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President's Message

A New Year and resolutions to fulfill.

1. Spend each day enjoying the beauty around you.
2. Start a new weaving project each month.
3. Enter a piece of fiberart into the "Weave Houston, Celebrating 70 Years" members only show at the Houston Center for Contemporary Craft. Your work is all wanted to show the scope of possibilities of our craft. (and yes, it is good enough to enter)

4. Take a class or workshop to expand my horizons.
5. Attend a fiberart conference. HGA Convergence in Knoxville, TN July 24-30. Complex Weavers in Knoxville, TN July 19-22. Texas Basket Weavers Association Conference in Houston, January 23-26. DFW Fiber Fest April 2-5, 2020. Houston Fiber Festival June 26-28. I'm sure this list is not complete but allows you to see the possibilities close to home and away.
6. Attend CHH General Meetings when my schedule allows.
7. Join a study group or continue to actively participate in one.
8. Get to know a new member of CHH.
9. Go to art museums. Houston has fabulous special exhibits as well as collections in the it's museums.
10. Volunteer in some capacity in our guild. This is a great way to get to know other members better.

May this be a Happy and Prosperous New Year!

Barbara Esterholm

General Meeting

Saturday, January 18, 2020, 10am-noon

We are starting out the new year with a great program of innovative textile art by Tim Gonchoroff, the current recipient of the Tilly Marchwinski Award at HCCC. The award is given by CHH to a resident artist at HCCC who is a loom weaver. Tim fits the bill!

Tim is a mixed media artist from Virginia and is currently an Artist-in-Residence at the Houston Center for Contemporary Craft where he is experimenting with vinyl billboard and other plastics as a weaving material. For CHH, his presentation will discuss his natural dye projects in New York, Norway, and Joshua Tree as well as the work he's making as a current Artist-in-Residence.

If you have dabbled in using recycled materials in your weaving or spinning, bring it along for show and tell.

The Swatch Swap group will be meeting at 1pm after the general meeting. This year's topic is "Anni Albers and the Bauhaus". Bring your lunch and join in!



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Upcoming CHH Board Meetings

The next board meeting is scheduled for Feb 15, 2020 at 1pm.

Guild House News

We've got a few more classes in 2019... check them out. If you have any suggestions or requests for 2020 I'm working on that now - drop me a line - tkweaver1@gmail.com.

January 25 - Tapestry Basics with Blaine Davis

Learn to Spin with Lynn Williams

February 1 - Intro to Rigid Heddle Weaving with D'Anne Craft

February 4, 11, 18, 25 - Beginner Floor Loom with Tracy Kaestner & Theresa Rogerson

February 29 - Bookbinding - Snowshoe with Molly Koehn

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



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 2341. 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!

Susan Antrican	Kathy Bone	Blaine Davis	Connie Elliott
Tracy Kaestner	Ginny Martin	Carol Moseley	
Pat Powell	Lisa Rose	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.

Guild House Gallery

December Pop Up Sale

Once again, we were invited to join amazing artists at the Houston Studio Glass annual holiday sale. We were surrounded by talented glass artists, a wood and leather craftsman as well as a wonderful ceramicist.

Our very gracious hosts, Dick Moiel and Kathy Poeppel, ensure that everyone is comfortable and having a good time. If you weren't able to stop by you missed a wonderful show.

This year I had some wonderful help all during the weekend. That gives us a chance to introduce ourselves and talk to everyone. It was another beautiful weekend which encouraged people to come by and as a result we realized over \$1600 in sales; better than last year.

Hopefully we have more opportunities like these. They do help with our exposure in the community as well as letting us put a little something in our savings account.

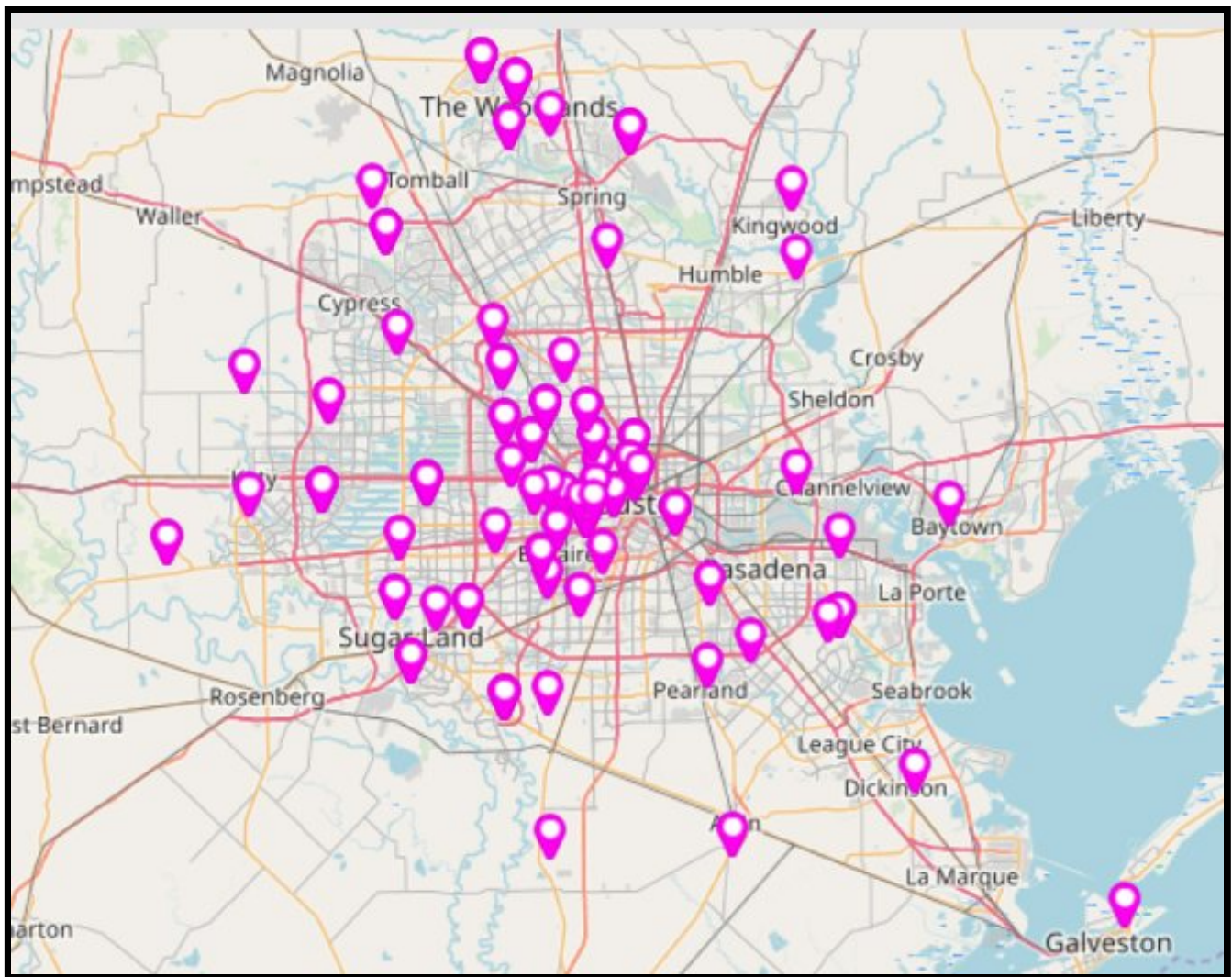




Membership Statistics

Currently we have approximately 130 members with another 20 or so recently expired who may renew with a little encouragement. In case you've forgotten, we now do "rolling" membership renewal, which means that your membership comes due one year from the date you last paid. So, keep an eye on your email for the reminder and renew promptly so that you don't get removed from the newsletter and announcement lists.

Here is a map of how we are spread around the metropolitan area. It is 81 miles between our north/south members and 88 miles between our east/west members. This does not include our members who live out of the Houston area or out of state. This means our local CHH members cover an area of 7,128 square miles or 4,561,920 acres!



WEAVE HOUSTON

Celebrating 70 Years

April 25 – May 31, 2020 (end date is not concrete yet) Opening reception: April 24, 2020
Houston Center for Contemporary Craft 4848 Main St Houston, TX 77002

We are excited to announce a CHH members only exhibition in celebration of our 70th anniversary at the Houston Center for Contemporary Craft! This will be an excellent opportunity to show your work in a gallery setting. All are welcome to apply, and all entries will be accepted. Basic details about the exhibition and entry guidelines are below with more information to come at a later date. We can't wait to see what you submit - happy weaving!

Molly Koehn, Exhibition Chair mollykoehn@gmail.com

Entry Guidelines

- Entry fee: \$10 for one entry
- Entry deadline: April 5, 2020

- Delivery deadline: April 20, 2019
 - Work must be shipped or hand-delivered to the Houston Center for Contemporary Craft.
- Applicants must be a member of the Contemporary Handweavers of Houston.
- Limit one entry per member.
- Everything entered will be accepted as long as it meets the requirements.
- The exhibition will be juried for prizes. Juror and prize details TBA.
- Work must be made within the last 5 years.
- Only items in the following categories will be accepted – no exceptions:
 - Handwoven–Interlaced items, including basketry and wire weaving
 - Braiding – including kumihimo
 - Handspun
 - Hand-dyed items
 - Handmade Felt – Includes needle felted items
 - Fulled Items – Includes knitted and crocheted items
 - Handmade Silk Fusion
 - Handmade Paper
 - Bead Weaving– Includes items woven on bead looms or using off-loom bead weaving techniques, such as brick stitch, peyote stitch, right-angle weave, ndebele, herringbone, netting, and the like. Strung beads are not acceptable.
- Each of the above categories includes items made from or incorporating materials within that category.
- Knitted and crocheted items are not acceptable unless fulled or made with handspun or hand-dyed yarn.
- All work must be the submitting member’s own work.
- Only well-crafted items made of high-quality materials will be accepted.

Participants are representing themselves, CHH, the general membership, and the represented crafts. Details on how to enter will be announced in a later newsletter.

CHH Spring Sale

So don't put your shuttles, spindles, dye pots or whatever away for the winter. Please continue making art and set aside the first weekend in May for a fun time. Sale Co-chairs: Peggy Friedrichs & Pat Powell



Swatch Swap 2020: Anni Albers and the Bauhaus

Since our first meeting, September 22nd, we are immersed in our study of Anni and the Bauhaus. We decided to postpone the determination of our final project until the January meeting on the 16th at 1:00 PM (after the general meeting). Until that time, we will be reading, pondering and doing research on our topic. You can also find some discussion and links in the CHH group on Ravelry, under the Swatch Swap 2020 topic. <https://www.ravelry.com/groups/contemporary-handweavers-of-houston>

Interested parties contact Marian Carlson: marian.carlson1@live.com

The meeting dates are:

Saturday, January 18, 2020 1pm (after the general meeting)

Saturday, May 16, 2020, 1pm (after the general meeting)

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 "Anni Albers and the Bauhaus School of Design". Email Marian Carlson marian.carlson1@live.com for details.

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.



Molly Koehn manages the CHH Instagram account.

Please follow and share

[houstonhandweavers](https://www.instagram.com/houstonhandweavers)

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.

CLASSIFIEDS

45" 8 harness Leclerc floor loom for sale with bench and shuttles.

Make offer. Contact Carolyn Ryan at clnryan@msn.com



Workshop or Vacation Rental

Jason and I moved just between Brenham and Round Top a year ago. We have a BnB and a large room for workshops and other gatherings. There are 2 suites in the converted Barn each have a queen bed and a convertible full size sofa, full kitchen, full bath with double sinks and spacious walk-in shower, wifi and DirectTV. It's a great space for workshops or weekend out of town. There is also a Tiny house (326 sq.') with a queen bed, convertible sofa, kitchen, bath. Buildings are 1 year old and nicely appointed. With 2 units' rental for 2 nights, no charge for use of the Great Room. For more info and photos, click on links below to Air BnB - Cammie Bierle



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<https://airbnb.com/rooms/25778061>

<https://airbnb.com/rooms/21263783>

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are held the third Saturday of the
Month, August through May at 10:00
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conflict.

Guild House is open on

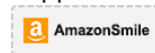
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**Newsletter Deadline**

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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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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