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Message from the President

A New Year and what will it bring? Do you make resolutions or lists of all you wish to accomplish in the New Year? This New Year will find me learning a different weaving technique, Tapestry. I'm signed up to take the Guild House classes Tapestry-Basics and Tapestry-Next Steps. Santa brought me a tapestry loom and what better way to learn.

There's always something new to learn to improve our skills and to keep things fun and interesting. Guild House classes, CHH sponsored workshops, CHT conference workshops

and classes, these are all ways you can learn a new process or technique. make the most of your New Year! - Barbara Esterholm



General Meeting January 19, 2019 10am - noon

Karina Mueller Patman – “Story cloth from Southeast Asia”

Karina lived in Singapore and Thailand for 12 years, during that time she collected textiles. She currently has boutique, B Mori selling clothing and accessories inspired by the textiles and people of SE Asia. Come see Karina’s textiles and hear the stories that accompany them.



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Board Meeting

The next CHH board meeting is Saturday January 19, 2019 at 1pm. The January board meeting is the same day as our general meeting.

2019 Sale Mailing List

Bring your address book to the January meeting. The print out of our Sale Mailing List will be available for updating. You can check to see if all your friends and family are on the list or not... please only add those in the Texas area who might be within driving distance of the Guild House - postage and printing are expensive and your Aunt Minnie in New York will probably not be coming to shop. There will be extra invitations printed again this year and you can put your own stamp on one to send to Aunt Minnie. She loves you very much and I know she is a big supporter of handweaving.

Updating the address list will be done by the end of March, so you will have plenty of time to send me any additions via email at weavehouston@gmail.com or to yarn goddess@hotmail.com which is my personal email. Carefully typed addresses are much more accurate than my interpretation of your hand writing. The key to a more successful sale is having many customers come to the Guild House. Thank you for your input on this. The mailing list is one part of the puzzle - another part is social media. In the fall of 2019, we need to have every member posting often and chatting about the sale on whatever social media group you are a member. The member with the most friends wins! - Diane Ferguson

The Sale Goes On

I wish to send holiday greetings to all our CHH family. And I want to extend once more my heartfelt thanks to all of you who helped with the sale this year. We did better this year than the year before by any measure, and I am sure that we will keep moving in that direction. I was pleased that we had "newbies" this past year, and trust that this will continue. The Sale is for all of us, and I am proud of all the hard work that we invested.

Of course, this is where I say, "Get busy on items for next year", so now I have said it. I am working on some new ideas and would love to hear any suggestions any of you may have. You will be hearing from me as the sale progresses, but for now I mostly want to say, thanks again and HAPPY NEW YEAR! Carol Moseley, Sale chair

Guild House News

2019!! How can that be??

Upcoming classes -

It's a new year - time to focus on weaving! Our January classes focus on floor loom weaving.

Beginning Floor Loom Weaving - for first time floor loom weavers or those needing a refresher

Let's Weave Stripes! - Who doesn't love a nice striped textile? DeeDee is the Queen of Stripes and will share her love for stripes, helping students design a striped runner using Lunatic Fringe's Tubular Spectrum (color wheel) yarn. This class will be on 6 Saturdays in January & February.

Check it out @ weavehouston.org - click on classes.

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.

Guild House Gallery

CHH was invited to participate in a pop-up sale during the annual Open House at Houston Studio Glass. The sale dates were December 15th & 16th. We shared the space with a group of fantastic glass artisans as well as a gifted wood turner and an incredible ceramicist.

This was unknown territory for us and we were not sure how well we would be received. My thought was if we made at least a couple of sales we would be okay. My personal goal was \$1,000 in sales. We surpassed my goal by more than \$200. We sold 10 more of our cat toys. We are able to contribute \$380 to the guild. I was very excited. I have expressed my interest to our gracious hosts, Kathy Poeppel and Dick Moiel, in our returning next year. There may also be an opportunity in the spring.

This sale was put together in a very short time. I would like to thank Tracy and DeeDee for their assistance. I would especially like to thank my sister, who was here on vacation, for helping me with the set-up, working one day and then the take down.

Here's hoping there are more of these events to come. We may need to have cat toy factories year-round to keep up with the demand! - Pat Powell

P.S. For those of you wishing to pick up your seasonal items from the gallery, the preferred time would be after the January meeting. If you pick them up at any other time, please make sure you remove the tags and leave them for me. Thanks.

Thank you to our Guild House volunteers!

Barb Andes Blaine Davis Connie Elliott Din Iyer
Tracy Kaestner Ginny Martin Carol Moseley Ann Stephens
Mary Welch



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.

Volunteer Opportunities – January 2019

Advanced Notice: the first Saturday in March, March 2, is the annual Craft Community day at the Houston Center for Contemporary Craft. We will need many hands for demonstrations, hands on activity and speaking about the guild. We will have 2 ½ hour shifts.

Needs: weaving and spinning demonstrators
equipment and materials pick up at & return to the Guild House
hands-on activity
setup and take-down at the craft center

I'll be working for the craft center that day but will help organize the volunteers. So please think about what you can do to help make it a successful day for the guild.
Thanks, Pat Powell



Workshops

We have now set the dates for Daniel Garver's *"Warp Ikat Workshop: Weaving and Dyeing"*. As many of you will remember, he gave an excellent program earlier in the year, and his work is still available at Asher Gallery at the Center for Contemporary Craft. The workshop will be held at our Guild House and is scheduled for February 28 - March 3, 2019. That's right it will be **4 days!**

Class Description:

In this workshop we will cover the basics behind ikat. To start the workshop, we will look at a slide show of ikat samples from various cultures around the world to become familiar with the aesthetics and potential within the process.

Daniel will also cover basic tools and equipment used as well as tools he has designed for his own process.

We will cover basic design techniques to create resist dyed warps and basic drafting techniques for loom control that interact with the ikat process in visually dynamic ways, Participants will work together to dye several warps, so each participant can walk away with ikat samples of different designs. We will also cover setting up a "dummy warp" which the ikat warps will be tied onto to register the pattern. We will also cover a basic introduction to weft ikat and use one of the looms to sample double ikat. (this double ikat process is finicky and time consuming so it will be covered as a group, allowing each participant to try out the process).

Level -Intermediate. However, no prior experience with Ikat is required; but all participants must know how to warp a loom

The cost for the 4 days will be \$225.00 plus a materials fee of \$33.00 paid at the work shop directly to Daniel.

Maximum number of participants will be 15.

A deposit of 1/2 of the work shop fee or \$ 125.00 is due when you register for the workshop

We will be accepting sign ups at the guild meeting or you can mail them to me.

**Please make all checks out to CHH. My home address is
2203 Turtle Creek Drive, Missouri City 77459**

There is still room in this workshop.

Daniel is requesting someone to house him over the workshop. It would be great if someone in the workshop could host but **not** required.

We are taking suggestions for other workshops

Fern fhandler2203@att.net or Din at dinakariyer@gmail.com

Swatch Swap 2019

Our topic for 2019 is "Fibonacci". It is not too late to join us for the enjoyment and the challenge. We are always delighted to have members who have not been previously involved and your weaving experience or level of skill is not a limitation. We all learn something and have fun in the process.

Our projects will be due in May when we have our exchange on the 5th. Contact Marian Carlson (marian.carlson1@live.com) to sign up.

CHT Biennial Conference

May 29 - June 2, 2019

Fort Worth, TX



Priority conference registration is coming in February 2019. You must be a member of

CHT by January 1, 2019 in order to take advantage of priority registration for the 2019 Conference in Fort Worth. Priority registration gives members the opportunity to register before non-CHT members and increases your chances of getting the

classes you want. You can join CHT on line at www.weavetexas.org, and stay tuned for important conference information and updates.

Loom for Sale

5" 8H with 1/2 shaftswitching device, sectional beam, warp extender, 12 treadles, attached bench, texsolve heddles. Mint condition (2 rugs woven). Includes extra reed, 1 ski shuttle, 2 rag shuttles, owner's manual, cut rags and yardage for rag rugs, rugweaving books. \$8500.

(Price new is \$10,500.) Pick up at location only.

Suzie Roddy, Fredericksburg Tx 830-990-4629 (call or message), srkr@ctesc.net



Way Out West Weavers

The WOW (Way Out West) Weavers group took a break from their usual monthly meeting to celebrate Christmas, our camaraderie and weaving interests.

This year, since October, we have been studying "Profile Drafting" under Tracy Kaestner's leadership and tutelage. Our goal is finding a weaving design we like, turn it into a profile draft, and then, produce a draft in any weave structure we choose.

The upcoming WOW meeting is **Thursday, January 3rd 10:00 AM - 1 PM at Cinco Ranch Branch Library**, 2620 Commerce Center Boulevard, Katy 77494. Our meeting room will be the multi-purpose room on the first floor. (Turn left after entering the library then turn right down a short hallway across from the restrooms). We have the room, as you can see, for a longer time than usual so we do not have to feel hurried. We will continue with our "Profile Draft" sessions with Tracy. Please bring your *two overshot draft* choices, pencils, paper, and previous handouts from the class. If you have weaving software on a tablet or laptop computer, please bring that as well.

We wish a wonderful holiday season to all our weaving friends.

My best, Marian Carlson



CHH Fiber Study Group – January 2019

Beginning this January, I'll be the new study group coordinator. Hopefully, we can all get together for this month's meeting, which will be at the Guild House. I'd like to get your input on how we format our meetings and what you may like to do and accomplish. Don't forget to bring any announcements you'd like to share as well as any show and tell you may have. Let's have lots of creative fun this year.

Remember, this study group is open to all CHH members. Our purpose is the study and execution of fibers and fiber techniques.

Meeting time 10am – 12pm, Wednesday, January 9, 2019.

Thanks

Pat Powell patricia.powell@att.net

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 "Fibonacci". 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 Pat Powell – patricia.powell@att.net

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. unless there is a workshop conflict.

Guild House is open on

Tues., Thurs., and Sat.

10:00 am to 4:00 pm

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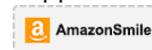
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Newsletter Deadline

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.

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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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