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ANWG AGM 2008

The annual general meeting of ANWG will be held at Gonzaga University, COG Building, WA-CA Room on Saturday, July 19, 2008. The meeting will commence at 10 a.m.

A catered lunch provided by ANWG will be served to pre-registered ANWG Guild representatives. Registration for the meeting is required: forms will be made available on the ANWG website and in the spring 2008 ANWG newsletter.

Overnight housing at Gonzaga is available (single rooms, apartment style dormitory with linens) at a cost of \$30 per night. All rooms are air-conditioned. Pre-registration is required: the registration forms will be available in the Spring newsletter and on the web site.

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Welcome to Fall everyone. My life has not slowed down one bit since the Wild Fibres Conference in June at wonderful Red Deer College. Although the event is over, the work continues on with wrap up. My regular life now includes a run for the mayoral post in our municipal elections in October; settling my daughter at college in the city for her second year and becoming a couple again with my husband of 21 years.



ANWG President Pamela Marriott

Of course ANWG is busy. We are working on a budget, putting together a set of policies and settling in as a mostly new board. We are prioritizing the goal of ANWG to provide educational opportunities with expansion of that definition for both guilds and individuals. More news on that further in this newsletter.

Alison Addicks and her conference committee are hard at work. The AGM for 2008 will be held at the conference 2009 location, Gonzaga University, Spokane Washington. We will get to see first hand all that the university and Spokane has to offer!

The leaves are turning where I live, but we have yet to have a killing frost. I look forward to the winter.

Perhaps I can settle in to a routine that includes time in my fibre studio. Please do not hesitate to contact me with questions, comments, concerns or inspirations. If I can not answer you right away I will direct you to someone who can.

Peace.

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GUILD ACTIONS NEEDED

TIME TO JOIN FOR 2008

Memberships Due October 31!

See more details on Page 5.

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**WEAVING WAVES OF COLOR
 MAY/JUNE 2009**

Excitement rules here at the Spokane Weavers' Guild. We are gearing up for "Weaving Waves of Color " in 2009. Our September 11 guild meeting will be held at Gonzaga University, the site of the 2009 conference. Members can eat in the cafeteria and take a short tour of the campus before our regular meeting.

While we still need volunteers for positions, some very important places have been spoken for. Mimi Anderson has agreed to chair the Fashion Show. A steering committee meeting is scheduled for September 15. At that time many more pieces will have been put into place.

Spokane Handweavers' Guild is accepting proposals for "Weaving Waves of Color" ANWG Conference and post-conference workshops May 28-31, June 1-3, 2009 at Gonzaga University in Spokane, WA. For proposal guidelines e-mail Education Chair: Victoria Leuba, 704 W. Cleveland Ave, Spokane, WA 99205 vleuba@comcast.net Deadline: July 1, 2008.

EDUCATION COMMITTEE REPORT

The Education Committee has sent out two letters requesting applications for workshop grants for 2008. The interest in workshops is out there and guilds should be talking them up now.

We are waiting for the applications to start arriving. We are all set. If you have any questions please contact Deanna Welsh at deannawelsh@shaw.ca

Video requests are slow but guilds and/or guild members can activate the ANWG video library listing at <http://www.northwestweavers.org/Video.htm>. This site has a listing of videos and instructions for your use. The instructions are very simple to follow.

Deanna Welsh
 Education Chair

A LETTER FROM BARBARA TAYLOR RECIPIENT OF AN ANWG SCHOLARSHIP

ANWG Committee Chairs

I thought I knew how I was going to weave my next project. Now I don't know. My head is full of possibilities and new challenges gained from fabulous instructors and stimulating conversation with other weavers.

The conference workshops head my list of WOW events at the conference. In "Principles of Color and Design" with Jane Stafford, I picked up many great tips on sett and balanced weaves, in addition to color and design. I had often wondered how weavers planned the design of plaids. Now with a greater understanding of the Fibonacci sequence, I know where that comes from and how to use it myself. Laura Fry in "Focus on Lace Weaves" taught me the skills I need to know to move forward with the lace weave curtains I had been planning. She also clarified profile drafts for me. Jane Verrall showed me endless possibilities with the beautiful shadow weave. I didn't realize how many there were on just 4 shafts.

My only disappointment in the conference was that the post-conference workshop "Variations in Overshot" was cancelled. However, I learned so much about weave structures from Laura Fry's "Mug Rugs and More" that the disappointment soon disappeared. From this round-robin workshop, I collected ten samples, any one of which could go into that next weaving project. She also covered appropriate finishing techniques on the various structures. And again, there were little tips and techniques that make weaving easier. Since I've been home and had a chance to browse Laura's website, I look forward to more contact with her.

Special events were not only fun, but informative of themselves. Anita Luvera Mayer was a truly inspirational speaker. The shows were packed with ideas, some beyond the scope of my 4 harness loom, but not all. The Buffalo BBQ was not only tasty, but, again, the fashion show carried its own inspirations. At the bath towel parade at the Sunday brunch, I was surprised to see Chris Tomaschuk's Edwards tartan. As an Edwards, I have plans to weave the Edwards tartan, also. It has been fun to exchange ideas with her, even after arriving home.

Too soon, it was all over. Now it is time to put it all to use. Our guild plans our yearly schedule at the September meeting. With what I have learned plus the information that our other guild attendees have brought home, I look forward to a busy and informative weaving year.

My deepest thanks to Pam Marriott and her Wild Fibers committee for all the strenuous work they put into this conference to make it a huge success. My thanks, also, to Ladella, Jean and the rest of the selection committee for awarding this scholarship to me. I am already looking forward to 2009, even though I will have to take some advice from Anita Mayer and say "No" to one of my annual volunteer projects.

Sincerely,

Barbara Taylor

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ANWG ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING UNAPPROVED MINUTES – JUNE 14, 2007

The Annual General Meeting of the Association of Northwest Weavers Guilds was held at Red Deer College in Red Deer, AB, Canada. The meeting was called to order by President Ladella Williams at 7:10 PM.

Board members present - Ladella Williams, Francie Alcorn, Jean Lavell, Joan Cameron, Nadine Purcell, Linda Shelhamer and Linda Davis.

Roll Call - 70 member guilds were represented.

Minutes of the ANWG 2006 AGM were read by Secretary Joan Cameron.

Pam Marriott moved and Pat Spark seconded the motion that the minutes are to be accepted as read.

Treasurer's report by Nadine Purcell will be in the next newsletter.

Membership report - Linda Shelhamer

At present we have 91 guilds and 3751 members.

Scholarship awards were presented and will be published in the newsletter.

Francie Alcorn presented the changes to the Bylaws/ Standing Rules and as recommended by the board 20% of the conference revenue after expenses will go to ANWG.

Member At Large committee and Chairperson position will be discontinued, as it was not workable.

Fiscal records are to be examined biennially by an independent licensed accountant.

Pat Sparks moved that the changes to the Bylaws/ Standing Rules be accepted.

Jane Evans second.
Yes - 64 No - 6
Motion passed.

Election of officers:

Pam Marriott - President
Alison Addicks 1st Vice President
Donna Faulkes - Secretary
Linda Ann Smith - Treasurer
Ladella Williams - 2nd Vice President

Appointed:

Deanna Welsh - Education
Linda Shelhamer - Membership
Linda Davis - Webmaster
Kate Loomis - Newsletter
Carolyn Wostenberg - Communication

Sarah Bradford moved the nominees be accepted.

Joy Winther seconded.
Yes - 68
Motion passed.

Ladella Williams thanked Wild Fibers Chairperson Pam Marriott and her committee and HWSDA president Jean Curry for their hospitality and hosting the 2007 Conference and arranging the ANWG AGM.

Wanda Shelp announced the time for the Complex Weavers meeting.

Daryl Rees announced that 2009 is International Fibre year.

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 who will mail a copy to you.

MEMBERSHIP JOIN FOR 2008

Win a fiber arts book or DVD!

Dues are due **October 31, 2007**. Membership entitles guilds to rent books, videos, and DVDs, grants to guilds for speakers or workshops, guild contacts lists for almost 100 guilds. In addition each guild has its own web page on our website and an opportunity to post workshops and other information.

Join by October 31, 2007, and we will enter your guild into the drawing for a \$50 gift certificate for the fiber arts book or DVD of your choice.

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 grew in 2007 to 91 guilds. Help us to reach out to more guilds and individuals and spread the news.

Join us now and make sure your guild has access to weaving, spinning, dyeing, and other fiber arts news and education opportunities in Alberta, British Columbia, Northwest Territories, Saskatchewan, Yukon, Alaska, Idaho, Montana, Oregon, Washington and Wyoming. Contact me if you have any questions or if you know of guilds that could benefit from ANWG membership.

Linda Shelhamer
Membership Chair

Wild Critters Picnic – Spokane Guild booth



COMMUNICATION COMMITTEE REPORT

I have been appointed to fill the Communications Chair position, but at this time I am still trying to figure out what that means. Some of the people who worked in this position before me have done a wonderful job of setting up the procedures that are now used, and things seem to be running smoothly. Some of the guilds have started emailing their newsletters to me at lwostenb@rtconnect.net. If your group only sends out a paper copy of your newsletter I can be reached at 1297 Airport Rd., Worland, WY 82401. I would be glad to hear from you.

Linda Davis will continue to be webmaster, so if your guild has some changes that need to be made on the website you can contact her at webweaver@bendbroadband.com. The ANWG website has a page for each member guild. Check your page at least once a year to make sure the information is current. Each guild is encouraged to have at least one email contact, either on its web page or the Guild Index page. Many people are contacting guilds when they move, learn to weave, are looking for local resources, etc.. Having this direct contact is very important. If you don't see "email" by your name, it means we have not received permission from you to add your email link.

I look forward to getting to know the people that are part of the many guilds which comprise ANWG. If you have ideas or suggestions, please send them to us.

Carolyn Wostenberg
Communications Chair

CHANGES TO BYLAWS AND STANDING RULES

At the June 14 AGM, held at the Wild Fibres Conference in Red Deer Alberta, some changes and corrections were approved to the Bylaws and Standing Rules. A copy of these documents will be sent to all ANWG Guild Reps with the Winter issue of the newsletter. In the meantime, copies will also be placed on the website in October when our webmaster is back from her travels. If you have any questions please do not hesitate to contact me.

Pamela Marriott

ANWG TREASURER'S REPORT

JULY 1, 2006 - JUNE 30, 2007

INCOME AND EXPENSE REPORT

INCOME

Conference income (CMCY2005)	2,358.89	
Dues (Memberships)	3,761.00	
Interest income	1,956.21	
TOTAL INCOME		8,076.10

EXPENSE

Bank charges	10.50	10.50	
Committee Expense			
Communication			
Newsletter	955.83		
Website	3,500.00		
Education			
Conference Scholarships	2,200.00		
Video Library	69.94		
Membership	520.33		
Total Committee Expense		7,245.99	
Legal & Professional	50.00		
Licenses and Dues	10.00	10.00	
Meeting Expense			
Meeting Expense - Other	12.60		
Travel, Accom., meals	1,777.04		
Total Meeting Expense		1,789.64	
TOTAL EXPENSE			9,106.13
NET INCOME			(1,030.03)

ASSETS as of June 30, 2007

Checking/Savings			
ANWG CD	41,455.17		
Business Money Market	6,110.12		
WaMu Checking	3,379.07		
Total Checking/Savings			50,944.36
Conference Loans			
Total Outstanding Loans			3,500.00

ANWG WEBSITE USE

JUNE 30, 2006 – JULY 1, 2007

Linda Davis, Webmaster

ANWG has had a website for over 5 years now. The website continues to be a major source of fiber art-related information within our region. Our web host, Earthlink, maintains site statistics that provide us with data concerning the amount of use and what parts of the website have the most visitors.

During the past fiscal year we had 101,830 visitors to the website, and a total of 174,419 page views. This represents an average of 278 visitors and 476 page views per day. Typically, a visitor enters the site through the Home Page and then navigates to another page or pages; therefore, the number of page views is higher than the total visitors. Others who visit the site often, such as those checking classified ads, may bookmark that page and go directly to it without entering the site through the Home Page. And, of course, there is no way to know how many visitors are repeat visitors vs. new visitors.

After the Home Page, the page that has the highest number of visitors is the Classifieds Page, which had 17,112 page views, almost 47 per day on average. We number ads based on the calendar year rather than the fiscal year. In 2006 we placed 300 classified ads and as of August 31, 2007, we had placed 160, indicating it may be running a little behind 2006.

Last year I presented a detailed list of the number of page views/visitors to each guild's web pages. This listing is available again on the Yahoo Guild Representatives website. An examination of the page views indicates that there has been a 44% drop in total visits to individual guild pages. Only four guilds showed an increase in visitors. The number of visitors for the year per guild ranged from 93 to 1,113. It will take another year of statistics to determine any trends here. However, there may be logical explanations for at least some of the drop in visitors for individual guilds:

A number of guilds have developed their own web sites and may no longer rely to the same extent on their ANWG web page to disseminate information to their members or the general public. In fact, some guilds do not have pages on the website but instead, the link on the Index page goes directly to the guild's own website.

The re-design has made the website easier to navigate and less confusing. It is possible that there were a certain number of visitors in the past who entered various

guild pages by mistake (however, probably a fairly small number).

Many of the guild pages are not kept up-to-date by the member guilds, or the information is of such a general nature that people do not find it necessary to return to them after seeing them one time.

Some other interesting statistics from the website report:

3,908 visitors accessed the Events page; this was the third most visited page on the website after the Home Page and Classified Page

3,297 visitors accessed the Guild Index pages

2,152 visitors accessed the page that lists Supplier of classes and instruction

1,699 visitors accessed the page that lists Workshop leaders

Probably the most noticeable change for me, the webmaster, since the re-design of the site a year ago, has been the drop in inquiries from people who were unable to find what they were looking for, such as a particular guild. I only rarely receive messages of this type any more. We now have a Contact page that easily identifies where particular questions should go and this has helped significantly. Almost 800 people accessed this page.

We want to continue to make the website responsive to the needs of the organization and its members. Please pass along any ideas you have. And we can always use volunteers. Please pass along this Wanted notice to your membership.

WANTED: Volunteer Website Assistant. The ANWG website Webmaster could use help in maintaining the website www.northwestweavers.org. The duties are flexible and DO NOT require knowledge or experience of website development or maintenance or any special software or training. All that is required is access to the Internet and email. Example of duties would include annually contacting suppliers and workshop leaders on the web pages to ensure their listings are current, tracking and forwarding events for the Events Page, and helping identify other areas of the website that need updating or changing. Please contact Linda Davis, Webmaster, at webweaver@bendbroadband.com



Please check out the website of the Hand Weavers, Spinners and Dyers of Alberta for great coverage of the Wild Fibres conference!

http://www.hwsda.org/conferences/2007_anwg

LETTER FROM WILD FIBRES CONFERENCE CHAIR PAMELA MARRIOT

Well "Wild Fibres" has come and gone for most. Although myself and my treasurer are still in wrap up mode to set this conference to bed.

The conference was attended by 315 conference registrants who took part in seminars and workshops by 26 teachers and spent all their hard earned money with the 30 vendors that filled out the vendor fair. The gallery and guild booth shows had lots of entrees and showed off the incredible talent pool in the guilds that are ANWG members.

The food was unbelievable. One woman told me it was like being on a cruise ship. I have to say, the caterers outdid themselves, from breakfasts in the morning, to a buffalo BBQ Saturday night, to a send off Sunday brunch that left you nice and full for the long trip home.

A full reporting will be submitted to ANWG later this fall, but I just wanted to let everyone know that we did it! HWSDA was very happy to see this through and reestablish close bonds with ANWG again. WE know how to throw a party up here and since the conference I have received many calls and emails thanking our committee for their work. For many this conference reinvigorated their love of fibre. That makes it all worth it to me.

Pamela Marriot

CONGRATULATIONS ANWG SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS!

Alison Addicks – Spokane Weavers Guild
 Barbara Taylor – Threadbenders guild
 Carol Funnell – Chilliwack Spinners and Weavers
 Chris MacKenzie – Ponderosa Spinners Weavers and Fiber Artists
 Cheryl Young –
 Deanna Welsh – Selkirk Spinners and Weavers Guild
 Jolene Northup – Central Oregon Spinners and Weavers Guild
 June Jacobs – Saskatoon Spinners and Weavers Guild
 Patti Kreider – Whidbey Island
 Rob Kolen – Greater Vancouver Weavers and Spinners Guild
Alternates:
 Jen Black –Edmonton Croft Weavers
 Marvelyn Albert – Hand Weavers, Spinners and Dyers of Alberta
 Leanna Streit - Portland Hand Weavers

CONFERENCE FASHION SHOW AWARDS

HWSDA Award of Excellence - Mimi Anderson, Tacoma WA
 Red Coat
 HWSDA Award of Excellence - Rose Jurisich, Lethbridge, AB
 Wool/alpaca felted coat
 Virginia Harvey Award (Seattle Weaver's Guild) for best use of color and design - Elizabeth Ellis-Bassett, Calgary, AB
 Tapestry Coat
 HWSDA Classic Function Fashion Award -
 Lillian Young, Pullman, WA
 "From Runner to Robe"

CONFERENCE GUILD BOOTH AWARDS

Best Use of Color - "2 Dye For", Puyallup, WA
 "Inspired Fiber, Fresh from the Market"
 Best Use of Theme (tied)-
 Greater Vancouver Weavers and Spinners Guild
 and Lethbridge Guild
 Best Use of Wild Fibers - Victoria Handweavers & Spinners
 "Wild Women of the Woods and Water"
 Best of Show - Desert Sage Weavers and Spinners, felted yurt

MORE CONFERENCE DETAILS TO COME IN THE NEXT ISSUE!