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## Coming Events

**Oct 10-12, 2009 Trailing of the Sheep**, The 12th Annual Festival, Ketchum to Hailey, Idaho  
[www.trailingofthesheep.org](http://www.trailingofthesheep.org)

### **October 25-31, 2009**

SOAR, Spin Off Autumn Retreat, Sun River, Oregon  
[www.interweave.com/events](http://www.interweave.com/events)

### **June 2010**

**Under the Rims MAWS Conference**, Billings, Montana.

### **July 31, 2010**

ANWG AGM, Willamette University, Salem, Oregon

## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

As we bask in the summer heat, I am dreaming of the fall season just around the corner. Autumn colors are my favorite, and that's when I get truly energized to weave!

In the meantime, all of us who were fortunate enough to attend *Weaving Waves of Color* in Spokane three months ago are still basking in the inspiration of all the wonderful weaving, instructors, speakers, vendors and events. The Spokane Handweavers Guild and all the others who organized and put on this successful conference are to be congratulated on an excellent job! Alison Addicks deserves special praise in chairing the conference while also serving as ANWG President.

While Spokane is now history, the folks at Weaving Guilds of Oregon (WeGO) are well underway organizing the 2011 conference to be held in Salem, Oregon. Suzie Liles, who also chaired the 2001 WeGO conference in Eugene has graciously stepped to the fore to chair this one too, and with her experience and connections, we can expect it to be just as grand.

With one conference just behind us and another well underway, it is hard to believe that 2013 is just around the corner. We need to find a venue (location) and host guild(s) to put on the 2013 confer-



*ANWG President Linda Davis*

ence. It takes at least two years-three is preferable -to plan, schedule and reserve facilities for these events. Elsewhere in this newsletter you will find a Request for Proposal for the 2013 conference. We hope this will inspire one or more guilds to take up the challenge and offer to host this event that we as fiber artists in the Northwest rely on to energize and inspire us every two years.

As I take the helm of this prodigious organization, I want to thank the retiring members of the ANWG Board for their service the past two years, and thank and welcome the incoming members. The next two years will be fun and challenging working with all of you!

Linda Davis

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**EXPLORING FIBER HORIZONS  
MAY 29—JUNE 5, 2011**

The Weaving Guilds of Oregon are very excited about hosting the 2011 ANWG Conference.

The 2011 ANWG Conference will be held in Salem Oregon at the beautiful Willamette University.

The dates of the conference are  
May 29th 2011 to June 5th 2011.

We are challenging all fiber artists to explore their horizons and come up with some exciting new ideas.

We will soon be accepting teaching proposals.

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**CIRCLE JULY 31, 2010 ON YOUR CALENDARS**

The "off-year" annual general meeting (AGM) of ANWG will be held on July 31, 2010 at Willamette University, Salem, OR. This is also the site of the 2011 ANWG conference.

By having the AGM in Salem, board members, ANWG reps and any other interested ANWG members will have an opportunity to see the site of the next conference, catch up on what guilds throughout the northwest are doing and make any decisions pertinent to our organization. Salem is the state capital of Oregon and the old Mission Woolen Mill is next door to the campus (with tours available). This will be a great time to begin building interest for our next conference and we will try to build in some extra possibilities to make this a special visit as well as "taking care of business".

The meeting will be most of the day on Saturday and there will be housing options available at the university. The details will be worked out in December and January and you will hear more about this in the winter newsletter.

Mary Anna Swinnerton

## REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS

### ANWG 2013 CONFERENCE, ISSUED AUGUST 7, 2009

**Background:** ANWG relies on ANWG-member guilds to plan, organize and host the biennial conference. As it takes at least two years to plan and organize a conference, it's most desirable to have a venue and host guild (s) identified by summer of 2010. ANWG covers the states of Wyoming, Idaho, Montana, Oregon, Washington and Alaska, and the Canadian provinces of Saskatchewan, Alberta, British Columbia and the Yukon Territory. In 2011, the conference will be held in Salem, OR. We endeavor to vary the location throughout the ANWG region over the years. The following are the locations of conferences held since 1989:

2009: Spokane, WA    2007: Red Deer, AB  
 2005: Tacoma, WA    2003: Pendleton, OR  
 2001: Eugene, OR    1999: Bozeman, MT  
 1997: Victoria, BC    1995: Prince George, BC  
 1993: Seattle, WA    1991: Eugene, OR  
 1989: Boise, ID

**Why host a conference?** First of all, it is fun and rewarding! It can be a learning experience, and it can be an event where your guild members' best talents can be put to use. In addition to fiber arts abilities, many guilds have attorneys, accountants, graphic artists, business managers and other members of considerable expertise. Beyond that is the chance to showcase your community and give local vendors a chance for exposure to a larger market. Finally, if the conference is successful, your guild may realize revenues that can be used for other guild purposes.

**What is involved?** Hosts need to plan for a conference to accommodate at least 250 and perhaps over 400 attendees. A guild or group of guilds puts together a proposal for consideration by the ANWG Board (see below for inclusions). After acceptance, ANWG and the host guild(s) enter into a contract that identifies responsibilities. ANWG can loan the hosts interest-free seed money to front end costs such as reserving a site and meeting rooms and preparing publicity and registration materials. The hosts are entirely responsible for the actual conference organization and preparation – ANWG itself does not play a role other than to be kept advised of progress and provide any recommendations or advice that the conference committee may request. In exchange for providing seed money, ANWG requires a final report for its records and a return of the seed money. If the conference loses money, ANWG is responsible for all losses. The contract also specifies that 20% of conference revenues that exceed expenses are paid to ANWG.

The best situation is to have the host guild(s) and conference committee chairs selected and in place in advance of the 2011 conference so that they can benefit by attending the conference and "learning the ropes". They should be ready to begin work on the 2013 conference as soon as the 2011 conference has ended.

Records of past conferences are available from ANWG to help conference committees. These include conference registration materials, requests for proposals for instructors and exhibits, and other material.

#### Proposal Content

- ❖ Geographic location and, if known, the specific site. If a specific site is not yet known, indicate possible locations that will accommodate the number of attendees, lodging, meals and meeting room requirements. Past conferences have been held on college/university campuses during the off-school sessions. These have typically been less expensive than convention centers and hotels.
- ❖ The name of the Chair and key committee members such as Treasurer and Registrar and their experience/credentials for these positions.
- ❖ Number of primary volunteers that will be needed and available from the host(s)
- ❖ Theme and conference color selections, if known.
- ❖ Specific dates and projected deadlines, if known.
- ❖ Other material that highlights the advantages of your community/location and what amenities are available to make the conference location attractive.

**Deadline:** There is no specific deadline. The ANWG Board will receive proposals as they come in and will keep the RFP open until a host and location is selected. The goal is to have this decided by the ANWG Annual General Meeting in the summer 2010. It would be helpful to keep the ANWG Board apprised of any effort underway by a guild or group of guilds to consider hosting the 2013 conference.

**Questions?** Questions can be directed to either Linda Davis, ANWG President at [web-weaver@bendbroadband.com](mailto:web-weaver@bendbroadband.com) or Alison Addicks, Chair of ANWG 2009 and ANWG Second Vice President at [ad-dicks@centurytel.net](mailto:ad-dicks@centurytel.net).

**MEMBERSHIP**

**WHY JOIN?** Membership in ANWG entitles a guild to rent books, videos, and DVD's; to apply for grants for speakers or workshops, and to receive membership rates to the ANWG conference. Each guild has its own web page on our website and an opportunity to post workshops and other information which has the potential of reaching nearly 100 other guilds in the northwestern states and provinces.

**DUES** The dues for 2009-10 are due October 31, 2009. So, join by that date and we will enter your guild into the drawing for a \$50 gift certificate for the fiber arts book or DVD of your choice!!

Join us now and make sure your guild has access to weaving, spinning, dyeing, and other fiber arts news and educational opportunities in **Alberta, British Columbia, Northwest Territories, Saskatchewan, Yukon, Alaska, Idaho, Montana, Oregon, Washington and Wyoming.**

**PARTICIPATE IN OUR MISSION** We need your support to continue our mission of providing education, supporting conferences, encouraging new and current fiber artists, and to stimulate public interest in our art.

Our membership continues to grow. Help us to reach out to more guilds and individuals and spread the news about our stimulating organization of guilds!

Contact me if you have any questions or if you know of guilds that could benefit from ANWG membership.

Daryl Ries, Membership Chair

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Weaving Waves of Color, ANWG 2009

Our sincere and heartfelt thanks go to Alison Addicks, Janice Berube, Vicky Dalton, Mimi Anderson, Pat Boyd, Joan Clash, Kathy Conway, Sandi Goede, Holly Gordon, Lynda Holloway, Maureen Egan-Koffman, Marsha Kimball, Arlene & Rich Klotz, Sue Kohut, Jean Lavell, Victoria Leuba, Betty Lukins, Judy Olsen, Marise Person, Leann Telecky, and Dian Zahner for a wonderful Conference.

For the final Conference report, please go to [www.northwestweavers.org](http://www.northwestweavers.org)

**A BRIEF HISTORY OF CONFERENCES**

year	host	Theme	Attend- ance
1957	Seattle		550
1965	Portland	Jewels in Nature	
1967	Spokane	Fantasy of Threads	323
1969	Seattle		
1971	Portland	Wonderful World of Weaving	450
1973	Vancouver	Weaving in Totem Land	
1975	Pullman WA	Weaving West	559
1977	Victoria	Heirlooms from Hand- looms	700
1979	Spokane	Weaving Unlimited	700
1981	Eugene	Weaving Ahead	991/409  Work- shop
1983	Bozeman	Fiber Flair	
1985	Tacoma,	Weavers: Learning and Sharing	
1987	Greater Van- couver BC	Fibres Unlimited	
1989	Boise	Fiber '89	
1993	Seattle	Fiber Fanfare	
1995	Prince George	Frontiers of Fibre	410
1997	Victoria	Straits and Strands	
1999	Bozeman	SETT Under the Big Sky	
2001	Eugene	A Weaving Odyssey	596
2003	Calgary	Beyond Borders	
2005	Tacoma	Color Me, Colour You	
2009	Spokane	Weaving Waves of Color	420



### ANWG Membership Form - 2010

Ensure that your Guild and its members have access to the benefits of ANWG membership:

Guild Grant and Conference Scholarship Program

Conference fee discount

Representation in ANWG meetings

Free Guild web page on [www.northwestweavers.org](http://www.northwestweavers.org)

(Guild Roster includes free links to individual guild web sites)

Also on the ANWG website:

Membership Directory

Instructor Database, Vendor Listings

Lending Library /video rentals

Dues are \$1US per individual payable on or before November 1, 2009.

**Here's the Contest:** Postmark your Guild's ANWG dues by October 31, 2009 and your Guild will be entered in a drawing for a book or DVD of their own choice (up to \$50 value!). So far 4 different guilds have won books or DVD's. Make sure your guild can too.

A Guild having ANWG member Guilds, as well as individuals as members, need only pay for the individuals.

Please attach to this completed form a current roster of your Guild's individual members (and member Guilds) if applicable. Please identify Guild officers and provide their contact information.

Send this form with check or money order (US), payable to ANWG to:

ANWG Membership Chair, Daryl Ries [wries@mcn.net](mailto:wries@mcn.net)

3205 8<sup>th</sup> Avenue North, Great Falls, MT 59401

Guild Name \_\_\_\_\_ # members/\$ \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ Prov./State \_\_\_\_\_ Postal/Zip Code \_\_\_\_\_

Webpage \_\_\_\_\_

Year Guild formed \_\_\_\_\_

ANWG member Guilds have web pages or links to their own web pages from [www.northwestweavers.org](http://www.northwestweavers.org) that can be very informative for those making inquiries. ANWG urges you to keep your page current. **Each Guild should Also have a contact person with an e-mail address to be posted on the Guild page.**

To update your webpage, contact Donna Faulkes [chblma@telus.net](mailto:chblma@telus.net) or mail to Donna Faulkes 5843 Trans Canada Hwy. West, Kamloops, BC, V1S 2A2 CANADA

The following information is for the use of ANWG and its member Guilds.

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Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ Prov/State \_\_\_\_\_ Postal/Zip Code \_\_\_\_\_

Phone # \_\_\_\_\_ e-mail \_\_\_\_\_

Do you want newsletters and other mail sent to this address or the guild address?-- \_\_\_\_\_

President Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ Prov/State \_\_\_\_\_ Postal/Zip Code \_\_\_\_\_

Phone # \_\_\_\_\_ e-mail \_\_\_\_\_

Newsletter Editor \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ Prov/State \_\_\_\_\_ Postal/Zip Code \_\_\_\_\_

Phone # \_\_\_\_\_ e-mail \_\_\_\_\_

Meeting Location—City \_\_\_\_\_, Location \_\_\_\_\_

Meeting times \_\_\_\_\_

**IMPORTANT NOTICE, PLEASE READ:**

In order to cut costs, avoid a dues increase and to save trees and fuel, the ANWG Board is considering emailing the newsletter and yearly membership booklet in pdf form (approximately 750kb size) to guilds. If this will create a hardship for your guild, please inform the newsletter editor Ellie Sheeran, ebsheeran@gmail.com, 509-235-4137, or PO Box 44, Cheney, WA 99004 USA.

If your Guild has any comments for the ANWG Board on this or any matter, please use the space below (or an additional page) or contact Linda Davis, President, at webweaver@bendbroadband.com 541-549-1222, or 69217 Tapidero, Sisters, OR 97759 USA.

**ASSOCIATION OF NORTHWEST WEAVING GUILDS  
AGM 2009 MINUTES**

**GONZAGA UNIVERSITY GLOBE ROOM, SPOKANE, WASHINGTON, MAY 31, 2009, 10:00 AM**

The meeting was called to order by Alison Addicks, and roll call of 93 guilds was taken. The agenda was adopted and passed, and last year’s AGM minutes were approved.

Reports were received from the following committees:

Conference; Education noted 36 applications were received for scholarships; Communication Chair changed; Membership has had the same chair for 4 years, and currently we have 93 guilds and 3800+ members. Nominating presented a slate for the next 2 years. Treasurer noted our budget runs July 1 to June 30. The Silent Auction’s 85 items garnered about \$3000, and Alison Addicks will chair the next Silent Auction.

There was no unfinished business.

New business: After discussion, a motion was made, seconded and passed to adopt the proposed changes to the bylaws:

**Section II Meetings**

f. At the Annual Membership Meeting, any certified delegate may introduce from the floor in accordance with the procedures outlined in “Robert’s Rules of Order,” items for consideration which do not require notice.

**Section III.3**

d. Obtain from the Membership Chair, a current list of all ANWG member guilds, including the names and contact information of the presiding officer and the guild Representative.

**Section IV, Executive Board**

e. Ensure that a summary of Minutes of Executive Board meetings are published in the following ANWG newsletter.

IV.3 Proper notice and methods for holding Executive Board meetings shall be determined by the Executive Board at its first meeting at the beginning of an incoming president’s term.

IV.6 Executive Board meeting may be held electronically by agreement of the board members for any or all meetings.

**Section V, Committees**

b. Distribute the newsletter to every ANWG member guild, both by email and via post on the ANWG Website.

c. Include in the newsletter and on the Website accurate and full summaries of all meetings, as well as dates, times and locations of upcoming meetings.

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e. Distribute the newsletter to other organizations approved by the Executive Board.

f. Create and maintain the ANWG Website and links to websites of other member guilds and to other related organizations.

g. Perform other duties as assigned by the President or Executive Board, or as prescribed in these Bylaws and Standing Rules.

The Sections will be renumbered as needed.

A motion was made, seconded and passed to adopt the following slate of officers to the Board:

President: Linda L. Davis, Sisters, Oregon

1<sup>st</sup> Vice President: Mary Anna Swinnerton, Bend, Oregon

Secretary: Laura Fry, Prince George, British Columbia

Treasurer: Linda Ann Smith, Federal Way, Washington (second term)

2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President: Alison Addicks, Rice, Washington (automatic election)

Congratulations were offered to Ladella Williams, retiring First Vice-President, Donna Faulkes, retiring Secretary, becoming officially webmaster, Deanna Welsh retiring Education Chair.

Linda Davis announced she was honored to be president for the next two years, and encouraged guilds to develop leadership in all levels, noting the need to develop our young members.

Suzie Liles is Chair for ANWG 2011 Conference, Exploring Fiber Horizons, May 20-June 5 in Salem, Oregon, at Willamette University.

The meeting was closed, and Syne Mitchell of WeaveZine presented an introduction to the world of weaving online.

Donna Faulkes, ANWG Secretary

## ANWG ON-LINE BOARD MEETING MINUTES JULY/AUGUST 2009

Chair Linda Davis presented an agenda for discussion:

Calendar

Guild grant guidelines

2011 Conference agreement

RFP for 2013

Date and location for 2010 AGM

Discussion about the calendar and programs that needed to be included centered around the upcoming AGM in 2010 and grant proposals.

Discussion on grant guidelines proceeded and a proposal was drawn up. Discussion included who should be eligible, reports on the events for which grant monies had been given, and when payment should be made to the guilds. It was suggested that the Board request feedback from the guilds regarding the grants.

### **Motion:**

Moved by Denice McMechan and seconded by Laura Fry that the grant guidelines be adopted as amended.

The motion passed with 6 yes, 2 no.

Up-coming conference - Susie gave a short report that things were on track with good communications with the facility.

Discussion about having conference feedback forms.

### **Motion:**

Moved by Mary Anna Swinnerton and seconded by Denice McMechan that the agreement and guidelines with Weaving Guilds of Oregon for the 2011 conference be approved.

Motion passed with all in favour.

RFP for 2013 Conference. The Board is looking for a location, possibly in BC. Some discussion about encouraging groups that are in the same geographic region to take on the task co-operatively, much like WeGo in Oregon has done in the past.

The Request for Proposal has been posted to the guild rep site with an invitation to guild reps to read and consider. It will also be included in the fall newsletter.

### 2010 AGM

Mary Anna Swinnerton was asked to talk to the facility in Salem regarding having the AGM there. After discussion on possible dates not to conflict with other events during that summer, she booked July 31, 2010, at Willamette U.

September 8, 2009

Laura Fry, Secretary





2009/2010

APPLICATION FOR GUILD GRANT

This year the ANWG Board will award 5-10 grants of \$200 - \$400 each. Though every effort will be made to make the grants in allotments of \$400, the final number and dollar amounts will be based on the final budget. Preference will be given to guilds who have not received a grant in the past five years.

The purpose of ANWG guild grants is to promote weaving education within the ANWG region by assisting guilds to hold weaving workshops. The instructor must not be a member of the applying guild. **Applications for a guild grant will be accepted until November 1st, 2009.**

For those guilds that are awarded a grant, half of the grant amount will be sent to guilds in January of 2010. The balance of the grant will be sent to guilds upon receiving guild workshop reports and receipts for workshop expenses. (If sending half of the money after the workshop report and receipts have been received places a financial hardship on the applying guild please contact the ANWG Education Chair to discuss an alternate distribution of funds.) The workshop must occur within the year 2010. If any part of this application presents an undue problem for your guild, please email us so that we can discuss your problem.

Upon holding the workshop, guilds receiving an Education Grant must send a report, along with workshop receipts, to the ANWG Education Chair. The report should give a description of the workshop and number of participants. Photos are encouraged. This report is due within two months of the date on which the workshop is held.

Member Guild Name \_\_\_\_\_

Contact Person for Guild \_\_\_\_\_

Contact Address \_\_\_\_\_

(Street/PO Box)

(City)

(State/Prov.) (Zip/Postal Code)

Contact Email/Phone \_\_\_\_\_

WORKSHOP DETAILS

Name of Workshop \_\_\_\_\_

Number of Hours/Days of Workshop \_\_\_\_\_

Teacher of Workshop \_\_\_\_\_

(must not be member of applying guild)

Date(s) of Workshop \_\_\_\_\_

Expected Expenses incurred by Workshop \_\_\_\_\_

Amount requested up to \$400.00 \_\_\_\_\_

Send Application to: mcmechandenic@hotmail.com,

or to Denice McMechan

Box 47, Burton, B.C.

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or Mary Anna Swinnerton, luvmaps2@bendcable.com

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