops with Jette!

In Order to reserve your space in either workshop, please send a nonrefundable deposit of 50% to:

Gretchen Werner  
7718 Bulrush Canyon Trail  
Katy, TX 77494

ANY QUESTIONS: Email Gretchen at [mgwerner212@yahoo.com](mailto:mgwerner212@yahoo.com)

### PCW FIBERWORKS© TUTORIAL

THURSDAY JANUARY 21, 2016

COST: \$75.00

LOCATION: GUILD HOUSE

Learn how to use the weaving program to design your own draft, right from concept to finalized weave plan, which is printer ready. We will cover the menus, tools, shortcuts for quick drafting and color. You will need your own laptop with **PCW Fiberworks© Silver** installed and validated (**Bronze** version may be used, but does not have as many possibilities.) You may use either a PC or a Mac. You will need to have basic computer skills and know how to find and open programs on your laptop.

### ALL TIED UP!

JANUARY 22- 24, 2016

COST: \$200

LOCATION: GUILD HOUSE

The tie-up is your best friend! Thread the loom with one versatile threading and learn how to re-arrange your tie-up so you can weave many, many different structures and projects without re-threading. Discover how integrated twills, layered double weave, summer and winter, plaited twill, breaks and recesses, M's and O's, waffle weave and so many others can all be woven with small changes to the tie-up.

This is 8 harness workshop, and you will be weaving on your own loom

## ROSALIE NEILSON BACK BY POPULAR DEMAND!

**1 Spot Available!**

**REP RUNNERS: A STUDY IN 4-BLOCK DESIGN USING LINKED BLOCKS AND SOLID STRIPES**

COST: \$230

Friday – Sunday, October 16-18, 2015

LOCATION: GUILD HOUSE

Rosalie's October workshop is now full. I am taking names and starting a waiting list. If you are interested, please contact me via email ([mgwerner212@yahoo.com](mailto:mgwerner212@yahoo.com)) and I will add your name to the list.

For workshop participants: I was able to visit with Rosalie at the Intermountain Weavers Conference in Durango CO last month. She showed me samples of the 8/2 cotton rep we will be doing in the workshop! They looked fabulous! Get ready for some fun and a great new workshop from Rosalie! I will be contacting you with details, supply lists and drafts just as soon as I hear back from Rosalie. I can't wait for October! It is sure to be another fabulous class with Rosalie.

## CHH 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. Check out the list below for meeting times and study group information.

**CHH SWATCH SWAP:** Annual swatch swap exchange. The chosen topic is "Cotton to the power of 10/2". Swatches must be between 4" x 4" and 6" x 6." See page 3 of this newsletter for sign up information, or email Marian Carlson [marian.carlson1@live.com](mailto:marian.carlson1@live.com)

**FELT STUDY GROUP:** Meets monthly on the 1st Tuesday, 7pm, at the **Guild House**. 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**.

**KATY SPINNERS:** Meets monthly on the 4th Tuesday, 6:30-8:30 PM at **Yarntopia**, 2944 S. Mason Rd., Suite M, Katy, TX 77494 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, usually at a public library: *Cinco Ranch library, 2620 Commercial Center Blvd., Katy, or Kendall library, 609 N. Eldridge, Houston.* The group began meeting in 1998 and has 21 members; some live out of town. Bring snack items to share. Email Marian to see which location. **(West)**

**WESTSIDE WEAVERS:** Meets monthly on the 1st Tuesday, 10:00 am to 2:00 pm, with the location rotating among members' homes. The group began meeting in 1981. Please bring a lunch item to share. **(West)**

**WESTSIDE SPINNERS:** Meets 3rd Tuesday of each month from 10:00 am to 2:00 pm, with the location rotating among members' homes. Please bring a lunch item to share. This is just a thinly veiled excuse to meet two times a month, though the emphasis will be more on spinning. **(West)**



## CHH Officers 2015-16

### Executive Board

#### President

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## October CHHit-CHHat Deadline

**September 25th**

Email submissions to  
Theresa Rogerson  
[tdunn1953@gmail.com](mailto:tdunn1953@gmail.com)

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## Spinning Opportunity

I am an Alpaca breeder that lives in Katy and I am looking for someone to spin my fiber to yarn, likely just natural colors no dye. Would prefer to get spun yarn in exchange for fiber but would consider paying to get spun yarn. Would anyone in your group be interested?

Please let me know so I can come out and visit or visit on the phone. I work during the week in downtown Houston so it would have to be on the weekend.

Danette Marrs  
[281 731 4437](tel:2817314437) cell  
[281 492 6180](tel:2814926180) home  
[hdmccleary@sbcglobal.net](mailto:hdmccleary@sbcglobal.net)

## INFORMATION

### CHH Membership Meetings

are held the third Thursday of the Month, August through May at 6:30 p.m.

### Guild House is open on

Tues., Thurs., and Sat.  
10:00 am to 4:00 pm  
2327 Commerce  
Houston, TX 77004  
713-807-0330

### CHH Mailing Address

PO Box 270933  
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Contact Fern Handler (see Members list for contact information).



Harrisville Loom for sale, 40" wide, 8 shaft, with bench and two reeds: 10 & 12 dent. Replacement cables included but not installed yet. Extra heddles also included. \$2,000. Contact Fern Handler (information on Members site). Pick-up required, bring helper and large vehicle.

Contact Fern Handler (see Members list for contact information).



## Classified Ads

For more individual member listings and photos  
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