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AGM 2008!

The Annual General Meeting of ANWG will be held at Gonzaga University, Spokane, WA at 9 AM 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

Spring has finally arrived here in the foothills of the Rockies. The daily debate between gardening and weaving begins anew. The day the snow melts you're already three months behind in this windswept county, and the weeds are in a steady race with my circle hoe. Warps on a neat rack in the loft whisper my name, asking to be woven. Seeds in long flats and wound shuttles both hold dreams not yet realized, and I'm entangled between them in the excitement that is spring time.

July will bring long days, the glorious heat of summer, and this year, the Annual General Meeting at Gonzaga University in Spokane. Guild representatives can trial run a dorm room and a cafeteria lunch! A short annual meeting will be capped with a presentation by Denise Attwood about her work with weavers in Nepal. Bring your checkbooks! There will be a Silent Auction and a Show & Share contest (see details in this newsletter.)

Francie Alcorn and Robyn Spady organized a delightful Towel Contest for the 2007 ANWG conference at Red Deer, and it was great fun (as I hope the accompanying photo illustrates. Yes, that's me between Deanna Welsh and Linda Duncan.) Would your Guild be interested in sponsoring and organizing a repeat of the towel contest or would your Guild like to sponsor and organize a new contest for ANWG 2009 in Spokane? Let us hear from you! You'll find our 2009 contact information listed on the ANWG web site, too.

Please do e-mail or phone with any questions or comments, all are welcome!

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ANWG President Alison Addicks (center) at the Red Deer Towel Contest

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ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING NOTES

Do you plan to arrive on Friday, July 18, 2008 and spend the night on campus before the ANWG Annual General Meeting? Janice Berube, Housing Chair for ANWG 2009, will assign dorm rooms based on your Housing Reservation form. Please send the Housing Registration form to Linda Ann Smith, ANWG Treasurer, by June 1, 2008.

Residence Address:

Goller Hall, Gonzaga University
 602 E. Sharp
 Spokane, WA 99258

Parking is available in the lot directly west of Goller Hall in front of the Gonzaga Administration Building. Parking permits are not required for weekend parking on campus. Please leave the parking spaces directly in front of Goller Hall free for unloading.

If you plan to arrive on Saturday for the meeting, please park in the COG parking area at the corner of Desmet and Cincinnati. The Wa-Ca Room is on the COG main level, west end. There will be signs! **Meeting registration will open at 9 am** at the door of the Wa-Ca Room. We'll have the coffee brewing!

Please look at below for this year's AGM agenda. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me. Please save burning issues, policies, by-law changes, etc. for the 2009 AGM and the participation of the in-coming board.

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ANWG 2008 AGM PROPOSED AGENDA



Goller Hall, 1908
 Gonzaga University

- Roll call of delegates
- Formal adoption of the proposed agenda
- Reading and approval of the minutes
- Reports of the Officers, Executive Board, Standing Committees (including 2007 and 2009 Conference reports and updates)
- Unfinished business
- New Business
- Announcements

GUILD BOOTH INFORMATION
APRIL UPDATE, 2008

“Weaving Waves of Color”
 with
Colors of the Inland Northwest
 the Theme for
ANWG 2009 Conference

Booth Ideas:

Red for the old red barns

Yellow for the fields of grain

Blue for water, rivers, lakes, and sky

Green for trees, conifers, pines, etc.

Orange for flowers

Purple for lilacs

Primary and Secondary colors are the theme colors, but **ALL** colors are welcome!

Booth Space Fee: NO fee for booth spaces.

Cancellation Policy: Since there is no fee for the Booth Space there will be no cancellation fee, although, it is our hope that all of those that reserve a space will follow through with the plans for their booth.

Each Booth size will be approx. 10'x 10'

Table for booth must be arranged. I'm told that there is a shortage of tables at the University. If you are able to plan your booth with your own table(s) that will be a plus.

Blue “Pipe and drape” will be your backdrop and side separation (nothing can be attached to the drapery)

Electricity has not been decided upon due to restrictions of the Fire Codes. We are still working on this but there are no promises at this time.

Award Categories: (from Sandra Goede, Guild Booth Chair: This is a rough draft of 5 categories and may change a bit but, it will give you something to start with. I will notify you of any changes.)

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|-------------------------------|---------------------------|
| 1. Best Use of Theme | 4. Best Technical Weaving |
| 2. Most Creative | 5. Best Booth Design |
| 3. Best Use of Color & Design | |

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MAKING WAVES WITH WHAT WE WEAR

Project Runway, LOOK OUT!

ANWG's 24th Biennial conference "Weaving Waves of Color" in
Spokane, May 28– 31, 2009 on the campus of Gonzaga University,
will present a spectacular fashion show.

Whether your "waves" are inspired by color, materials, style or structure, please submit an entry (up to three).
Edgy or restrained, flamboyant or elegant, your garments are what we want to see.

Sub-categories are:

1. Hand Woven Fashions: the Wave of the Future
2. What's Felt Next to the Skin?
3. Shock Waves for Every Body

There will be awards.

--- WEAVERS --- start your looms!

Entry forms will be included in the printed registration booklet. Entries must be postmarked no later than April 1, 2009 and are to include digital images by CD and entry fee(s) of \$8 per entry. (See form for specifics.)

Fine print: Open to all ANWG members, attending the conference or not, and non-members who are attending the conference. All submissions must be the original work of the artist(s) -collaborations are welcome - not shown at a previous ANWG conference. The runway show will not be self-modeled; model volunteers are sought. All garments will be on display Saturday for closer viewing. Photographs will be allowed at that time (do not enter works if you do not allow photos).

MAKE THE MOST OF OUR WEBSITE!

The primary purpose of the ANWG website (www.northwestweavers.org) is to serve our member guilds. Make sure you are taking full advantage of the services the website offers:

- Develop a web page with information about your guild and/or give us the link to your guild's own website so people can connect directly to you. Contact the webmaster through the website to obtain assistance in developing your page. It's easy!
- Review your web page at least once a year and send the webmaster changes.
- List workshops open to non-guild members on the "Open Workshops" page
- List guild-sponsored and other fiber events in your area on the Coming Events page

Encourage local instructors and schools to list their offerings on the website so that people can find instruction. While all of these things help guilds, they also support fiber arts generally and keep our passion alive in this and future generations!

Linda Davis

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ANWG LAUNCHES SILENT AUCTION EVENT

To help boost ANWG's Education Fund, the Board has decided to try a silent auction as a means of raising funds and to keep member guild dues from increasing. This approach is being used very successfully by many organizations.

We will make a trial run at a small auction at the 2008 AGM and get feedback from those attending, and then make a final decision about how to include one as part of the 2009 conference in Spokane. If we include one at the conference, we would solicit products from vendors as well as guilds and attendees. However, at this year's auction, we will only solicit from guilds attending.

We would like each guild to bring an item to the 2008 AGM for the silent auction. Appropriate items would be nice handwoven pieces, handspun yarn, lace, new weaving yarns or thread, or a small piece of new equipment; we will not be able to handle large items like looms or spinning wheels this year. While we are not focusing on vendors for this year's auction, you may solicit from local vendors in your area if you wish. We envision the auction to be focused on new items. However, if there is something used that is special and/or of unusual value or interest, it can be considered for inclusion in the auction (examples might include rare, out-of-print books, antique coverlets or rugs, etc.). Also, bring your wallets or checkbooks as we will be totally relying this time on the attendees to make the auction successful! We cannot accept credit cards.

We will collect auction items as you come into the AGM. We will ask you to fill out a form indicating what the item is, the guild that donated the item and its approximate value. Unsold items will be returned to the donating guild.

We appreciate your contribution to the silent auction this year. If you have any questions, please direct them to Linda Davis, e-mail webweaver@bendbroadband.com.

CONFERENCE SCHOLARSHIP 2009

We are currently offering a conference scholarship for participation at the ANWG conference, *Weaving Waves of Colour* to be held in Spokane, WA in 2009. In addition to the 10 recipients, three alternates will be named from the applicant pool. If the nominee who had been selected is unable to attend, that slot will go to the alternate. The conference scholarship is for the conference registration fee, which has not been determined (to a maximum of \$400). This scholarship cannot apply to the post-conference workshops or tours.

Conference scholarships are for any ANWG member who has not been awarded a conference scholarship in the previous six (6) years.

Application Process

Each guild can nominate one member for the scholarship. This nomination will include a letter of reference from another guild member. The guild nominee will submit a letter to the Education Committee that will include:

- An expression of financial need for funds to attend the conference
- An outline of their involvement with their guild (this could include: holding guild office, helping with workshops, helping with the guild library, and/or public instructions)

The deadline for scholarships is October 15, 2008, no extensions will be granted.

The Education committee will review nominations and announce selections on January 15, 2009. Guild representatives will be notified by email and/or letter. Conference registration is expected to begin February, 2009. Successful applicants will be expected to submit a report to the ANWG Education Committee within two months of the conference.

LETTER FROM NORMA WESTCOTT

Norma Westcott received the Handweavers Guild of America Award and the Portland Handweavers Guild's Award for Best Use of Color for her work entered in the Kaleidoscope Exhibit at Wild Fibres 2007 ANWG Conference in Red Deer AB. With Norma's permission, here is the explanation she sent to Ladella Williams of her very beautiful and subtle work:

Many thanks to you and the Portland Guild for your support of the juried show at this last ANWG conference. I was deeply honored by your recognition of my work. My designs are quite subtle and it is gratifying when someone takes time to recognize a piece I have done. Thank you so much.

This piece is a meditation shawl, part of a series of three titled "Wood, Wind and Water". This was the most successful of the three. "Wind" is not yet finished, and "Water" has gone as water will. All were woven in 16 shaft twill using an AVL loom with Compu-dobby. I randomized the threading and treadling so that no shape would be repeated, my way of mimicking natural forms.

Once again, thanks to you and your guild. It was a pleasure meeting you at conference. Perhaps we will see each other again.

Sincerely,
Norma Westcott

WOVEN CRITTERS WORKSHOP



Woven Critters Workshop for the Spokane Handweavers Guild Booth at Red Deer, 2007. Pat Boyd, Instructor.



Norma Westcott modeling Tree of Life shawl (Check on the ANWG website for color photos.)

COMING EVENTS

WEAVING GUILDS OF OREGON TRAVELING EXHIBIT

June 2008	Art Adventure Gallery Madras, OR
July 2008	RCC Firehouse Gallery Grants Pass, OR
Aug 2008	Klamath Falls, OR
Sept. 2008	Brookings, OR

MAWS CONFERENCE

There are still openings in classes at MAWS 2008 held in Helena, MT June 19–22.

For a brochure go to <http://mawsonline.org/Events>
Featured teachers include Jean Scorgie from Weavers Craft, Jane Fournier master spinner, Donna Crispin basket-maker and Janet Szabo Aran knitter, plus many more.

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

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NW REGIONAL SPINNERS ASSOCIATION ANNUAL CONFERENCE

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

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>

"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.

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!

RED DEER TOWEL CONTEST PHOTO



Towels as haute couture? Don't quit your day jobs, ladies!

**SHOW AND SHARE CONTEST
TRADITION CONTINUES
AT THE 2008 AGM**

Will you be bringing to the ANWG AGM 2008, a Show and Share contest entry by one of your guild members? Please email the following information to Ladella Williams at ladella@teleport.com by July 5, 2008. This will allow us to know how many entries to expect. By submitting an item to the Show and Share contest, you are giving permission for the item to be photographed. We will attach the ID # to the items and the artists name and Guild name will be anonymous and revealed after the jurying is finished. Be prepared to give a very brief bio of the weaver and why this piece was submitted. All the pertinent information will be on view, attached to the work.

Attach to the entry the following information.

- ID #
- Name of Guild
- Name of Weaver

- ID #
- Title of Entry:
- Type of Item:
- Technique used:
- Colors:
- Materials Used:
- Type of Loom:
- Number of Shafts:
- Other interesting details:
- Design notes and Sources of Inspiration:

The above will also be posted as a file on the ANWG reps yahoo site.



**NEW CHAIRMAN OF
NOMINATING COMMITTEE**

Mimi Anderson of Tacoma WA has been appointed as Chairman of the Nominating Committee. According to the Bylaws, the Second Vice President/Past President is responsible for making this appointment. Even with the change in position to First Vice President, it is in order for me to follow through. Mimi and her committee have been instructed to prepare a slate of nominees for the election of officers to take place at the ANWG AGM in May 2009 to be held in conjunction with the "Weaving Waves of Color" Conference in Spokane WA.

Mimi is a wonderful weaver and is likely well known since she was Chairperson of the ANWG Conference, "Color Me, Colour You", in Tacoma in 2005. Mimi has previously served in ANWG positions including being an ANWG Guild Rep, thus she is well versed in the ground rules for administration of ANWG affairs. I trust her judgment and her ability to communicate with other weavers. This ability will result in a wonderful slate of nominees for the various positions to be filled. Mimi's resume includes many more credits than can be listed here. She is a member of several weaving guilds in the NW Washington area and will have many resources upon which to do her search for incredible individuals to administer ANWG affairs.

Please assist Mimi by forwarding to her your nominations for the following positions: President, First Vice President, Secretary, and Treasurer. The current President in office becomes the Second Vice President automatically as Past President. In addition, Mimi will guide the search for recommendations for the Chairmanship positions for Committees whose Chairs are not returning. The Committees that run ANWG business are Membership, Education, and Communication. Within the Communications Committee are the specific positions of Newsletter Editor and the ANWG Website. The final slate will be announced in the "Northwest News" issue published when other AGM announcements are made for the 2009 AGM.

Respectfully submitted by Ladella Williams as ANWG First Vice President (Past President).