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Message from the President

First thank you to all the guild members who came to the March guild meeting and provided the quorum needed to approve the new By-laws. These By-laws can be found on our website, in the members section, along with the Board Resolutions which run our organization.

How fast March went by. I enjoy spending time with other fiber artists. Study groups is one place I do this, besides attending the CHH General Meetings. The sharing of ideas and techniques helps me create better pieces. I was lucky to go to the study groups WOW and Westside Weavers this month. Westside weavers was a special treat, since Penny opened her studio to us (Sky Loom Weavers).

I finished setting up my Spring loom but have not begun weaving. I have also set up my inkle loom to weave bands to be used as CHH's contribution to the CHT conference gift bags. Watching an 18-month-old this weekend left little energy or time to do any weaving. How did I raise 2 children and still find time to weave? I guess precious moments can be used to pursue what we love. The guild would like you to consider using some of your precious time to volunteer. CHH only exists because of the time members have and will invest in the guild's future. At the April meeting you will vote for the Executive Board for 2019-2020.

Barbara Esterholm

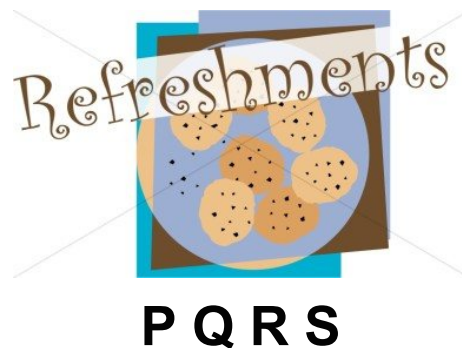
General Meeting

April 20, 2019

10am - noon

Sherrie Wilson – “Saori Weaving”

Sherrie will give us the background on Saori weaving beginning with Misao Jo, the founder of Saori, and her vision of how weaving could teach people to value their creativity. Sherrie will also discuss what makes Saori style weaving special to me and show Saori looms and handicap adaptive equipment. The adaptive equipment means that everyone can have access to weaving. Sherrie has a Saori studio, Understory Studio in the Clear Lake area.



Proposed CHH Executive Board for 2019-2020

President: Barbara Esterholm

Vice President: Pat Powell

Treasurer: Blaine Davis

Secretary: Jan Day

Past President: Susan Antrican

Members will vote at the April 20, 2019 General Meeting held at the Guild House on the proposed board.

Life Member Nominations

A Life Member nominating committee has been appointed by the President:
Committee Chairperson: Tracy Kaestner (Life Member), Marian Carlson, and Mary Welch.

You are invited to submit nominations for a new Life Member to the committee by April 30, 2019.

A Life Member enjoys all the benefits of membership and is permanently exempt from annual dues and entry fees for CHH sponsored events.

Nominations must be in writing (e-mail or postal mail). Your nomination will contain a description of the nominee's contributions and accomplishments, and specific reasons for singling out the nominee for recognition.

Life Membership is awarded in recognition of excellence in handweaving or related crafts, and/or outstanding participation and service to CHH. The nominee shall have been a member for 10 consecutive years prior to his/her nomination.

Send Life Member nominations to: Tracy Kaestner, 1419 Briar Bayou Dr, Houston, TX 77077

E-mail: tkweaver@gmail.com

Workshop Recap

Daniel Garver's Ikat workshop was a big success. The 4 days were long! Especially the first day when the designing and taping of the warps was done.

Most people got almost all of their warps woven. If you took this workshop, please bring your warps for show and tell in April. Below are the finished scarves of Janet and Theresa.



Upcoming Workshops

Nov. 16-18, 2019 - Nancy Crampton - "Rosepath Using Rags"

Details and Pricing: TBA

Explore Four Harness Rosepath, a traditional Swedish threading that is an 8-thread variation of a point twill, while learning the basics of weaving with cloth strips.

Samples will include table linens and rugs. We will make samples weaving with all cloth strips, cloth strips and a tabby weft, and with two different cloth strips on opposites. Included will be information on preparing the cloth, estimating amounts needed and basic rug weaving techniques.

Jan. 17-19, 2020 - Anastasia Azure - "**Weaving the Unexpected with Alternative Materials**" Pricing of the workshop is in progress.



The Next Steps Tapestry Class was held at the Guild House, March 9-10. Therese Coucher shared techniques to expand student skills in tapestry. She also shared information about this pipe loom that she made.



Upcoming classes -

We've just listed a whole bunch of new classes for the rest of 2019! More to come... go to www.weavehouston.org to check it out.

May 4 - Eco Printing- Learn how to use natural materials (leaves) to print on fabric.
Instructor - Molly Koehn

May 11 - Spin Doctor in the morning and Spinning Next Steps in the afternoon
- Two opportunities to increase your spinning skills. Instructor - Connie Elliott

Summer Fun - We usually take a break at the Guild House - this summer we've planned some fun classes - July 13 - Booking Binding - July 20 - Spin Doc and Plying - July 27 - Christmas in July - Celestial Orbs - August 10 - Introduction to Rigid Heddle weaving.

AND don't miss Dye and Print - Scarves, Banners and Table Runners with Ginny Eckley - this two day class - August 24/25 should be loads of fun.

For more information on any of our classes check out - www.weavehouston.org

We will be adding more classes for 2019. Let me know if you have any suggestions or requests for classes. Tracy - tkweaver1@gmail.com



HELP! We love having the Guild House, we are the envy of many other weaving guilds and fiber groups! However, we won't have the space forever if we don't raise some funds to supplement our dwindling savings! Our classes, Annual Sale and sales of donated equipment and yarn all go to support CHH and the Guild House. What we need is someone with grant writing knowledge or the desire to learn how to write a grant. The board is stretched thin keeping the guild running, we need a volunteer to take on this task. IF you know of someone or would like to help PLEASE step up! Contact CHH President Barbara Esterholm - bestholm@comcast.net

Tracy Kaestner
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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.

Guild House Gallery

We're ready for some new things. Let me know if you have anything you would like to put in the gallery. The guidelines are on our website. If you are removing anything you may have in the gallery, be sure to remove the tags and leave them for me. You can place them (with a note) in the draw with the receipt book. It's time

to refresh our look.

Thanks, Pat Powell (patricia.powell@att.net)

Thank you to our Guild House volunteers!

Barb Andes Blaine Davis Connie Elliott Diane Ferguson
Din Iyer Tracy Kaestner Susan Kingsbury Pat Powell
Lisa Rose Ann Stephens



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.

Houston Fiber Fest Volunteers

Chairperson needed to organize this volunteer effort of demonstrations and winding skeins of yarn into balls. CHH makes money for each ball of yarn we do. This year's Fiber Fest takes place June 21-23 at the Berry Center of Northwest Houston, Cypress, TX. Contact: Barbara Esterholm besterholm@comcast.net

Key Fob Assembly Volunteers

Volunteers are needed to assemble the key fobs for the CHT conference goodie bags. Workdays are scheduled April 11 and 18 from 10am till 4pm at the Guild House. We need 2 or 3 people with sewing machines, someone to make name labels, and hands to attach the labels. If you are available please contact Donna Sanner at sannerdonna8484@outlook.com or 716-645-1929.

From the Stacks

CHH Library - March 2019

CHH currently subscribes to several magazines. **Fiber Art Now, Handwoven, Shuttle Spindle & Dyepot, Spin-Off and Vav Magazine.** The current issues are kept in red binders in Section 21.

While you cannot check out magazines from the CHH library, you are welcome to use the copy/printer in the Guild House office to make a copy of an article. Please make a donation for your copies to help with the cost of the printer ink.

Check the Used Books for Sale for back issues of magazines for sale for \$1.00 per issue.

If you have questions or suggestions for our library, please contact me.

DeeDee Woodbury



Guild member Molly Koehn opened her exhibition at Art League of Houston on Friday evening, March 22 with a talk about her inspirations for the piece. The fabric is woven of silk, linen, and stainless steel. “sans delineation” will be on display in the sculpture garden until May 4.



Do you shop on Amazon?

If you shop Amazon and haven't added us as an affiliate, it doesn't take long to sign up and we then get a percentage of every purchase made. So far we've gotten over \$200.00 from Amazon, and have 26 people signed up. With our membership at 150, we can probably do better than that.

There's a link on our home page down in the bottom right hand corner, so it's really easy to sign up.

CHT Biennial Conference

May 29 - June 2, 2019

Fort Worth, TX



Registration is now open for the CHT Biennial Conference. You can join CHT on line at www.weavetexas.org, and stay tuned for important conference information and updates.

Contemporary Handweavers of Texas Biennial Conference:

Keynote Speaker – Susie Taylor

Closing Speaker – Gabrielle Duggan

Saturday Night Speaker: Polly Adams Sutton

Many other exciting teachers and classes.

Read about them on the [CHT 2019 Conference Page](#)

Find your registration book at [CHT 2019 Conference Booklet](#)

Swatch Swap 2019

The time for our Swatch Swap is again approaching. Many of you have been busy working on your samples and I hope you are enjoying the process. We will be meeting on **May 5th, Sunday at the Guild House at 1:00 PM.**

Before that meeting, I will need you to send me your paperwork: draft and sample page and anything else you want me to copy for the book. You should have received an email with the usual blank drafts and sample page. I need these at the *latest* by **April 10th**. - Marian

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.

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 Sidney Formanek at sidcaver@yahoo.com 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.



DID YOU KNOW—CHH Members receive a 10% discount at the Lone Star Loom Room on most items? IF you order online we manually refund the discount—we have now made a special code to use any time you order online **CHH10**. Sometimes we don't recognize a CHH member's name so this will insure you get your discount!

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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

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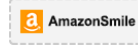
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Contact info for committee chairs can be found in the Member's Only section of our website.

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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.**

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