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Per the Bylaws of the Association of Northwest Weavers' Guilds, this newsletter is your official notice of the 2007 Annual General Meeting (AGM) to be held at Red Deer College, Red Deer, Alberta, Canada, at 7:00 p.m. June 14, 2007.

## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

It is truly amazing the variety of textile techniques and nuances out there. Yet there are always connecting threads. Weaving guilds and groups, ANWG and ANWG conferences provide some of these threads or the ways to find the connections.

Weaving itself is such fun and one builds up an incredible momentum but weavers can be alone and not like knitters or spinners who can work in groups. We need opportunities to share projects, network, learn new ideas and gain outlets for our creativity. Many local guilds do fill in these parameters. Yet we know there is more out there and need to connect with it.

Here is where ANWG gathers together the various guilds and provides networking opportunities (connecting threads) to form contacts and resource information to bring teachers and presenters to local groups. As a Rep for your guild, you provide the connecting thread to help your guild apply for a grant, nominate scholarship applicants, inform your guild of ANWG's Website, receive messages from other guild reps via the Yahoo Group site and suggest resources. Your skills and outreach are enhanced and your guild benefits as well from these connections.

One great connection is the biennial ANWG conference as a great forum for education and meeting other weavers. The person one might sit next to at a seminar may



*ANWG President Ladella Williams*

have a solution to a problem or suggest other resources to try. The nearby viewer of the exhibit could know that special technique one wants to learn or where to locate that new yarn used in the entry item.

Encourage your guild members to attend Wild Fibres 2007, June 14-17, not only for the opportunities the Conference provides but also for that chance serendipitous meeting with others of similar interest and the subsequent journey on a new path. With more connecting threads to pull upon we won't be isolated and can find what we need.

Thanking all you Reps and the current ANWG Board, committee chairs and committee members and the Conference Committee for pulling threads together for us.

I look forward to seeing all of you in Red Deer.

*Sincerely, Ladella Williams as  
ANWG President.*

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## COUNTDOWN TO WILD FIBRES CONFERENCE JUNE 14<sup>TH</sup> TO 17<sup>TH</sup> 2007

Well the count down is on in earnest. Conference is a mere 3 months away. We are all busy here getting ready to welcome you all to Red Deer and the Wild Fibres Conference 2007.

We are looking for door prize donations; you can bring them with you and leave them at the registration desk or get a hold of me for shipping locations. Also the goody bags will be stuffed in April and we would love items for these great bags. You are going to love them. Please contact Mary Davenport, 1502, 11710 - 100 Ave. NW Edmonton, AB T5K 2G3 (780) 482-4595 mary@mport.ca if you wish to insert something into the goodie bags.

Online registration has been going well and mailed in registrations have been handled. Chris, our registrar, is working on sending out notifications of registration and supply lists if needed.

Please refer to our website for the information on entering the juried and non-juried shows, exchanges and of course do not forget your tiara! Mine is all ready for the big day. Moose and all....

If you are still not sure about attending, remember that \$400.00 Canadian fee (\$340.22 US dollars as of today March 15, 2007) includes all your meals for the conference, attendance at the shows, vendor fair, seminars, fashion show and barbecue, two keynote speakers and of course the ever popular "end of conference Sunday brunch". Good deal all the way around. Accommodations at the College are still available.

There is still room in many of the post conference workshops. Hope to see you there!

*Pamela Marriott, Conference Chair  
Wild Fibres Conference 2007*

**Below is a list of important dates to remember.**

April 30 Deadline for entries to "Rhapsody in Fiber" Fashion Show

April 30 Deadline for Guild Booth applications

May 11 Deadline for entries to "Kaleidoscope" Juried Shows

May 15 Registration deadline for Post-Conference Workshops

May 15 Late registration fees apply after this date

May 15 Notifications sent for acceptance to Fashion Show

May 15 Receipt of cell-phone case to coordinator

May 15 Deadline for Sunday Bus Tour

May 18 Deadline for entries to "The Open Door Gallery" Exhibit

May 25 Receipt of Tea Towel to coordinator

June 1 Written request for conference refunds

June 1 Deadline for receipt of entries for Fashion Show

June 1 Deadline for receipt of entries to Open Exhibit

June 14 Set-up for vendors, shows, booths / Registration on-site

June 14 Conference opens

June 17 Conference ends

June 18 Post-Conference Workshops begin

August 1 Refunds processed beginning on this date

## EDUCATION COMMITTEE REPORT

**Conference Year Scholarships:** ANWG offered ten \$200 scholarships toward attendance at “Wild Fibres”, the 2007 ANWG conference in Red Deer, Alberta. In addition to the 10 scholarships, three alternates were also identified from the applicant pool. The candidate pool was excellent and selections were difficult. Although the majority of the applicants were women, we did have two men apply. Three of the nominees, represented more than one guild (2 & 3); and there is an even split (close to it) between US and Canada - eight for US and Canada (16 guilds represented). So the letters were exciting to read. One clear commonality that stood out after reading all the letters is the pride that members have for their guilds and the work that they are doing.

Following are the candidates that were selected for the scholarship awards.

Nominee	Guild
Alison Addicks	Spokane Weavers Guild
Barbara Taylor	Threadbenders Guild
Carol Funnell	Chilliwack Spinners and Weavers
Cheryl Young	Tacoma Weavers Guild
Chris MacKenzie	Ponderosa Spinners Weavers and Fibers Artists
Deanna Welch	Cross Borders; Selkirk Weavers
Jolene Northup	Central Oregon Spinners and Weavers Guild
June Jacobs	Saskatoon Spinners and Weavers Guild
Patti Kreider	Whidbey Island
Rob Kolen	Greater Vancouver Weavers & Spinners Guild

Following are the alternates that have been selected if any of the above ten can't attend the conference.

Nominee	Guild
Alternate-1 Jen Black	Edmonton Croft Weavers
Alternate-2 Leanne Streit	Portland Handweavers Guild
Alternate-3 Marvelyn Albert	Hand Weavers, Spinners and Dyers of Alberta

*Thank you all for the great support and wonderful letters! Enjoy the conference!!*

**Process:** Nominees were submitted by a guild rep or member to the Education Committee via electronic email. The nominees and resulting selections were made by Jean Curry, Pam Marriott, Jean Korus, Francie Alcorn, Laura Fry, and Jean Lavell. Ladella Williams offered guidance and review of the selections.

Using electronic media worked well, allowing for easy transfer of information between the panel members for application review and selection. The Education Committee reviewed nominations and the selections were awarded January 15, 2007, prior to conference registration.

Scholarship recipients will give a report, preferably electronically, about the benefits of the event to the new Education Committee within two months of participation. Summaries will be sent for inclusion in the ANWG Northwest News Newsletter. These letters are expected by the end of August, and will be sent to the new Education Chair.

Criteria used to prioritize the nominees varied among the committee but generally revolved around education, teaching and learning. What the applicants were doing in the guild and in the community to further the knowledge of weaving was important, but also for themselves and what they wanted to gain from the conference. The desire to learn more and study some aspect of weaving was very apparent in the selections.

One thing I would like to stress and keep in the forefront of everyone's mind is the use of material and information gathered in workshops. This applies to scholarship recipients as well as to anyone who attends workshops. The use of the information and materials after workshop is a concern. Learning new information, studying new techniques is what the workshops are about; passing on information and resources is where it gets gray. Reproducing the information and disseminating those resources is a potential copyright issue. Take an extra couple of minutes and check with the instructor about their expectations. All instructors are different and have different expectations, please honor those.

*Jean Ann Lavell, Education Chair*

## COMMUNICATION COMMITTEE REPORT

This is my last report to you as ANWG Communications Chair, although I have agreed to continue as webmaster for another two years. I have recommended to the Board that the Communications Chair and Webmaster be separate positions. It has been a pleasure to get to know so many people in the ANWG region and I appreciate the support and assistance many of you have given me during this time. My hope was to be able to improve communications and service to our members during the past two years and I hope we have succeeded.

One indication of success has been the growth of the Yahoo Guild Representatives Group. Two years ago only about one-third of the guild representatives had joined the group; we now have over two-thirds. The Yahoo Group enables the board to get messages and information out more quickly and in-between the tri-annual newsletters. I hope that all guilds will eventually choose to be members of the Yahoo Group so that we can ensure that all guilds have the same level and timeliness of information. In future guild representative selections, the availability of at least email should be a strong consideration in the appointment. At the very least, it is helpful for either the guild representative or the president, if not both, to have email.

Another important item to report on is the success of the re-designed ANWG website that was launched in August 2006. Not only have we had many compliments on the design from within our membership and beyond, but the re-design has meant that the Webmaster (me!) has had to spend a lot less time futzing than I had to do in the past. I have also had to spend a lot less time directing traffic to the proper contacts which means that finding information people need is much easier, more up-to-date and accurate. It even seems possible now that this job can be passed on to someone in the future and it will be relatively easy to update and maintain. The website has been a fun part of my job, especially now. It is a good liaison between our organization and the outside world.

The website averages about 300 visits per day and almost 9,000 per month. The Classified section draws the most visits and about 20% of all page views. Last year, ANWG listed over 300 classified ads. We do not have statistics on what percentage of advertisers were able to sell their items through our site, but I estimate that at

least one-third did. This is based upon feedback from advertisers; some advertisers do not inform us of their success. The Classifieds help new weavers find suitable and affordable looms, allow current weavers to find good homes for ones they no longer need, and for many of us to find looms we did not know we needed but can't resist (one of the hazards of this job, I have found!). And, of course, it is not just looms and weaving equipment but all types of fiber arts equipment, supplies and even fiber animals. So I have no doubt that it helps keep our craft expanding.

Looking forward to seeing you all in Red Deer!

*Linda Davis, Communications Chair*

## MEMBERSHIP GROWS TO 89 GUILDS

Thanks to all of you guilds for rejoining as well as the seven new guilds that joined this year. Individual membership grew in the majority of our member guilds as well indicating a good future for our organization. Please keep spreading, teaching, and demonstrating the fiber arts we hold so dear.

The Chilliwack Spinners and Weavers Guild won the drawing this year for sending their registration before the required date. They chose Sharon Alderman's book Mastering Weave Structures.

I look forward to seeing many of you in Red Deer. In the meantime, if you have any changes in guild representative or I can assist you in anyway, please contact me.

*Linda Shelhamer, Membership Chair*

## TREASURER'S REPORT AS OF FEBRUARY 2, 2007

Checking Account	\$ 7,587.62
Business Money Mkt	\$ 6,091.28
Cert. of Deposit	<u>\$40,594.83</u>
TOTAL	\$54,273.73

*Nadine, Purcell, Treasurer*

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**NOMINEES FOR ANWG OFFICES  
2007-2009**

**Pam Marriott, President**

**Swan Hills, AB**

Fibre and fabric have always been a part of my life. But my interest in weaving was started when I attended Alberta College of Art. Although I was in the commercial art program I did find myself spending a lot of time in the weaving studio soaking it all in. I left college before completing my program but worked in the commercial design field for almost 20 years. I did get into weaving in 1979 through a friend and life changed forever.

During my quest to learn about weaving, dyeing and satisfying my fibre needs I took some week and weekend courses, did a lot of at home education and was lucky enough to attend and complete a diploma in fibre at Grant MacEwan College in Edmonton. To look back and say I have been weaving for almost 30 years is amazing to me. There is still so much to learn.

I love colour, I love structure and I love the challenge. I hate math and am so glad that the computer has made some aspects of this work much easier, as well as the world it has opened up for designing weave structures.

I incorporate my art skills into the dyeing of my fibre with the use of an air brush as well as I want to explore more surface design. I still feel the need to paint and think that this will satisfy that itch.

I am currently the Chair of Wild Fibres, ANWG Conference in Red Deer, Alberta.

**Alison Addicks, First Vice President**

**Eastern WA**

Weaving was a neglected hobby until the sale and my consequent retirement in 1996 from ownership of The Lacemaker. I was a specialty retailer & sole proprietor trading in lacemaking and needle art supplies. I taught and traveled and tended shop, wrote an annual sixty page catalog, hired and fired, and loved every minute.

I am a Pacific Northwest native, a graduate of Whitman College (Class of '73.) In my working life I have also cut asparagus, worked as a telephone operator, and installed telephones for Pacific Northwest Bell (the second woman to be employed in traditionally male-dominated trades by Pac Bell.)

I maintain memberships in the Spokane Handweavers Guild, Cross Border Weavers, the Seattle Weavers

Guild and, of course, the International Old Lace Society. My 2007 New Year's resolution is to use only fiber from my currently still burgeoning stash, and to learn as much as I can about color and weave structure in the process.

My husband and I have three children, one grandson, and live near Lake Roosevelt on fifty acres of glacial till with a cranky German shepherd dog named Wolfgang.

**Donna Faulkes, Secretary**

**Kamloops, BC**

I have been spinning for about 8 years and am currently working on completing my Master Spinners through Olds College in Alberta. I have a great desire to promote all interests in fibre. I love to see what people are designing with fibre. I had the pleasure of volunteering at Convergence 2002 in Vancouver and that is when I knew I had to get even more involved in fibre. I have since volunteered for Convergence 2004 in Denver and was Registration Volunteer Coordinator at Convergence 2006 in Grand Rapids. I was also voted to the HGA Board and serve as Secretary. A friend and I host a spin in weekend each October for 40-50+ people and have a ball. I belong to the Kamloops Spinner's and Weavers and HWGA.

My background is clerical and putting together large Conference and such, so would love to be able to help with my diverse interests and knowledge to open the world of fiber to the world. My husband and I own a farm with 29 llamas near Kamloops, BC.

**Linda Ann Smith, Treasurer**

**Seattle, WA**

I learned to weave 34 years ago in the Baltimore area. I moved back to my home state of Washington after a few years and joined the Seattle Weavers Guild. I was a member of the steering committee for Convergence 1982 as one of the 3 treasurers. I have been treasurer of Seattle Weavers Guild, Arachne Weavers Guild and of the ANWG conference in Tacoma in 2005. I am in a few study groups and three weaver's guilds - Olympia Weavers Guild being the third one. I joined Arachne and Olympia after retiring from Boeing in 1994.

I own a four shaft Dorset loom, an eight shaft Baby Macomber and a sixteen shaft J-Comp loom. I can't decide if I am a structure person or a color person - maybe both. I like the mathematics of weaving but get bored if I don't see new things happening and changing as I am weaving.

**Ladella Williams, Second Vice President****Portland, OR**

The outgoing President automatically fills the position of Second Vice President.

**VOLUNTEERS FOR COMMITTEE CHAIRS**

The following chairs are appointed by the President with consent of the Board:

**Deanna Welsh, Education****Montrose, BC**

I retired to the West Kootenays and am Vice-President of the Selkirk Weavers and Spinners in Castlegar, B.C. This Guild is well established and is situated in the Doukhobor Village Museum. We have a “summer” retail shop for our fiber arts and an ongoing yarn shop which is for Members convenience. I co-chair both the Library Committee and the Programming Committee which led to starting a wonderfully active Study group which meets monthly and does hands on weaving and techniques and has fun. The Education Committee for ANWG is exciting for me and I am eagerly honing up on computer skills. I am looking forward to the Wild Fiber Conference and the ANWG meeting in Red Deer.

**Linda Shelhamer, Membership****Billings, MT**

As an attorney and CPA by Profession, the mother of four, and on-call for elderly parents, I am a part of the “sandwich generation.” After exploring many techniques, my focus is now on projects that, although creative in their development, can be completed when distracted, interrupted, in cars, in hospitals and on airplanes.

Never happy to use other’s yarns or designs, my work is colorful and creative, but also simple and non-stressful in its techniques. A day in the dye kitchen creates many months worth of relaxing projects.

I have been hand spinning, dyeing, knitting, weaving and basket making for over twenty years and a board member of MAWAS, Montana Association of Weavers and Spinners for many years. I am happy to serve another 2 year term as Membership Chairman for ANWG.

**\_\_\_\_\_, Communications**

As you are reading this newsletter, wouldn’t you like to be a part of the organization? We are looking for someone to fill the Communication Chairman position. If you are interested, please email or phone Betty Davenport at davenport@owt.com or (360) 687-3415.

The duties are to gather the material for, prepare and publish the ANWG newsletter, like this one, and to distribute the newsletter to every ANWG member guild three times per year. This is a two year commitment and does not include maintaining the web site.

**Linda Davis, Webmaster****Sisters, OR**

I have been helping maintain the Northwest Weavers website since late 2003, first assisting Wanda Shelp who taught me the basics, and now Wanda assists me. We were fortunate to be able to hire a professional web designer last summer to re-design our website to make it much easier to update and maintain. With over 9,000 visitors per year, our website is of great value to our member guilds and the public at large.

If anyone is interesting in providing website assistance, there are several jobs that do not take a lot of time, special software or knowledge. We can always use help!

**BYLAWS AND STANDING RULES**

The Board of Directors is proposing “housecleaning” changes to the bylaws and standing rules adopted in August 2005. Most of the proposed changes to the ANWG Bylaws and Standing Rules are to take care of grammar, spelling, and presentation errors. There are two changes of note in the Standing Rules: The Member-at-Large Committee (MaL) has been eliminated (Article 5.5). In place of Article 5.5 concerning the MaL Committee, the Conference Committee was added with the Conference Chair becoming a member of the Executive Committee, and the percentage of profits accruing to ANWG set at 20%.

Changes will be voted upon at the AGM in June 2007 in Red Deer, Alberta. A complete set of the Bylaws and Standing Rules, showing proposed changes, are included in this packet.

*Francie Alcorn, Second Vice President*

PRELIMINARY INFORMATION AND INSTRUCTIONS  
FOR THE ASSOCIATION OF NORTHWEST WEAVERS' GUILDS  
ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING, JUNE 14, 2007 RED DEER, ALBERTA

Many of us are familiar with the procedure at the ANWG Annual General Meeting (AGM) and we tend to forget there are new Guild Reps who may not have attended an AGM or an ANWG Conference. As the ANWG conference and AGM moves from area to area, it makes it easier for the more local Guild Reps to attend. Reps from further away may be unable to attend. Hence having the Northwest News as a medium to share information both before and after the AGM is a benefit.

The Bylaws and Standing Rules are specific in the procedures for the AGM. In this newsletter, you will find the Registration and Proxy forms to be returned to Secretary, Joan Cameron, before May 25, 2007. This form tells us that you are the designated Rep for your Guild and that you will be present at the AGM. If you are unable to attend the AGM, an Alternate from your guild should be designated and listed on the form. Both can attend the AGM but each guild has only one vote. If neither a Rep nor Alternate can attend from your guild, you need to designate another guild as proxy and the Proxy form then returned to the ANWG Secretary. Be sure to ask the guild you are designating and ensure that the Rep or Alternate will vote the way you want on those matters that require a vote. You have already received earlier email information that the proxy designation requires the presence of that proxy guild's own official Guild Rep/Alternate. The proxy cannot be simply given to any member of another guild. Each ANWG guild should send in one or the other of the two forms.

**Note: It is not necessary for an ANWG Guild Rep/Alternate to attend the conference in order to attend the ANWG AGM.** The AGM must schedule so there is no conflict between the AGM meeting time and conference activities. Information on housing and meals was provided earlier. Questions? Contact Joan Cameron, Joan\_Cameron@telus.net or Ladella Williams, ladella@teleport.com

The Secretary will check the incoming AGM registrations against the most current list on file provided by Linda Shelhamer, ANWG Membership Chair, to confirm the designated guild representatives. All representatives and alternates are to be paid-up members of their guilds and all guilds in good standing on the ANWG rolls. Any changes need to be up to the minute with the Membership Chair.

All Reps should sign in at least 15 minutes prior to the meeting start time so everyone is ready to start the meeting promptly at 7 p.m. as we must be able to conclude by 8 p.m. Joan Cameron will have developed two lists. Your signature is required on one of these lists to confirm your presence at the AGM for the records. You will receive colored "flag" slips to indicate that you have a vote and also how many proxy votes you may be holding if other guilds have designated you as a proxy. When a vote is called we will request you hold up the slip until the count has been taken.

We are encouraging you to bring along this Newsletter packet because it contains the reports of the various chairs and committees to date. Study the proposed changes to the Bylaws and Standing Rules. Read the biographies of the nominees for office. Include these instructions for the AGM. Please also bring along your most updated copy of the Membership Directory. Again as your Guild's Rep, please advise us immediately of any changes (new Rep, new alternate, new President or your own contact information) so communications from ANWG will be received promptly.

Information prepared by Ladella Williams, President of Association of Northwest Weavers' Guilds

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FOR THE ASSOCIATION OF NORTHWEST WEAVERS' GUILDS  
ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING, JUNE 14, 2007 RED DEER ALBERTA.

Any items for consideration on the AGM agenda must be submitted to the Secretary Joan Cameron in advance of the AGM meeting by May 25, 2007.

**TENTATIVE AGENDA ANWG AGM 2007 June 14, 2007, 7:00 p.m.  
Red Deer College, Red Deer, Alberta, Canada  
Margaret parsons Theatre, Room 1400**

**Meeting called to order at 7:00 p.m. promptly** by Ladella Williams, ANWG President

**Roll Call** by each Guild name: Joan Cameron, ANWG Secretary.

**Introductions:** Listing later.

**Approval of agenda:** Items for discussion must be submitted in advance.

**Approval of Minutes:** Minutes of AGM 2006 read, corrected if needed and approved

**Reports of Officers and acknowledgement of Committee members:**

- President, Ladella Williams
- Secretary, Joan Cameron: AGM registration
- Treasurer, Nadine Purcell: Finance Committee
- Second Vice President, Francie Alcorn, By-Laws and Nominating Committees

**Reports of Committee Chairs:**

- Membership Chair, Linda Shelhamer,
- Education Chair, Jean Ann Lavell re. Scholarships, Grants, Videos/DVDs.  
Education Committee
- Communications Chair, Linda Davis re. Website and Newsletter .
- Member-at-Large, Laura Fry

**Old Business:**

- Scholarship Presentations,
- AGM 2006 Show and Tell acknowledgement
- By-Laws Committee Report and vote.
- Other

**New Business:**

- Nominations Committee report and slate presented and introduced. New officers elected.
- New committee chairs and members introduced.
- Reports from Board Meeting
- Other

**Adjournment by 8:00 p.m.**