



KANSAS CITY WEAVER'S GUILD

JANUARY, 2018

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Weavers Guild Meetings are held the 2nd Thursday of each month.

January 11, 2018

Loose Park Garden Center
Rose Room
5200 Wornall Rd.
Kansas City, MO
816-513-8590

9:30 a.m. - Coffee Time/Set Up

10:00 a.m. - Regular Meeting

10:30 a.m. - Show & Tell/Treats

11:30 a.m. - Program

The Kansas City Weavers guild was organized in 1954 to promote hand weaving, spinning, and other fiber interests in the KC area. We warmly are weavers, spinners, knitters, crocheters, dyers, basket makers, quilters, jewelry makers, and lace makers. We paint, dye, embroider, embellish, batik, bead, marble and cross stitch. If you work with fiber, we have a place for you!

Fiber Guild Meetings are held the 2nd Wednesday of each month.

<http://www.kansascityfiberguild.org/index.html>

**January 10, 2018,
7:30 p.m.**

Old Mission United Methodist Church
5519 State Park Rd.
Fairway, KS 66205

Note from our President



Happy New Year Everyone!

I'm so excited for 2018! We've got some great new board members to help steer the boat this year in addition to the experienced crew who are already on board. I've been hearing from Lynette and her helper Jo Kledis about some of the wonderful plans they have for our programs and I think it's going to be a fun year.

So what does January mean to you? For me, it is the exciting time where I get to start planning what I want to accomplish in the next 12 months. This year my goal is going to be bringing something finished to the guild show and tell every month. Let's see if I can do it! Further I want to have at least half of those items be sewn clothing. That last is certainly a stretch goal for me. So what are your goals?

Lastly, don't forget that if the Kansas City, Missouri schools close for a weather day then the guild also will not meet. Otherwise assume our meetings will go on as planned.

Happy Weaving!

Jacqueline Jacobson

President, Weavers Guild of Greater Kansas City

Note from the Newsletter Editor



In this issue I have included a small article concerning one of my weaving inspirations. I would like to include similar articles from our members in following issues. If you have a special weaving story that you'd like to share, please send to me and I'll do my best to include them all.

Looking forward to 2018.
Rebekah Foote, Editor.

Something Old Is New Again

As most of you know, in 2014 I started using a weaving method that was new to me, what I call "claspéd warp". I spoke to many weavers with much longer tenure than I and it was new to them too. So I felt safe in claiming ownership. A few weeks ago, Becky Gaskill sent me a screen shot of a weaving/spinning magazine produced by Ashford Looms called "The Wheel". Lo and behold, right there on page 20-something (the scan is not very clear), is a small article and instructions on how to do claspéd warp.

For those who don't know, Ashford Looms are made in New Zealand – no where close to Kansas City. Seeing the article just made me laugh and made me excited to possibly talk to someone else who had the idea. After a few emails, I ended up conversing with Elizabeth Ashford who told me that she and her team" learned the technique from our Danish friend Elsa Krogh who has written several books on weaving for us. She found the technique in "Ideas in Weaving" by Ann Sutton & Diane Sheehan many years ago. It was shown in a photo and not explained in detail and Elsa experimented and found it was perfect for the RH (rigid heddle) loom. As a matter of fact, she doesn't think it would be practical on any other loom, as it requires the direct warping method and a fairly short, one-item-only warp. "

Ann Sutton's book "Ideas in Weaving" was published in 1989 and on page 117 is a half-page photo of an example of clasped warp weaving. Ann says in her book that "Pre-Columbian weavers created cloths in which warps as well as wefts were discontinuous."

Elizabeth Ashford introduced me to Elsa Krogh and we've exchanged several emails as well. Elsa delighted to share her weaving knowledge and was interested to learn that Nancy Piepenbring and I had developed a method of using the technique on the floor loom, as was Elizabeth. At Elizabeth's request I sent her instructions on using a floor loom and it appeared in the latest issue of her magazine.

https://www.ashford.co.nz/index.php?option=com_acymailing&ctrl=archive&task=view&mailid=89&key=jEoK1Zhf&subid=3199-XaS04iWBchjTz&tmpl=component

It does not make me sad to think that I did not "invent" clasping warp but instead, I feel lucky to have been able to follow a thread of an idea to a world-wide collection of wonderful and generous weavers. I feel more a part of weaving than before now that I know that not only is this not my new idea, but rather is an idea that connects me to weavers from long ago. They would not have been able to imagine our world but when I sit at my loom I can envision these ancient women working to create fabric in much the same way as we do today. I feel a direct connection to them and all of us who use this method now know that what is old is new again.

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DECEMBER MEETING MINUTES

Our annual holiday dinner was held in lieu of our December meeting. Great food, presents and season cheer abounded. Our usual general meetings start over **on January 11, 10:00 am.**

In January we have our annual "Swap and Shop". Bring those yarns you have no idea why you purchased and perhaps someone will find them to be "just what I've been looking for".

GUESTS AND NEW MEMBERS

We are so happy to have increased to 83 members. Remember it is time to renew your membership. In order to participate in Creative Hand, dues must have been paid before January 1, 2018.

REFRESHMENTS

January : Rebekah Foote, Lynette Beebe, Susan Wyssman

February: Kathryn Worley, Laura Mayes, Diane Dory

March : Mary Limpus, Lori Deason, Jo Kledis

April: Field Trip

May: Janet Meddings, Karlene Kramer; Leesa Duby

June: Debbie Buddish; Debbie Tindell; ?

July: Marica Harvey, Barrie Mason; ?August: Judy Santner, ?; ?

September: Erin Taylor; Jacqueline Jacobson; ?

October: Jennifer Potts; Betty Haerberly; Linda Stoker

November: Need 3 volunteers for November

December: Holiday Party

COMMUNITY SERVICE

The Guild is continuing our work with Kansas City Hospice House to provide projects for family members to work on while sitting with hospice patients. Packet should contain instructions, project specific supplies, and the project. As this will be an on-going effort, please feel free to bring new hand work projects to the meeting for donation.

SCHOLARSHIPS

Anyone interested in applying for a scholarship for a workshop should fill out the form found on our website Weavers Guild of Greater Kansas City Scholarship Application_rev. or mail it to Betty Haerberle at her home address.

Members that apply for a \$250 or more scholarship are required to lead a workshop and present a monthly program. Those receiving lesser scholarship amounts must present a program at one of the Guild's monthly meetings.

MENTORING

Contact Christy Berry bearandsprout@yahoo.com if you are struggling or have a fiber-related question. Reach out and she will help you find someone who knows the answer and can guide you. Please contact Christy if you would like to be a mentor.

LIBRARY NEWS

A selection of library items will be available for checkout a half hour before and after the Guild meeting. There will not be any library business conducted during the meeting. Please contact through email or phone our librarian, Debbie Buddish, a few days ahead of the meeting for any requested selection that you may desire. Remember to sign your name and the current month on the checkout card and place the card in the appropriate bag. Magazine checkouts are completed by writing your name on the correct magazine list.

CARE CONNECTION

Contact Karen Neal if you believe that the Guild should reach out to one of our members through a note or card to let them know the Guild is thinking of them.

FELTING STUDY GROUP

Each month the artists build upon the previous month's technique. Contact Judy Santner if you are interested.

CLASSIFIED ADS

In an effort to keep our ads current, all ads from 2017 have been removed. If you had an ad that you would like to be continued, please let me know.

For Sale: Four-shaft Harrisville loom in good condition and perfect for workshops or small projects. It has hardly been used and quite easy to move. The loom has four shafts, six treadles, and is about 25" wide. It comes with a 12 dent reed, a castle, and two wooden weaving boats. Contact me by email at hmseba@gmail.com or call me at [816-372-2740](tel:816-372-2740). I am happy to provide more pictures. Trying to get it sold before January 15th, so act fast! Thanks! Haley Seba



Guild Workshops for 2018

Watch this space for future announcements

Conferences/Workshops/Classes/Festivals/Exhibits

Please send me information that you feel we should share in this space.

The 2018 KAWS will be in Manhattan, KS.

Kansas City Weavers Guild will host in 2020 and Kansas City Fiber Guild will host in 2024. Ideas about possible future venues need to be sent to Cheryl Davis. Volunteers are needed to help with the organization of our event.

<http://lawsonredhead@yahoo.com>

RESOURCES/OTHER GROUPS OF INTEREST

Free Reference Library

The Spencer Art Reference Library is free and open to all. It is located on the second floor of the Bloch Building of the Nelson-Atkins Art Museum, accessible through the Bloch Lobby. You will find resources relating to anything concerning art in which you are interested. Please note when they are open. <http://www.nelson-atkins.org/visit/library/>

Arizona University has an online digital resource for weaving books and other related information that is quite extensive and FREE. They have 4720 articles, 459 books, 319 ephemera, 271 illustrations, 7 manuscripts, 347 monographs, 398 patents, 1322 periodicals, 198 webdocs, and lots of other stuff. The link is provided below;

<https://www.cs.arizona.edu/patterns/weaving/index.html>

Kansas City Weaver's Guild

2018 Slate of Officers:

- President: Jacqueline Jacobson
- 1st Vice President (Program): Lynette Beebe and Jo Kledis
- 2nd Vice President (Newsletter): Rebekah Foote
- 3rd Vice President (Workshops); Marcia Harvey
- Secretary: Jackie Kincaid
- Treasurer: Janet Meddings

If you notice something on the web site that needs correction, please contact Becky Stevens at weaversgild@gmail.com.