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## **New ANWG Web Site**

ANWG has a new web site, [northwestweavers.org](http://northwestweavers.org). Jerry Coopmans started [anwg.org](http://anwg.org) several years ago. He then donated the site to the organization. Jerry did not change the registration for [anwg.org](http://anwg.org) to reflect ownership by the organization. To enable a smooth operation of the official ANWG site, the Board felt that the web site has to be registered in the name of the group. We have all enjoyed the benefits of Jerry's time and effort. He was asked to continue as webmaster for the new site but has chosen to pursue other endeavors at this time.

The transition to the new site has been made. Several members have donated time to this effort. Elaine Plaisance has recently accepted full-time employment

and will be unable to help in the future. Thank you Elaine for your contribution to this endeavor. Linda Davis has learned new skills and programs. Her help is invaluable. She is doing the classified ads and currently working to update the suppliers listings. Wanda Shelp is working on the guild areas and the calendar of events. Hugh Myers is providing technical assistance.

We are striving to make the site a viable asset for the organization. It will take time to bring all the parts together, we appreciate your patience with the process. We are excited about the possibilities and would love to hear from you with your comments and suggestions.

### **Call for VOLUNTEERS**

**If you are interested in planning and /or  
volunteering for the  
ANWG Biennial Conference**

**Color Me, Colour You!**

**Tacoma Washington 2005  
Dates TBA, likely beg. August.**

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## President's Message

Participation, participation, participation: to paraphrase the real estate lore of what makes for a successful sale: location, location, location. We can ask the question of what makes an organization a success and find that it is based on how much its members participate.

As a member of the Seattle Weavers' guild I always am amazed and heartened when the President asks members to stand if they have participated in guild activities. Practically no one is left seated.

When members participate in an organization they own it. They have a vested interest in its success. If very many members "let George do it," nothing much gets done, the doers burn out, and the organization goes down the tubes.

Everyone has ideas of what they want from an organization. The trick is in the communications. ANWG's Board of Directors makes it easy. Visit the new web site, [northwestweavers.org](http://northwestweavers.org). You can click on any of our names to send an email. Please do. We want to hear from you.

Francie Alcorn  
([alcorn@nwlink.com](mailto:alcorn@nwlink.com))

### **2004 Annual General Meeting**

The 2004 ANWG Annual General Meeting will be held Saturday, May 1, 2004 in SeaTac, Washington at 10:00 AM. More details and a tentative open agenda will be sent later.

## Directors

President:

Francie Alcorn

Treasurer:

Nadine Purcell

Education:

Jean Curry

Vice-President:

Ladella Williams

Membership:

Janet Fesq

Members at Large:

Mimi Anderson

Secretary:

Joan Cameron

Communications:

Wanda Shelp

# ANWG News

## Bylaws and Articles

Early in the new year an entirely new set of Bylaws and Articles will be sent to you for review. The Bylaws Committee, Kris Leet, Nancy Tracy, and Mimi Anderson are reorganizing, condensing, and rewriting the current Bylaws. The aim is to eliminate confusion and duplication. The matter of who runs the conferences will be addressed. Kris says the Committee also is tackling the Articles.

Please review the new Bylaws and Articles in your guilds' meetings. They will be voted on at the 2004 Annual General Meeting.

## Resignation

Jerry Coopmans resigned from the ANWG Board of Directors on October 11, 2003. His resignation was accepted on October 12. Jerry had been elected Member at Large at the Annual General Meeting, June 28, 2003 in Pendleton, Oregon. His appointed duties were to oversee the closeout of the 2003 ANWG Conference.

## Fire

The recent fires in British Columbia wiped out the homes and weaving studios, including their libraries, of five members of the Kelowna Weavers Guild. Donations of books, equipment, yarn, and supplies are being collected. When the weavers involved are ready to move into new studios, extras will be sold to provide money for missing items. Please contact Laura Fry at [laurafry@netbistro.com](mailto:laurafry@netbistro.com) for information on how to donate.

## Board Meeting October 15, 2003

Liability insurance for ANWG, the IRS reports for the 2001 conference, the Kelowna fire victims and help for the new web site were discussed.

After the meeting Joan Cameron, secretary, reported that she felt the chat room meetings are far better than the phone. She has been able to print out most of the

“chat” so that means we have a back up for motions, etc and have them on file with the minutes.

## Jean Curry, Education Chair

Guild reps I need your help. The video library is a great resource that can complement guild activities or help an individual weaver expand her/his knowledge. With this newsletter there is a listing of all videos in the ANWG Video Library. Please make copies of this and share with your guild members. If your guild has a library, the video list could be kept there to allow the information to be easily accessible for individual guild members. The video list and information on ordering can be found on the web site by clicking Resources.

## Conference Report 2003

Nadine Purcell will present the final financial report for the conference when Jerry Coopmans has presented it to the board. The last minute details associated with these functions always take longer than is expected. Preliminary information indicates that the Conference in Pendleton lost about \$2000.

## Membership

Dues have been received from almost 50 Guilds. Several are not yet paid. If the membership form sent in the last newsletter has disappeared, download it from the new website, [www.northwestweavers.org](http://www.northwestweavers.org), in the ANWG News section. If that is not convenient, send a list of names of all Guild members, a check in the amount of \$1.00 per member(US), and the name, address, phone number and email address of the ANWG rep, the president, and the newsletter editor of your Guild. Also, send the address of your meeting place, the week of the month, day of the week of your meeting and the time. If you have a Guild mailing address, include that as well. That will ensure your membership for this year. The deadline for getting into the Directory we are preparing is December 15, 2003. So many have requested a directory that we want it to be as complete as possible.

**Current and many past ANWG Newsletters  
are available on line:  
[northwestweavers.org/ANWG News](http://northwestweavers.org/ANWG News)**

# Guild Happenings

Thank you to all the guilds who are sending me their newsletters. As one reads these the primary response is total amazement. The diversity and talent that can be found here speaks well for our chosen craft. We want to share with you and your guild what others are doing. This may spark an idea for your group. If your guild does not have a newsletter, items of interest can be sent to Wanda Shelp (address, email on page two). If by chance ANWG is not currently receiving your newsletter, please add us to your mailing or email list. Those who are mailing their newsletter, are requested to check that the mailing address is correct.

## Sharing Our Craft

For the Oregon State Fair Demo Day, Paula (Cranor) and Maureen McNulty set up approximately sixty kits of eight sided cards with one slit in each side and a hole punched in the middle. The kit to make a friendship bracelet included threads to do a seven strand project and instructions.

Paula showed one young girl how to do the Kumihimo on cards. The teen was very enthusiastic and wanted to get one for her friend. She left with two cards and thread sets, having started the one for herself. About a half hour later she came back. She was almost done with the one and wanted to start another. It is very rare to have someone come back like this, especially a teenager. We gave her another set of threads along with the suggestion to ask her mom to buy her some thread to continue. If we can catch the eyes of the children now, they will remember the moment at a later time and become the weavers and spinners of the future.

Portland Handweavers Guild Newsletter,  
October 2003

## "Wrap It Up" Creative gift wrapping

For the December 16 Salem Fiberarts Guild members are to bring some unwrapped gifts and a roll of paper to share, your own scissors, tape and glue. And then, anything else you can think of - twigs, flowers, ribbons, yarn, vines, wire... We'll create some interesting packages and get some holiday work out of the way. Wrap, snack and laugh.

Salem fiberarts Guild Newsletter  
Nov/Dec 2003

## Saving Time and Expense

Newsletter Chair Joanna Bruno needs self-addressed stamped envelopes or email addresses in order to send each member a newsletter.

Skagit Valley Weavers' Guild  
November 2003

## SABLE

A report in the Ponderosa Spinners, Weavers & Fibre Artists newsletter states that one of their members,

Sandra, has discovered she suffers from SABLE - Stash Accumulation Beyond Life Expectancy!

Ponderosa Spinners, Weavers & Fibre Artists  
Newsletter, October 2003

## Small Looms Workshop

About twelve people attended the small looms workshop on October 25. There was a particularly a lot of interest in inkle looms. Anita Sanford brought hers along with samples of her bookmarks. Liz Doubille brought a couple inkle looms and lots of samples. Gladys Fox got several started on kumihimo. Marilyn Burwell brought the Incredible Rope Machine and everyone tried it out. Mary Anna made a great soup and everyone brought breads, fruits and cookies. All in all it was fun relaxing and a good get together.

Central Oregon Spinners and Weavers  
November 2003

## Joint Newsletter

Rogue Rovings is a joint newsletter of Rogue Valley Handweavers' Guild and Saturday Handweavers' Guild. Officers are listed, minutes reported and an events calendar is given for each guild in the November 2003 issue. What a great way for two guilds to have a newsletter and share the work and expense entailed with any publication.

Rogue Rovings  
November 2003

## Many Hands Make Light Work

Kamloops Arts and Crafts Club Newsletter is a cooperative effort by many people. For the October 2003 issue articles were contributed by Mona Banek, weaving; Anne McAllister-Johnson, painting; Judy Martin, Christmas Tea and Sale and Geri Huntley, general news. Karen Strocen then used these submissions to prepare the newsletter for printing. Joan Cameron then took it to the printer and returned it to the members in the Tuesday group to stuff into the envelopes. The labels were provided by Bonnie Tait. What a great way to share the workload.

Kamloops Arts and Crafts Club Newsletter  
October 2003