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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

Well, I never want to be cold ever again! My husband and I are lucky to have only endured 72 hours without power, but no other damage. My heart goes out to everyone dealing with the aftermath of this

disaster, both physically and mentally. I, for one, had a difficult time focusing the week after. I was so mentally tired from trying to stay warm and feeling so helpless! I will say, though, as a fiber artist, I was well-equipped with handwoven and handknitted goods. I had on all of the layers, and everything except for my coat and sweater was handmade. I am sure many of you can relate!

The silver lining to disasters, though, is seeing the community come together. Truly humbled to see our members checking on each other and offering help. My husband and I felt an outpouring of love from our friends as well who opened their homes to us and brought us food and drinkable water.



Now, beach weather, please. Weave on my friends.

Molly K., President

mollyekoehn@gmail.com

Literally Every
Texan: Quietly
removes Alaskan
cruise from
bucket list.

Monthly Meeting & Program Saturday, March 20, 10am

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/2988147310?pwd=T2JyUDZ0NE9UNE13RIlvUTdTcjJHZz09>

Meeting ID: 298 814 7310

Passcode: weave

Uzbek Ikat:

*The Personal Saga
of an
Exceptional Cloth*

Marilyn Romatka



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

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

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The following positions need to be filled for the coming year:

Executive Board: Secretary

Extended Board: Programs (2 members can share position)

Refreshments

Newsletter

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

If you would like to get more involved, consider filling one of these positions.

Contact: Barbara Esterholm besterholm@comcast.net or D'Anne Craft craftd@swbell.net for more information.

Guild House News

The Guild House is open Tuesdays, Thursdays & Saturdays from 10 am - 2 pm till March 13th.

We are steadily making progress in preparing to move. Library books are being packed, equipment has been culled, everything is off the wall. The place is almost unrecognizable. Our online auction is underway and ends March 1st, as I am writing this bids are over \$9,500!!

Here is the timeline and some of volunteer needs:

- Our new space will be ready by March 15th. We will move sometime that week. We will hire movers to physically move everything.
- On March 19th/20th from 10-3, we will have a garage sale for everything that is left which includes the refrigerator, desk, display fixtures etc.. This will be advertised to the general public via Craigs List. We need 3-4 people per day.
- March 24 (Wednesday) and 27 (Saturday) – will be clean up days. We need to leave the place in good shape so we can get our deposit back. Anything that did not sell will need to be toted off. We need 3-4 people each day.
- We will set up the new space during the month of April. We haven't set up workdays yet. If you want to help, please let us know and we will email you when we have a schedule.
- We plan to be open beginning May, we are changing our schedule to Thursday, Friday, and Saturdays. If all goes well, we will open on Thursday, May 6th!

Meanwhile we still have a **LOT** of stuff to clear out. More has been added and there is a bunch of FREE stuff, too. **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 Saturday, March 13th. Come down any Tuesday, Thursday 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).

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



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.

New location – 1425 Blalock, suite 202

Don't forget to let us know if you can help with any of the above dates!

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



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.



Zoom Classes at the Guild House

We miss seeing all your smiling faces so we are having a couple of Zoom classes. We hope to resume in person classes in the Fall. We will let you know as soon as we get those scheduled.



Embellished Surfaces -

Join Molly 4 Saturdays/Sundays in March and explore a variety of methods to embellish, fabric, paper and multi-media surfaces.

Saturday/Sundays - March 13, 14 - 10 am - 12 pm AND Saturdays March 20, 21 - 2pm - 4pm
\$90

Circular Weaving -

Explore weaving in the round (see photo at the top of the page) with Molly.

Saturday April, 10 - 10 am - 12 pm and 1 pm - 3pm
\$60

Materials list and registration online at <https://www.weavehouston.org/classes/>

Etsy

The Etsy shop is on VACATION during our move. Stay tuned for a new call for entries and return from vacation once we are in our new space.

WEAVE HOUSTON

Celebrating 71 Years of the Contemporary Handweavers of Houston

Our anniversary exhibition, *Weave Houston*, is on view until April 17 at the Houston Center for Contemporary Craft ([reservation required](#)). Highly recommend seeing this amazing show in person - our members are so well represented! You can also see a lovely digital version [on our website](#) (Thank you, Diane, for the digital documentation!).

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!



There were six blog posts during the month of February - a virtual tour of our exhibition at the Asher Gallery celebrating the 71 years of CHH.

Views of the entries in situ and individual photos of each entry as well as close up detail shots are included.

<https://www.weavehouston.org/the-whole-show-with-additions-and-corrections/>

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.

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

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

Swatch Swap!

The 2021 Swatch Swap is still a go-but just like Dory in Finding Nemo, I got a little distracted with the auction and guild house move. Sorry about that! Let's try again. Not many people have signed up- so there's still time! If you are interested in this long-standing tradition, please email me at kkb.weaver@gmail.com. Maybe we can have our first meeting before the middle of March.
Kathy Bone

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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Glimakra Standard Loom



Glimakra Standard loom 59" 12 shaft counterchange

Asking \$3700.00

Comes with bench, 2 reeds, lease sticks, warp sticks, warping board mounted on the back of the loom, 2 raddles custom made for the loom (1" and a 1/2" for fine threads) includes original 4 shaft counterbalance kit. I am the original owner of this well-loved loom. Ready to move to your home and weave a life with you! Located in Houston.

DeeDee Woodbury

281-488-2742

Beka Rigid Heddle Loom



Beka Original 20" Rigid Heddle Loom with various stick shuttles and shed sticks made of Cherry wood made in USA. There are a few bags as well that will come with the loom for no additional cost...

1 bag Karakul Roving 5.7 oz natural gray

1 bag camel top fiber 2oz

1 Alpaca lace

\$120 obo

Please contact Andrea Brooks at AndreaBrooks@gmail.com

LeClerc Artistat Loom



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.

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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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Contact info for committee chairs can be found in the Member's Only section of our website.

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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