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BIG NEWS!!!

The Guild House is moving!!

Our lease at 2327 Commerce St. expires March 31, and we have found a new location at 1423 Blalock starting April 1. While I'm sure many of us will miss the artsy and hip qualities of Commerce St, it was just not a financially realistic option for us to renew our lease.

1423 Blalock is going to be a great fit for us! It is a secure office building that is full of art, including work from our very own members. Parking is ample and the elevator is literally right next to our unit. While the new space is smaller than 2327 Commerce, its layout (multiple rooms with doors), location (safer area of town with many amenities near), and price (~\$900 less) are all much better suited for our needs, not to mention, it is much quieter. And we already have a great relationship with the landlord!

The reduction in space does mean downsizing our equipment, and we'll also need volunteers to help with the move, so please read Tracy's note in the Guild House News.

Hats off to our Guild House Team for organizing this move! I am so excited to begin this new chapter for CHH and to have a grand re-opening in our new space, hopefully in the fall. :)

Molly Koehn, President

President's Message

February 2021 and I am so ready! In January, I was juggling our exhibit opening, a new semester starting, and the largest commission I have ever received. This has meant many many many early mornings, which has also meant seeing the sunrise over downtown Houston - a site I will never get tired of. We live in a beautiful city!

I looked up the population of Houston proper the other day (2.3 million) and compared it to my home state, Kansas (2.9 million). After 3.5 years here, I keep thinking I'll get over the culture shock of the amount of people in this city, but now I understand that I won't. Houston alone (not including the suburbs!) has

almost as many people as the entire STATE of Kansas. Incredible.

In other news, many of you already know that I have agreed to be the Contemporary Handweavers of Texas Conference Chair for 2023, so mark your calendars, because it's going to be awesome. ;) Hope to see you at the CHT Conference this year in San Antonio.

Weave on my friends - I appreciate you all SO MUCH.

Molly K., President

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Monthly Meeting & Program Saturday, February 20, 10am

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/2988147310?pwd=T2JyUDZ0NE9UNE13RIIvUTdTcjJHZz09>

Meeting ID: 298 814 7310

Passcode: weave



Experience the exotic in your own home town, travel to Central Asia in this multi-media presentation. We have all seen Uzbek Ikat on the runway in New York and London, now travel back to Uzbekistan with Marilyn to watch the process of its production. Each thread manipulated, dyed, and woven into exquisite cloth – truly hand-crafted. Plus, a show-and-tell (and feel-and-photograph!) after the presentation.

Board Meeting

Wednesday, March 24, 7-9pm

Join Zoom Meeting

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It's that time of year. The search is on to fill positions on the Executive Board and Extended Board that are being vacated at the end of our year in June 2021. Would you like to be on a committee with Barbara Esterholm to find members to take on these positions? D'Anne Craft has volunteered from the board and one member is needed from our membership to help. Contact: Barbara Esterholm besterholm@comcast.net

We will be looking to fill these positions:

Executive Board: Secretary

Extended Board: Programs (2 members can share this position)

Refreshments

Newsletter

Membership (co-chair to assist D'Anne Craft)

If you already know you would like to get more involved, consider taking on one of these positions.

Barbara Esterholm, besterholm@comcast.net



Shop with us on Etsy!

www.etsy.com/shop/weavehouston

Etsy

During our move, the Etsy shop will be going on vacation at 11:59 p.m. February 5, 2021. If you want something from our shop, NOW is the time to get it!

Weave Houston

Even though the Houston Center for Contemporary Craft is currently closed to the public, you can still "see" our 71st Anniversary Exhibition, *Weave Houston*, through two virtual programs on HCCC's Facebook (you do not need a Facebook to watch). [Awards Presentation with Dr. Mary Ruth Smith](#) and [Craft Chats with María-Elisa Heg and Molly Koehn](#). (*Disclaimer - I (Molly) call both Tracy and DeeDee's pieces Double Weave and they are turned twill and satin, respectively. Shame on me! I still have lots to learn.*) HCCC plans to extend our exhibit to April 17, giving us (and the public) more time to see it in person once the center reopens.

Congratulations to our award winners!

Juror's Choice: Laura Viada, *Mixed Message*

Excellence in Craft/Technique: Janet Bodin, *Seasons: Winter, Spring, Summer, Fall*

Excellence in Color: Charlene Kolb, *Technicolor Blocks*

Innovative Use of Material: Patricia Day, *Once, Talking Books*

First Time to Enter an Exhibit: Annie Lancaster, *Bleeding Hearts*

And congratulations to all who are in the exhibit. It's a stunning display of the diverse talent in our wonderful guild!

Textiles and Tea

The [Handweavers Guild of America, Inc.'s](#) (HGA) exciting new program for 2021, [Textiles & Tea](#), takes place every Tuesday at 4 PM (EST). We've invited some of the most respected fiber artists in the field today to join us for an hour long conversation where we will discuss their artwork and their creative journey. Make a cup of your favorite tea and join us as we talk about fiber, creativity, inspiration, process and so much more.

Our own Laura Viada is the featured artist on Tuesday, Feb. 2 at 4pm.

Guild House News

The Guild House is open Tuesday, Thursday, & Saturday from 10 am - 2 pm

As you read in Molly's note we are moving! The new space is much smaller than our current space, but it has a lot going for it. We are scheduled to move be out by the end of March.

New location – 1425 Blalock, Suite 202

- We will have two classrooms with doors which should help keep the noise level down.
- The building has a community room which we can use, we will hold our monthly meetings in this room and workshop lectures. This means we won't have to move looms around as much!
- We will be in an office building that is well maintained and clean. There are security cameras, well-lit parking lot and plentiful parking.
- There is enough space for our annual sale, workshops, library, equipment, classes, and storage.
- Rent will be \$932 less a month! Lower rent will help us insure we can keep the Guild House going!

- We plan to have a grand re-opening in the Fall. (assuming the vaccine roll out goes well)

Meanwhile we have a **LOT** of stuff to clear out. We've got an estate, donations, and some of our (CHH) stuff. We've set up a **Garage Sale** – *please, please* come down and shop or we will have to cart this good stuff off. It can't all go to the new Guild House location! This sale is on-going till we move mid-March. Come down any Tuesday or Saturday from 10-2 and SHOP! If at all possible, **please pay with cash or a check**. The guild gets 100% of the funds that way (after we pay sales tax).



Watch mid-February for an email announcing some CHH equipment for sale. There are some great deals to be had!!

Please, please do NOT bring any donations to the Guild House without permission. We are halting accepting any donations until after the move. Thanks!

If you are interested in volunteering, we will have some jobs that can be done ahead of the move. We will schedule a couple of people at a time to help so we can all stay safe! We will need lots of help! Contact Tracy or DeeDee to help prepare for the move.

To access the Guild House: Enter the main building by the center door in the front or back. There is a coded lock on the exterior door - 2341. Our interior door is marked.

Questions? Contact Tracy @ tkweaver1@gmail.com or 832-349-6224; DeeDee Woodbury ddwoodbury1@gmail.com



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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 Blaine Davis at bd2921@gmail.com. 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.



Workshops

Online zoom workshop; Teacher : Denise Kovnat

Dates: April 16, 17, 18 2021

Weave structure : Echo and Jin: Variations on a Theme.

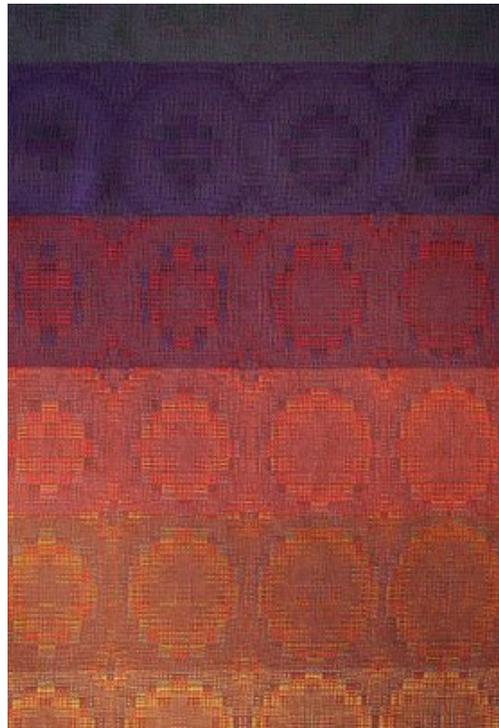
Fees: \$125.00 total for 3 days.

Minimum: 12 participants and maximum: 15. **(6 openings remain!)**. Will maintain a wait list.

Last date for cancellation with a full refund if paid :
February 15th 2021.

Cancellation after 15th Feb 2021 if paid: \$ 65.00

Description: Working with a variety of yarns, tie-ups, treadlings and setts, you'll weave a series of designs in Echo and Jin (Turned Taqueté). You'll explore color, using two to four colors in the warp and a variety of colors in the weft. And you'll explore design, trying different treadlings, tie ups and setts. For instance, by inserting tabby in your treadling, you'll weave Jin, which allows for additional designs and color combinations. Additionally, some designs have options for double weave patterns. This workshop is for intermediate weavers and beyond, for looms with 4 to 16 shafts (with the possibility of 24-shaft designs upon request). With drafts and warping instructions provided beforehand, you will begin the workshop with your loom dressed in a two or four-color warp using an extended parallel threading.



More info from Denise: 3 one-hour Zoom sessions per day over the course of three days. (That is, a lecture from 9-10 am, from 1-2 pm and from 4-5 pm, with people weaving on their own in between those sessions and able to contact me by phone or text.) All handouts and drafts and resource materials are

available on a dedicated and secure Google Drive file. Everyone has their own folder where I encourage them to upload photos of their samples for group discussion. This is a valuable part of the workshop. Also, I need a working list of participants 6 weeks beforehand so that they can choose their drafts, procure their yarns and dress their looms.

Please send checks (to CHH) for \$125.00 and mention Denise workshop on the check to Din's address given below.

Dinakar Iyer
8106 Concho street
Houston TX 77036

LIBRARY NEWS

The CHH Library will need to be packed up and moved along with the rest of the GH. Volunteers will work individual shifts to pack and dust. This will be a socially distant activity requiring lifting and bending. We will mask! Please get in touch with me to schedule one of the shifts.

If you want to check out or return something you can do it anytime we are open between now and March 1st.

Thank you for all of the kind gifts but CHH is putting a hold on receiving library donations until after the move. Contact me towards the end of April.

Thanks again. DeeDee Woodbury, ddwoodbury1@gmail.com or 281-468-9916

Life Member Lou Caldwell will be missed!



Lou Caldwell, long time member and web weaver extraordinaire died in July of 2020. Lou took over running the CHH website when it was just a simple site. A lifelong learner she took on learning how to design and run a website on the Word Press platform. She even coordinated a study group for CHH teaching others how to set up a Blog on Word Press. Lou built, updated, maintained, and trouble-shot the

CHH website for 14 years.

In her professional life Lou worked for the Houston Public Library system. She rose to the position of Chief of the Central Library. Blaine Davis worked for her and had this to say "Lou was always a fair boss and did a good job in all of the positions that she held. She was Chief of the Central Library, and my immediate superior twice. I think what I remember most about her is her evolution as she rose in the ranks. She started out very serious but learned over the years to just take it all a little more in stride. I remember once her telling me that after she'd had a bad day and had probably been a little hard on her immediate staff that she realized that she was in the position to "cause ripples". If she were upset and let that affect others, they'd probably do the same and someone at home that night was probably feeling the effects too. She really took it to heart and after that she tried to make sure that any ripples, she caused were ones of calmness and support.

In addition to weaving Lou loved horses and was an accomplished equestrian.

Cotton, grown responsibly in Texas!

Everyone enjoyed the CHH program last month. I learned quite a bit about organic cotton farming and how risky it is. I also learned that Texas Organic Cotton is the source for Alabama Chanin's high quality cotton fabrics. American Maid is a brand of yarn we all know that is locally sourced organic cotton as well.

If you want to see a beautiful exhibit on line, then spend a few minutes looking at this one.

The Fabric of Arcadia Currently on exhibition at University of Louisiana Lafayette through June 2021

<https://thefabricofacadiana.org/>

Under the menu called WATCH there are several video clips. The Story of a Brown Cotton Seed, an Introduction to Acadian Brown Cotton and more. Keep scrolling down the page for more topics.

<https://thefabricofacadiana.org/watch/>



CHT 2021 Goody Bag Contribution from CHH Members

The Contemporary Handweavers of Texas conference (at the time of this writing) is still a go. Our guild contributes an item for the goody bags. Usually, the committee decides on a uniform project for the CHT goody bags and we get together and manufacture them. Since we are still socially distancing, workshops will be difficult to plan. Why limit our creative selves to just one thing?

We propose that we need twenty members to commit to manufacturing five (or more) items each. Think of something you would be excited to find in your goody bag and make five. Or go through your stash. You could make a swatch page, with a sample of your weaving, the draft and any notes (like a page from our swatch swap books). It could be a pincushion, hot pad, bookmark. Earrings? Beadwork?

You will either send them to me or drop them off to the guild house by May 1st. When we collect all the items, then we will attach a label from the guild. If you would like to be acknowledged as the creator, we will have a space for "Created by: _____" and we will write your name in. If you wish to remain anonymous, we will write "CHH Member".

There are no rules, you know what you like to see in a goody bag! If you must use some purchase fabric as backing, that's ok, too.

If you have questions, just email Kathy Bone Kkb.weaver@gmail.com

2021 Swatch Swap

All those interested in a Swatch Swap this year please email me by February 10th! I will set up a zoom meeting and we can meet and discuss what we would like to do this year. Would we like to concentrate on a color, weave structure, theme, ???

For our newer members this is a wonderful opportunity to learn something new about weaving-whether you have 4 shafts or 32, please consider joining this long standing tradition in our guild.

Take a look at the past Swatch Swap books and be inspired to take part. I am just sorry I've been in the guild so long and not participated.

Kathy Bone- kkb.weaver@gmail.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.

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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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>

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LeClerc Artistat 36 inch 4 harness jack loom and matching bench. The loom folds as pictured to 14 inches for storage. Additional 8 and 10 dent reeds included. Price \$1200. Call/text Sherry at 936-776-3163.

Spring Loom

My Louet Spring is still in search of a new home!
\$5000

12 Shafts, 14 Treadles. 90 cm weaving width. 10 dent reed, bench, 1200 heddles, LED under castle light, center rulers on beater and raddle, new end caps on shafts for easy heddle moving, treadle covers. Back beam can fold up when not in use.

Not a thing wrong with this sweet loom. Just getting a new loom and I need the space.
Kathy Bone kkb.weaver@gmail.com 281-507-5574 (text)

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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.

Send ad copy to Theresa Rogerson, Editor, tdunn1953@gmail.com.
Send check in advance to the Guild House address, c/o Jill Menning, Treasurer.
Electronic copy and artwork is preferred. **Make checks payable to CHH.**

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