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AGM 2008!

The Annual General Meeting of ANWG will be held at Gonzaga University, Spokane, WA on Saturday, July 19, 2008.

The AGM registration form is included in this newsletter.

See page 2 for conference details.

NOTE REGARDING REGULAR ANWG BOARD MEETING MINUTES

Copies of regular ANWG board meetings will be made available on the website once they are approved. If you are unable to access them yourself, please contact our secretary, Donna Faulkes, at 253-874-2351 or chblma@telus.net

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Pamela Marriott has resigned from her position as president of the ANWG board. Below is the complete text of her resignation letter to the board. Her service was greatly appreciated and she will be sorely missed. We wish her only the very best as she fulfills her responsibilities to her family.

According to the ANWG By-Laws, with the resignation of the President, the First Vice President, Alison Addicks, will serve out the remainder of the current President's term. Second Vice President, Ladella Williams, will now serve as First Vice President. (The term expires at the AGM 2009 during the Weaving Waves of Color ANWG Conference.) The Second Vice President's position will remain vacant until the next regularly scheduled elections in 2009, when a new President and First Vice President will be elected.

Contact information for the entire ANWG Board may be found on the website at: <http://www.northwestweavers.org/BoardMembers.htm>.

Be assured that the Board is actively pursuing ANWG's mission to aid and encourage current and prospective Handweavers in the general art and craft of hand-weaving as a technical and artistic endeavor.

Please do not hesitate to contact me personally if you have any questions or concerns,

Alison Addicks
President, ANWG

To the ANWG Board,

This has been a rough time again for me. My parent health issues continue to run my life. My dad now has to have hip replacement surgery and they want to go into his shoulder again. It was replaced 2 years ago but is frozen. My mother is not capable of helping with the recovery time dad will need. Her Alzheimer's moves along in this unrelenting road to hell..

I need to simplify my life to be able to be available to my parents. So, I am going to resign as chair of ANWG. I am also stepping down from HWSDA and all other extra curricular activities I am involved with at this time. I can manage my day job and my parents; I just can not add anything else to the mix at this time.

I am so very sorry. I am a better person when it comes to commitments but my time at ANWG has been very frustrating for me since you were not getting the best of me. The current team is strong and focused and I have total confidence that you will move forward

Sincerely,
Pamela Marriott

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ANWG AGM 2008

The annual general meeting of ANWG will be held at Gonzaga University, Spokane, WA on Saturday, July 19, 2008. The meeting is scheduled to begin at 9 a.m. in the WA-CA room in the COG (Bookstore/Cafeteria) Building. See www.gonzaga.edu for a campus map. Directional signs will be posted; parking is available in front of the Gonzaga Administration Building off Sharp Street, the COG (Desmet and Hamilton Streets), and south of Martin Field House. Lunch is courtesy of ANWG for pre-registered ANWG Guild representatives.

Overnight housing at Gonzaga University is available (single rooms, apartment style dormitory with linens) at a cost of \$30 per night. Kitchens with microwave, refrigerator, and range are available in the dorm: dishware, pots and pans are not provided. Delicious and inexpensive meals are available in Gonzaga's COG cafeteria, just pay cash at the door. Pre-registration for overnight housing is required (please see form included in this newsletter.) Please send your check and room reservation form to the ANWG Treasurer, Linda Ann Smith.

Participants can opt for two nights on campus; plan a weekend outing! Bring your bike and enjoy the Centennial Trail, take a ride on the Antique Carousel, or a stroll along the Spokane River. It's an easy walk to downtown Spokane's restaurants, movie theatres, play houses, and major retail stores from the Gonzaga campus.

Room reservation deadline: June 1, 2008.

WEAVEZINE

Check out the new 'Weavezine' edited by Syne Mitchell of the Seattle Guild!

http://www.weavezine.com/spring2008/wz_sp08_Contents.php

ANWG NEWS

Dorothy Day has been appointed the Chair of the ANWG Finance Committee. (See address and other information listed in the right-hand column of the opposite page.)

Dorothy Day is the President of the Seattle Weavers' Guild and I am delighted that she has agreed to serve as Chair for the ANWG Finance Committee. The Finance Committee is charged with the overall responsibility for budgets and financial records for ANWG, and I look forward to working with Dorothy on these topics as we gear up for the Weaving Waves of Color Conference 2009 at Gonzaga University in Spokane, WA.

Alison Addicks
 ANWG President



“WEAVING WAVES OF COLOR”

Greetings
from your
Guild Booth Chairperson

Sandi Goede

I was unable to attend the ANWG Conference at Red Deer this year but I recently saw a CD of the guild booths from the Conference and those pictures really got me excited about the upcoming 2009 Conference.

Let me introduce myself...my name is Sandi Goede and I am the
Guild Booth Chair for

2009 ANWG Conference
“*Weaving Waves of Color*”

May 28-31 (conference)
June 1-3 (post-conference workshops)

Gonzaga University
Spokane, Washington

Our colors are **Primary and Secondary**

Red represents the old red barns that dot the landscape in Eastern Washington,

Yellow for the fields of waving grain,

Blue for the swift running rivers, the peaceful lakes and the clear blue sky,

Orange for the wild flowers,

Green for the majestic conifers,

Purple represents the lilac.

Spokane is known as the Lilac City

Join us in 2009!

Have your guild represented with a booth at the conference.

It's not too early for your guild to start planning the design for your booth!

All booths will be in the same facility with pipe and drape background.

For more details or to make your Guild Booth reservation, please contact

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Get Excited and Get Started!!!

We Want To See YOU
In
2009

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ANWG 2009 CALL FOR PROPOSALS

February 15, 2008

Dear Artists, Weavers, Teachers,

The Handweavers' Guild of Spokane, Washington is soliciting proposals from teachers, weavers and artists for the 2009 Conference of the Association of Northwest Weavers' Guilds to be held May 28 - May 31, 2009 (post conference workshops will run June 1 - 3, 2009.) The conference will be held on the campus of Gonzaga University. We invite proposals for seminars and workshops.

The conference will provide instruction fees, transportation to and from Spokane, provide meals and lodging, and of course, conference registration. We expect between 300 and 500 participants. Participants will be registering for three half-day seminar sessions and optional post conference workshops of one, two, or three days in length.

We will be offering a range of teaching options. You could plan your seminar for a two - three hour half-day session, a full day, or a day and one-half session. At the conclusion of the conference, there will be one, two and three day workshops. We encourage you to prepare for a seminar or two and a workshop as a stand alone or a follow-on activity.

To respond to this request for proposals, please submit *via e-mail* a Microsoft Word, Word Perfect or Rich Text Format (rtf) document describing your proposed seminar(s) and/or workshop, the length (half-day, full-day, day and one-half seminars; one-day, two-day, or three day workshops), the expected instructor's fee and the type of space or facility needed. Please include visuals: .jpps or photographs of proposed projects and your recent work. Hard copies of proposals may be submitted to me at my home address: 704 W. Cleveland Avenue, Spokane, Washington 99205-3246.

Our conference theme is "Weaving Waves of Color" and the conference will feature an instructor's trunk show. Check out the Gonzaga campus at www.gonzaga.edu.

I look forward to your response.

Sincerely,

Victoria Leuba
Chair, Education Committee
ANWG 2009
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ANWG 2009 TOTE BAG CONTRIBUTIONS WANTED!

Get *your* Guild represented in the "goody bag" for ANWG 2009. No item is too small or too big. Pens, pencils, book markers, gum, chocolate. You name it - we'll put it in the goody bags!

Please get your items to me by April 1, 2009. NO KIDDING! If I receive them later, be prepared to help stuff the bags! Please LABEL everything with your Guild name so all participants will know that your Guild donated the item.

Any questions? Please call 509-624-8058. (Sorry my computer is down!)

Please mail all items to:

Kathy Conway
523 W 16th
Spokane, WA 99203

GUILD SCHOLARSHIPS FOR 2008

Queen City Fiber Hearts

Clancy, MT (Contact - Annette Cade)
 – Jean Scorgie will be teaching ‘Summer and Winter Pick Up’ with inspiration from Nature and complimentary plain weave.

Columbia Fibres Guild

Bay City, MI (Contact - Judy Lambert)
 – A three day workshop with JoAnn Bacholder teaching with diaper and dimity samples

Portland Handweavers Guild

Portland, OR (Contact – Ladella Williams)
 – Jannie Taylor will present a workshop on ‘structure and design,’ a lecture on ‘drafting and design’ and a day meeting on “color and weave as a colonial touch”.

Saturday Weavers

Medford, OR (Contact - Lin Roden)
 – Loom controlled lace by Jannie Taylor and supplements to the library to replace some of the classic books.

Methow Valley Spinners and Weavers Guild

Twisp, WA (Contact - Kay Rieber)
 – Alison Irwin is giving a two day workshop. Alison is creating a brand new workshop for their range of expertise.

Spokane Weavers

Spokane, WA (Contact - Dian Zahner)
 – Anita Mayer workshop for a group of 20

Rogue Valley Handweavers Guild

Ashland, OR (Contact - Nadine Purcell)
 – Guild needs a table loom for new weavers and guild members for workshops and public demonstrations of weaving/fiber arts.

Arachne Guild

Des Moines, WA (Contact - Pam Brim-Williams)
 – A one day workshop to “bridge the gap between their beginners and the experienced in their group.

Central Oregon Spinners and Weavers Guild

Bend, OR (Contact - Anita Sanford)
 – Pat Petrie will be giving a three day workshop

West Coast Weavers

Port Alberni, BC (Contact - Vivienne Wilson)
 – Workshop on shibori with Elaine Duncan and purchase of the book Woven Shibori by Catherine Ellis to complement.

Threadbenders Guild

Baker City, OR (Contact - Barbara Taylor)
 – A three day wild-crafted basketry workshop with instructor Phyllis Mueller.

Deanna Welsh, Education Chair

CONFERENCE YEAR SCHOLARSHIPS

ANWG is offering 10 scholarships toward the attendance to Weaving Waves of Color held in Spokane, WA. 2009. In addition to 10 scholarships, three alternates will also be identified from the applicant pool. IF the selected nominee is unable to attend, that slot will go to the alternate selected.

Guilds will nominate one person and submit the name with a letter of reference, the nominee will also submit a letter stating why they should be selected.

The Education committee will review nominations and the selections will be awarded Jan. 15/09. Guild reps will be notified of the selections by letter. Conference registration is expected to start in Jan/Feb. of 09.

A conference scholarship will equal the Conference registration fee (to a maximum of \$400). The conference registration fee for ANWG 2009 Weaving Waves of Color has not yet been announced. (The registration fee for the conference does not include post-conference workshops or tours.)

Conference scholarship applications allows any ANWG member who has not won in the previous 6 (six) years.

The Education Committee’s criteria for scholarship awards includes an expression of financial need – not evidence, but a simple expression of need for funds to enable the candidate to attend the conference.

Applicant should be an active and supportive member of their guild. The criteria could be: holding a guild office, helping with workshops, helping with guild library and/or public instructions weaving. The above is what holds a guild together.

A scholarship winner MUST write a report to the ANWG Education committee as evidence of their continued guild activity and show the ANWG money was well spent.

Scholarship applications should be made by one page email to ANWG Education Committee chair, Deanna Welsh at deannawelsh@shaw.ca.

A NOTE OF THANKS

January 30, 2008

Threadbenders Guild held their Wild Willow Basketry Workshop on January 19 and 20, 2008. The workshop, originally planned for two days, was changed to two one-day workshops to better accommodate the number of people who wanted to take the workshop, and to enable the instructor to provide more individual attention. Twelve people, eleven guild members and the husband of one member, took the workshop, six each day. The weather was not conducive to actually collecting basketry materials, so nothing was lost in this change, and more people were accommodated.

The instructor, Phyllis Mueller, first studied basketry in 1990 from Bobbi Harris, head of the Montana Basket Guild, at Hands of the Beauty Way, a camp organized by Brooke medicine Eagle of Crow/Metis descent. Phyllis explained to the group how the Indians would carefully collect the willow, respecting the life of the tree by giving back something – tobacco, cornmeal, hair, or other organic matter laid at the foot of the tree. She sang for us a collecting song she learned from her teacher. She demonstrated how the branches were cut and sorted by size for use in baskets.

Phyllis taught us how to make a German-style, "separate-bottom" basket. We started with six spokes

and twined around them to the desired sized. We then inserted rods beside each spoke and bent them up to act as a base for twining the sides. Before beginning the twining, we wove a three rod wale to strengthen the base. As we twined the sides, we could change colors. Phyllis had brought several species of willow, mountain red maple, and red-osier dogwood which gave us different color choices. After reaching the desired size, we learned how to turn the edges for a finished look. The final task was to make the handle which could be done in either a "rope" (smooth) style or "wild woody" (rough) style.

Throughout the workshop Phyllis told us which techniques she learned from various teachers and books, as well as features she had experimented with on her own; giving credit to others and making us aware of their contributions gives our individual baskets more of a history.

Guild members learned enough basics in this class to continue to experiment with different types of baskets. We also developed enough skills to share with guild members who were not able to take the class. We very much appreciate the grant from ANWG which made this workshop possible.

Barbara Taylor
Threadbenders Guild

COMING EVENTS

Laura Fry Seminars

Laura Fry will be presenting two seminars in Duncan (halfway between Victoria and Nanaimo) on Wednesday, April 16. Her fabulous information about wet finishing, "Magic in the Water", will be shared from 10am to 1pm. In the afternoon (2pm to 5pm) Laura will help us discover "A Perfect Yarn".

Cost is still being determined, but the more people the less the cost! Anyone who is interested, should email Dawn Sare at dsare@redshift.com.

MAWS Conference

Brochures will hit the mail soon for the MAWS conference, held in Helena, MT June 19-June 22.

Featured teachers include Jean Scorgie from Weavers Craft, Jane Fournier master spinner, Donna Crispin basket-maker and Janet Szabo Aran knitter, plus many more. If you would like to receive a brochure, please send me your snail mail address.

P.S. Thank you ANWG for the guild grant that is helping to make this possible.

Linda Shelhamer
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COMING EVENTS (CONTINUED)

WEAVING GUILDS OF OREGON TRAVELING EXHIBIT

March-April 2008	Multnomah Arts Center Portland, OR
May-June 2008	Art Adventure Gallery Madras, OR
July 2008	RCC Firehouse Gallery Grants Pass, OR
Aug 2008	Klamath Falls, OR
Sept. 2008	Brookings, OR

THE HIGH DESERT WOOL GROWERS

March 29 10:00 AM – 4:00 PM
Crook County Fairgrounds, OR
– 11th annual fiber market day, featuring fiber sales, demonstrations, food and animals.

Contact: tumblecreekfarm@juno.com

COLUMBIA ALPACA BREEDERS ASSOC.

May 2 – 4, 2008
Metro Expo Center, Portland, OR
– Alpaca halter and fleece show.
Contact: <http://www.cabaclassic.org>

14TH ANNUAL SNAKE RIVER FIBER FAIR

May 16–18, 2008
Eastern Idaho Technical College, Idaho Falls
– Weaving, spinning, dyeing, felting, knitting, rug hooking, beading and basketry classes. Sponsored by the Weaving, Spinning and Fiber Arts Guild of Idaho Falls.
Contact: www.snakeriverweaversandspINNERS.org, or email fiberfun@lazypj.myrf.net or call 208-522-1337.

NW REGIONAL SPINNERS ASSOCIATION ANNUAL CONFERENCE

June 5–8, 2008
Willamette University, Salem, OR
Contact: www.nwrsa.org

"COLOR MIXING FOR DYERS I" WITH CAROL SODERLUND

September 17-21, 2008
Glacier Camp in beautiful Lakeside, Montana.

Dye the color you choose, not the color that chooses you! Explore the unlimited number of hues possible by mixing only pure reds, yellows, and blues of Procion MX dye.

Each student will build a sample book of more than 1,000 dye formulas on 100% cotton fabric. This book will become an invaluable reference for future dyeing.

Carol Soderlund, award winning quilt artist, will teach this popular class. Workshop will be hosted by Kathy Regier, weaver, of Trout Creek, MT. All the details are available at www.sophiacenterofmontana.com or call Kathy at (406) 827-3978.

BLACK SHEEP GATHERING

June 20– 22, 2008
Lane County Fairgrounds, Eugene, OR
Contact: www.blacksheepgathering.org

SHANIKO WOOL GATHERING

Sept. 6–7, 2008
Weaver's Workshop Museum, Shaniko, OR
Contact: <http://shanikowoolgathering.com/page2.html>

OREGON FLOCK & FIBER FESTIVAL

Sept. 26–28, 2008
Clackamas County Fairgrounds, Canby, OR.
Contact: www.flockandfiberfestival.com

ANWG 2011

Weaving Guilds of Oregon (WeGo) has offered to host the 2011 ANWG Conference, and their bid has been accepted. WeGo is actively working to find a suitable location. More details to come in future newsletters!

SHOW AND SHARE CONTEST TRADITION CONTINUES AT THE 2008 AGM

Weavers and fiber artists get inspiration from many sources. Seeing work done by others does truly inspire future projects. Thus, the Show and Share activity at the ANWG off-conference year AGM is always a remarkable sight. In the past displays, there has been an amazing range of fiber work from exotic garments to household items, to detailed pictures made by felting a rainbow of colors. At the 2008 AGM, we are arranging to hold a Show and Share contest again.

Each Guild Rep is invited to bring to the 2008 AGM an example of special work done by a member of their guild. The contest will seek the Best Overall, Best Use of Color, Best in Complexity and Interlacement, Most Fun/Most Innovative and Best Other Technique (not woven). Each winner will receive a Certificate of Award and acknowledgement in the ANWG NW News.

Along with the special items, the Guild Reps should bring the details of technique used, weaving draft, pattern, types of fibers used, sett, etc. as well as the source of inspiration for the artist. A printed form on which to record the details will be available in the next NW News. Simply fill out this form and attach to the Show and Share submission prior to the AGM. The items are to be coded upon receipt at the AGM with an anonymous number and the form will be displayed next to the item on view. Each of the Reps present will have one judging slip on which to check their vote choices. Voting is to conclude at a time to be announced later when the names of the artists and their Guild Association are revealed. The winning certificates will be presented before the close of the AGM.

We want the Guild Reps to go home very enthusiastic about the new weave structures they have seen, the inspiring color combinations and that special item made for a special event or person. In addition, to present to their Guild member their special certificate should it be awarded. We want the Guild Reps to fire up their Guild members to work on exhibit items for the next Conference at Spokane and to plan those awesome Guild booths. Everyone has so many wonderful items to share so let's just do it! See you in Spokane at the 2008 AGM. Ladella Williams as ANWG 1st VP. Questions? Contact Ladella at ladella@teleport.com

Note: We are all so very sorry that Pam Marriott is unable to continue as ANWG President, but she has made the best decision for her family and for herself. We will miss her guidance. Sending her our love and wish her well in dealing with her family situations. Ladella

FIBERHEARTS GUILD OUTREACH AWARD HANDWOVEN MAGAZINE

Guilds comprise an organizational network that is beautifully positioned to reach out to new weavers and help sustain the craft. To encourage these important activities, *Handwoven* will award two \$500 awards, one to a large guild (75 or more members) and one small guild (less than 75 members) that demonstrate outstanding outreach and support programs that create new weavers. This is the third year *Handwoven* is pleased to welcome its industry partners, who have joined the program to broaden the reach of the FiberHearts award. In addition to the two \$500 cash awards sponsored by *Handwoven*, industry sponsors will provide equipment and supplies to those guilds that demonstrate a need for portable equipment such as frame, inkle, and table looms and supplies for using them. This year's partners are: **Bountiful, Gilmore Looms, Golding, Good Wood Looms, Halcyon Yarn, Kessenic, Louet, Montana, Jonathan Seidel, Schacht & Spindle Company, Weaving for Life.**

The winning guilds will also have their programs featured in *Handwoven*. All applicants will receive a copy of *Mastering Weave Structures* by Sharon Alderman.

Worksheet and application information available at <http://www.interweave.com/weave/events/exhibits/fiberhearts.asp>