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President's Message

I hope this newsletter finds you all healthy and safe. June ushers in a new year for the guild. The new Executive Board election results are found below. Congratulations Molly Koehn the new CHH president. A big Thank you to the outgoing board members, Blaine Davis, Pat Powell and Susan Antrican. They will be sorely missed but are not gone.

In June we will see the reopening of the Guild House with limited hours to begin with. Masks will be required and there will be new procedures in place to keep you safe. And a bit of good news, the guild received \$1000 from the government stimulus package. Every little bit helps!

On a personal note I have been weaving and finishing projects, with the aim of keeping my hands and mind busy. I hope you find that your craft also brings you peace during these trying times.

Hot off the loom the linen curtains. Now to finish and sew.

Barbara Esterholm, President



No Meetings Held in June or July

As is our custom, we do not hold meetings in June or July, so the next scheduled meeting will Saturday, August 15, at 10am. Enjoy your summer and keep weaving!

Upcoming Board Meetings

There will be a Handover Board meeting on June 20, 2020 at 10am to be held via Zoom. All incoming and outgoing board members are to participate. If anyone (other than board members) would like to attend, please email Kathy Bone at bonehometx@gmail.com and she will then send them an email with an invitation to attend and a link to the meeting.

Congratulations to the New CHH Board Members

There were 70 email votes returned and all responded with a Yes for the proposed Board candidates for CHH Year 2020-2021:

President: Molly Koehn
Vice President: Kathy Bone
Secretary: Jan Day
Treasurer: Jill Menning
Past President: Barbara Esterholm

Been working on new (to me) braiding structures. The red/white/black braid is a 24 strand spiral. Do like the look. It is made from cotton yarn. The green and magenta braid is an 8 strand core braid. Tension is tricky when transitioning between colors. The solid green and solid magenta sections are done with 8 strands. The spiral section is done with 16 strands. Still have lots of practicing before I venture into more strands. This braid is also cotton but finer than the red and white. Despite the photo it is a very small braid. - Pat Powell



Guild House News

The Guild House will be opened in June on a modified schedule, Saturday's 10am – 2pm only. Masks are required by all on entering the building. New equipment rentals will be at listed rates. Equipment that is out should be returned by the end of June or have fees begin again. The Study Groups may also use the GH other days by appointment. The GH Director will set other requirements for cleaning. - CHH Executive Board

Classes that were cancelled for March thru May will be rescheduled and dates added to the website registration page www.weavehouston.org/classes.

If you have any suggestions or requests for the future - drop me a line at tkweaver1@gmail.com.



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!

Thank you to everyone who volunteers at the Guild House. We couldn't do it without you!

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 Benefit Auction



As many of you remember, I won this fabulous spinning wheel at the 2017 Texas Conference. I now have three wheels and room for only two. So I am putting this one up for auction, with the proceeds going straight to the guild! It is a gorgeously restored wheel, extra bobbins and I'll throw in some roving for practice.

Terms:

Starting bid: \$75. I will deliver to the guild for pickup or you can pickup from my front porch in The Woodlands.

This is how it will work: Bidding starts with emailing of Chhit Chhat newsletter. Email me your bid:

bonehometx@gmail.com with "Wheel Bid" in the subject line. In the body of your letter please put your name and your bid.

I will then send a letter out with everyone blind copied (for your privacy) with the latest high bid. You can then continue to place bids. In the case of a tie bid, the winner will be the person with the earliest time stamp.

The auction will run from June 1 to midnight on June 10th. On June 11th I will inform the lucky winner. When I get notice the guild has been paid, I will contact winner to arrange delivery! We can work something out for that. If you have any further questions, please email me! - Kathy Bone



This is the warp for my son's towels. We had guests from England, so I let them "have a go at it". Mum Claire and daughter Katie enjoyed it so much that Mum is considering getting a Cricket for Katie. - Sid Carver

Do you shop on Amazon?

Lots of people are ordering on line to avoid going shopping in person. If members designate CHH as their charity of choice, our treasury gets a small percentage of the Amazon profits - no extra cost to the members.

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>

Turned Beiderwand: One Threading, Multiple Structures September 18-20, 2020

Teacher: Karen Donde

Turning a Beiderwand draft creates clean pattern blocks, better drape and faster, one-shuttle weaving than its traditional supplementary weft method. The resulting threading also adapts easily to weave other structures. Students will learn Beiderwand basics and how to warp and tension a supplementary warp with or without a second warp beam, design turned Beiderwand, turn a draft and adapt the threading to

weave several different structures. This workshop requires at least 6 shafts. More are fine, as every 2 shafts provides an additional pattern block. Day 1 includes tying on and tensioning two warps in different methods. Then each participant weaves a variety of samples on his/her own loom, as that's the fun of turning this draft. There will be several different drafts on looms to offer a variety of designs for discussion. Drafts are matched to loom style and weaver experience. Intermediate.

Activities: Participants will bring looms with warps pre-threaded and beamed according to drafts and instructions I will provide in advance. I will assign each participant one of three methods for tensioning a supplementary warp independently from the ground warp. Each day will start with lecture, explaining concepts and theory in digestible chunks. Day 1, participants will finish tying on with demos of methods for tensioning supplementary warps. Remaining time will be spent weaving different samples with breaks for hands-on design lessons using weaving software, review of my samples, photos of my work in turned Beiderwand, a show-and-tell tour of participant looms and woven samples and individual help as needed. Day 3 will include a lecture and design exercise to demonstrate further the power of this threading system, also known as double two-tie.



Total class fee for 3 days: \$210.00 per person. Please pay \$100 as initial registration fee to book your seat. Send check (payable to CHH) to Din at address given below.

Materials fee: \$10.00 per person.

Minimum 12 people and maximum 16. There are currently 4 people signed up for the class, so send in your deposit asap so that we can secure this workshop.

Level: Intermediate, students must know how to warp a loom.

Loom requirement: Either table or floor looms with at least 6 shafts. Four Baby Wolf (8 shafts) and two Louet Spring (8 shafts) looms are available for workshop rental. Please email Donna Sanner sannerdonna8484@outlook.com to reserve your CHH looms for the workshop.

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My entry for Weave Houston exhibit was finished at the same time as the exhibit was postponed until Fall. Since I'll be sending my entry (baby blanket) to the prospective parents when the baby comes early summer, I thought I'd share it with you. - Pat Compton



Swatch Swap 2020: Anni Albers and the Bauhaus

In Thread and On Paper: Anni Albers in Connecticut

Thanks to Din, Marian and everyone who passed the word about the live *zoom* lecture on Anni Albers. I hope many of you were able to hear the lecture hosted by the New Britain Museum of American Art. If you missed it, you can replay it here <https://www.nbmaa.org/experiments>. Mary Welch and I conversed via email notes back and forth. Yes, I think we were expecting a more academic lecture, focusing solely on Anni Albers and her work. This talk covered both Josef and Anni and there wasn't much new. By that I mean in books/resources already available. What the talk provided for me, was a peek inside the personal lives of Anni and Josef Albers from Mr. Gregson's memories of meeting the Albers in Connecticut. I enjoyed seeing photos of the homes they lived in and how unadorned they were. Very little color, not a stick of landscaping outside. And the prototype 'Wassily' chairs from the faculty housing at Bauhaus were still part of their living room!

This little New England museum has a number of very nice online resources. The exhibition catalog and a virtual walk through of the exhibit are available to watch. <https://www.nbmaa.org/anni-albers-catalog>. Mary Welch commented after watching, she wants a chance to go sit at that wall and weave!

I am so impressed with the museum line up, *2020/20 + Women. All Women, All Year*. Included this year are Helen Frankenthaler, Yoko Ono, Kara Walker, and more. I am bookmarking this place! The Albers exhibit closes June 14, 2020

- DeeDee Woodbury

As we continue to study and learn more about Anni Albers and the Bauhaus movement, continue to weave on your samples. You should have received an email with details and the number of samples required. Due to the Guild House closure, 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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Contact info for committee chairs can be found in the Member's Only section of our website.

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.
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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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