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Just a reminder that there are no guild meetings or newsletter in June or July. However, the Guild House will continue to be open on the regular schedule. Hope you're able to fill your summer vacations with lots of fun weaving opportunities! See you in August. - Theresa

Message from the President

It is hard to believe I will have been President for one year after the May meeting. There have been some amazing programs and workshops offered by the guild. CHH would not exist without our members who volunteer their valuable time. One person does not make a guild function smoothly. At the April meeting the executive board was elected for 2019-2020. The appointed board will be announced shortly. There are many other ways members can support CHH and its activities.

Have you been enjoying the Spring weather? Flowers are popping out and other flowers need to be planted. I have one loom almost set up, a band being woven on the inkle loom, and woven fabric that needs to be cut and sewn. Even so progress is not being made. It's so easy to be distracted by the beautiful weather. Make time to follow your creative self.

Barbara Esterholm

Swatch Swap 2019
Sunday, May 5th at 1:00 PM

If you didn't send your draft and information pages in on time, be sure to bring 12 copies of each when you come on May 5th along with your samples, plastic sleeves (11) and binder note book.

If you want to bring a refreshment to share feel free. We will be a small group of 8-9 so we do not need much.

Please consider what you might want to do differently in our group for the coming year, possibly something that you think would improve the way we function. We are free to make changes to our liking. Also, think about what you would LOVE to weave for the exchange next year. – Marian

General Meeting

May 18, 2019

10am - noon

FINISH IT!

Let's finish up the year with finishing techniques. Have you got a project that just needs the finishing touches, but you can't quite get yourself to finish it? Come and let some of our guild members show you their tips and tricks - we will have stations for members to move around and see the techniques - hemming, fringing, fulling, using inkle bands and taking a nice photo!

Come join us for a fun, casual meeting. Bring projects you would like help with and/or projects you'd like to take a picture of.



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CHH Executive Board 2019-2020

President: Barbara Esterholm

Vice President: Pat Powell
Treasurer: Blaine Davis
Secretary: Jan Day
Past President: Susan Antrican

The slate for the Executive Board for 2019-2020 was presented to the membership at the April 20, 2019 General Meeting. Tracy Kaestner made a motion to accept the Executive Board as presented for 2019-2020. Kathy Bone seconded the motion. Members voted For: 38 Against: 1. Motion passed.

Board Meeting

There will be a Board meeting Saturday, June 15, 2019 at 10AM at the Guild House. I'm hoping we will be done by 12 noon.

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.



Guild House News

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 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 - June 29 - Tapestry Basics - 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 - besterholm@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	Diane Ferguson
Din Iyer	Tracy Kaestner	Susan Kingsbury
Ginny Martin	Carol Moseley	Pat Powell
Lisa Rose	Donna Sanner	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.

Key Fob Assembly Volunteers

A big Thank you to Donna Sanner for organizing and completing the making of the inkle key fobs with her team of volunteers. The key fobs are on their way to the CHT conference, destination the goodie bags. Additional key fobs and bookmarks will be put in the gallery/sale with all proceeds going to the guild.

CHH Annual Sale

October 17th, 18th, and 19th, 2019

Wow! Spring is almost over! I hope you are weaving, felting, dyeing, printing, spinning, and/or beading for our annual sale. It will be here before we know it! We had quite a few new members and first-time entrants selling their work last year.

We are hoping that trend continues. It is as always nice to see peoples work and support them in their creative endeavors. Plus, as a bonus, it helps support our guild and our Guild House! Please consider entering your work in the sale and coming to shop. For those members who are first time participants, or only have a few items to enter we will once again have a lower entry fee of \$15.00.

The days and times for the sale have changed a bit. We will go back to having an opening on Thursday evening, and then we will be open on Friday and Saturday during the day.

All the updated forms will be available on the website soon, so please check for them. Until then, keep busy!! Weave! Felt! Spin! Dye! Bead!! We are hoping for a lot of fresh, fun new inventory this year.

If you are unsure if an item works for the sale or how to price it, we will both be at the August meeting to offer help. If you have any questions you can email me at peggy_friedrichs@sbcglobal.net.

Your sale chairs Carol Moseley and Peggy Friedrichs



VOLUNTEER REQUEST

Hi Everyone. Have received a double request for volunteers. Shari Halvorson, a school nurse, has requested a spinning/weaving demonstration. She teaches knitting to 3rd and 4th graders as part of an enrichment program at the Boys and Girls Club in the Spring Branch area. The classes are on Mondays between 3:30 and 4:30 pm. They meet from now until May 20th. If you are interested in meeting with this group and doing a little demo, let me know.

Shari also participates in a Vacation Bible School during the month of July (July 8th through July 12th). The hours are generally from 9 – 12. I'm including here information from Shari's email.

"The VBS is called Summer Celebration, held at Memorial Drive Presbyterian Church, 11612 Memorial Drive, 77024. The Weaving area at VBS is part of a larger "Service" focused area. In addition to exposing the children to weaving in general, we look for items that we can weave and give away. For the last couple of years, we've made "Hula Hoop" rugs using strips of t-shirts. We also do cardboard weaving, straw weaving, finger knitting/weaving. Dottie Williams is a long-time member and started this project area for us. Perhaps you know of her? She's still involved but trying to pull back a little bit each year.

I'd love to have someone who could demonstrate weaving/spinning sometime during the week, but also, I could use some ideas about new projects to try that can be finished in the week that are nice enough to give away. I've got a Large Frame Type loom that a member made for us. I think it could be used to make a welcome mat perhaps but need some advice about the materials to use."

Let me know if you have any interest in this project. Could possibly be 2 different people.

Thanks, and I hope we are able to help her. - Pat Powell (patricia.powell@att.net)

*****TIME TO RETURN LIBRARY BOOKS*****

Anything you have checked out this year is overdue.
Please return by the May meeting.

*****RETURN YOUR LIBRARY BOOKS*****



Library News May 2019

It has been another great year for the guild library. We acquired about 40 books and (several) DVD's since this time last year. I want to extend my thanks to Connie Elliott, Ann Stephens and Rebecca Kreppers for serving on the library committee this year. We had several very successful work days where books were processed and added to the shelves.

Additional thanks to folks who donated books or DVDs to the library. Most recently, Gika Rector, Fern Handler, Betsy Finger, D'Anne Craft, Tracy Kaestner and Gerry Woodhouse.

Let us know if you learn of any good books over the summer! DeeDee Woodbury

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.

Fiber Study Group Meeting - Open to All May 8 th ~ Color lesson by Rita Joseck

Playing with Paint and Color..

We will ~

- Create a color wheel
- Create tints/ shades
- Mix complimentary colors
- Discuss color theory, warm vs cool, analogous color, tertiary etc..

Bring ~

- at least 3 brushes sm/ med.
- An apron

Provided..~

- Tempera paint
- Paper
- Palettes
- handout

Please let me know if you are coming there is limited space. The meeting is at the Guild House on Wednesday, May 8th, from 10 - 12 (may run past noon).

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.

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.

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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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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.

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Send check in advance to the Guild House address, c/o Blaine Davis, Treasurer.

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