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President's Message

Spring has sprung! Flowers are blooming and the lone oaks are dropping their leaves.

I always think of choosing brighter colors for my new projects at this time of year. I did finish weaving a towel warp with purple, lilac and peacock for colors. They're designated for the upcoming Spring Sale.

Have you started your project for the Weave Houston exhibit at the Houston Contemporary Craft Museum in April? All current members may submit a piece. I've measured the yarn for the design that I've envisioned. Once the dust and noise are done from some home remodeling going on here, the loom will be set up. Right now, it's hard to even think. Life can definitely interfere with creativity if we let it.

I'm always amazed that when we ask for volunteers, someone steps up to fill the need. That is what makes our guild so great. Check out the proposed executive board for 2020 – 2021, found later in the newsletter. Thank you for making CHH an even better organization.

Barbara Esterholm

General Meeting

Saturday, March 21, 2020, 10am-noon

Intro to Handknotted Rugs

by Gil Melo, Bunyaad Rug Representative

From his years of experience in the hand knotted rug world and with his deep commitment to fair trade, Gil Melo will tell you stories behind the creation of these Bunyaad rugs, from dyeing the wool to tying the

fringes. Listen as he relates stories from his times sitting beside Pakistani artisans in their rural village homes, listening to them tell of the difference fair trade has made in their lives and how it has led them to put even more of their ancestry into the carpets. Touch the time-honored tools used to create these heirloom quality rugs, explore our natural dye board and watch a special video about how these rugs are constructed.



Upcoming Board Meetings

April 25, 2020 at 10am

June 20, 2020 at 10am. - This is the handover board meeting all current and incoming board members should attend.

All members are always welcome to attend.

Guild House News

We are adding more classes all the time - check them out! If you have any suggestions or requests for the future - drop me a line - tkweaver1@gmail.com.

March 14 - Introduction to Rigid Heddle with D'Anne Craft

Spin Doctor with Connie Elliott 10-12

Spinning, Next Steps with Connie Elliott 1-4

April 4 - Eco-Printing with Molly Koehn

April 25 - Shifu, paper spinning with Kyla Crawford

May 2 - Learn to Spin with Lynn Williams

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

Big Opportunity!



Have you noticed the nifty exhibit as you walk in the Guild House on the left wall?? Our librarian, DeeDee Woodbury is always thinking of ways to educate and share with us. Several of you have mentioned really enjoying DeeDee's bag exhibit. Many of our members have textiles hidden out of sight they could share. Any and all ideas will be considered - in the past we have an exhibit of towels and our Tapestry SG has shared some of their work. It's really nice for visitors to the Guild House to have something interesting to look at - members and non-members!



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!

Barb Andes	Susan Antrican	Kathy Bone	Blaine Davis	Connie Elliott
Susan Fennewald	Din Iyer	Tracy Kaestner	Ginny Martin	
Theresa Rogerson	Lisa Rose	Debbie Saulsbury	DeeDee Woodbury	



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.

Member Spotlight

Inman Gallery is pleased to present a solo booth of the tapestries of Jana Vander Lee at the 2020 New York Armory Show, March 5 - 8, 2020.

Left: *In A Way*, 1986. linen, wool, mohair, acrylic, cotton, metallic, 50 x 47 inches

Right: *Now and Forever/More*, 1980. cotton seine, wool, silk, linen, mohair, rayon, polyester, acrylic, 123 x 196 inches

Installation view, Inman Gallery September 2019



We've updated the exhibition timeline below. We will get the loan paperwork as soon as possible. Until then, happy weaving, and remember, all members and all levels are welcome to enter!! If you are interested in volunteering, please reach out to me. Forms are not available yet, but will be posted on the website at <https://www.weavehouston.org/celebrating-70-years/>.

Molly Koehn, Exhibition Chair
mollyekoehn@gmail.com

WEAVE HOUSTON

Celebrating 70 Years

April 18 – May 31, 2020

HCCC Opening Reception: April 17, 2020, 5:30-8:00 p.m.

CHH Reception: April 18, 2020, 3-5:00 p.m.

Houston Center for Contemporary Craft

4848 Main St

Houston, TX 77002

Exhibition Timeline:

- March 16: Entry form, loan paperwork, and \$10 entry fee due.
 - Piece does not have to be finished to submit your entry.
 - We are waiting on the paperwork from HCCC and will send that out as soon as possible.
- April 1: Image of entry due.
 - This image is only for organizational purposes- it does not have to be a professional photo.
- April 6-8: Artwork due to HCCC.
- April 17 5:30-8:00 pm: Exhibition opens.
- April 18 3:00-5:00 p.m.: CHH reception with juror talk, awards given, refreshments.
- May 31: Last day of exhibition.
- June 10: Pick up work from HCCC.

Entry Guidelines

- Entry fee: \$10 for one entry
- Entry deadline: March 16, 2020
- Delivery deadline: April 6-8, 2019
- Work must be 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.

Another Sale Opportunity!

May 7th, 8th, and 9th

I hope everyone is working frantically on a few new items to put in our spring sale. Please consider sending in your entry form soon. We are really hoping to make this new sale a success!



We have been offered space in an office building on Blalock, just north of Interstate 10 to have a spring sale! We thought it would be a nice opportunity to sell our lovely goodies in a different part of the city. All the information you need, and the entry form are available on our website. www.weavehouston.org. We will have an opening evening on Thursday, and then be open Friday and Saturday from 10:00 until 5:00. Check in of inventory will be on Wednesday.

There will be extra postcards at the meeting in case you want to send postcards to distant friends or to hand out at events you attend or places you visit. The postcards for the sale will be available at the March and April meetings. Please take a few and distribute anywhere that you think people will pick them up. Maybe at other meetings you attend, your hairstylist, yarn shops, etc. Please send names and physical addresses to Diane Ferguson (yarn goddess@hotmail.com) of friends who would like to receive a postcard invitation to our sales this year. I will add them to our mailing list. Be sure to include apartment numbers and zip codes.

We are hoping for nice new springy merchandise. Our space will be a bit smaller than the Guild House so please don't bring too many large pieces. We will have some wall space to use for hanging wall pieces. However, we will need to use the wall hooks that are already there (so again a bit limited) We would prefer that you save your heavier fall/ winter or wooly items for the sale in October. If you have any questions about any of this, please email Peggy or Pat.

Peggy_friedrichs@sbcglobal.net

Patricia.powell@att.net

Nominees for CHH Board

The nominating committee is proposing the following candidates for the 2020-21 board. Members should be prepared to vote on the executive board at the May meeting.

Executive Board

President - Molly Koehn

Vice president - Kathy Bone

Secretary - Jan Day

Treasurer - Jill Menning

Past President - Barbara Esterholm

Appointed Officers

Equipment - Donna Sonner
Guild House Director - Tracy Kaestner
Librarian & Historian - DeeDee Woodbury
Membership Co-Chairs - D'Anne Craft & Annie Lancaster
Newsletter Editor - Theresa Rogerson
Programs - Rene Derewetzky & Susan Antrican
Hospitality - Connie Elliot
Workshops - Din Iyer
Webweaver - Diane Ferguson
Sales Co-Chairs - Peggy Friedrichs & Pat Powel

Swatch Swap 2020: Anni Albers and the Bauhaus

We last met in January after the CHH general meeting. At that time, Dee Dee Woodbury shared all the lovely weavings she has done that were inspired by her admiration of the Bauhaus style.

As we continue to study and learn more about Anni Albers and the Bauhaus movement, we will meet again May 16th after the general CHH meeting from 1-3 PM. This will be our third meeting of this study. Ernest Maldonado will attend and add information and answer questions about the movement and its influence.

We have chosen to postpone our sample exchange until August, which will allow us more opportunity to explore and experiment.

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

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.

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.

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There's a link on our home page down in the bottom right hand corner, so it's really easy to sign up. Or just go to <http://www.smile.amazon.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



run thru 5/2020

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

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

<https://airbnb.com/rooms/25816354>

FOR SALE \$400

ASHFORD TRADITIONAL SPINNING WHEEL

This wonderful wheel was purchased new about 12 years ago. I moved to Houston 5 years ago and have not used it since. All the parts are with it. Some of the replacement parts can be found in the Ashford tool kit. Included is a repair kit, oil, two spinning books, the original instruction manual, Lazy Kate, 7 bobbins, and alpaca, mohair, and other roving batts.

Contact Connie Stoecker by email only con59@att.net





run thru March 2020

50 bins of weaving yarn for sale!!!

Prices range from 50-cents a ball to \$10/pound.

Textured yarns (ladders, confetti, ribbon)

Coned and skeined wool/ray, cotton, acrylic, silk, linen, chenille, and single balls.

Some bulkier weight yarn, too, but most of it is finer weight.

4-shaft Leclerc Nilus loom – 45" weaving width - \$1,500 or best offer.

Proceeds benefit cancer hospice programs.

Anything left will be posted on www.artsyfeltsy.com.

Cash preferred. Credit cards accepted.



YARN FOR SALE



Saturday, March 28, 2020

10 a.m. – 3 p.m. (or earlier if the yarn is gone)

**Cash
Preferred**

Trails End Storage

2864 Junction Hwy

Kerrville, TX 78028

(Under the White Pop-Up Tents)

This is a private sale. Do not contact storage facility.

**Credit Cards
Accepted**

Prices range from 50-cents/ball to \$10 pound



Photos are representative ONLY!
**There are approximately 50 bins
of yarn for sale!!!**

More colors and types of yarn than what are in the photos, including:

- Cones, Skeins, Hanks - Wool/Rayon, Cotton, Linen, Acrylic, Chenille
- Balls/Skeins – Cotton, Linen, Acrylic, Blends
- Hanks – 100% silk

100% SMOKE-FREE STORAGE

LeClerc Nilus Loom also for sale – 45" weaving width - \$1,500 obo

(Proceeds from sale of loom will be donated to cancer treatment/hospice support.)

CHH Officers 2018-19

Executive Board

President

Barbara Esterholm
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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.

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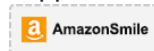
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Newsletter Deadline

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 ad copy to Theresa Rogerson, Editor, (tdunn1953@gmail.com).
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Electronic copy and artwork is preferred. **Make checks payable to CHH.**

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