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**Northwest Weavers
Conference 2007
Red Deer, Alberta
June 14-17, 2007**

Check on <http://www.northwestweavers.org>

or

<http://www.hwsda.org/conferences/2007>

for conference information and registration

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Bcmuir@shaw.ca

**Look for Guild Booth
Information on this Website
in October**

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

The life blood of any organization is provided by its membership. The heart beat comes from the Officers and Board of Directors. With a strong heart, the beat goes on keeping the blood flowing and the organization healthy.

As happens in life, the heart can skip a beat. Such has happened to the heart of ANWG. At press time, a letter of resignation has been received from ANWG Vice President, Jean Curry, who must put dealing with serious health issues as a first priority. The resignation was accepted with deep regret for Jean has contributed to the ANWG in a very constructive and positive way. We will indeed miss her valuable input to Board business and wish her the very best. Let's join together to send her our combined energy, strength and positive thoughts in support.

The many volunteers who step in to work for the organization provide the means and strength to carry out the various projects and events. The Association of Northwest Weavers Guilds is fortunate to have many member Guilds who benefit from the various perks and information brought to them by the Area Reps. All these volunteers are wonderful people who also serve in other endeavors as well as being accomplished in their textile skills.

As I find in my own life, one pathway or avenue of research quite often brings to light additional references or material extending my weaving knowledge of a different project. These moments of serendipity happen quite often with these new discoveries. Whatever experiences we go through, we learn some-



ANWG President Ladella Williams

thing new or become reacquainted with something we knew years ago. Serendipitous moments surface to enhance only our textile skills but the organizational skills of the various volunteers working for ANWG. The cross transfer of information adds a valuable facet to our lives and ends up being shared in many ways with others.

This multitasking is a bonus for the Association since the overall collection of experiences gives us more resources to draw upon when making decisions that will benefit ANWG. The heart beat is strong. The organization is moving forward and the member guilds continue to share the techniques of weaving and other textile arts with in the Northwest Region.

What is happening now? Lots of things. Look for the detailed information within this newsletter.

- A really cool drawing for a really cool

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WILD FIBRES CONFERENCE JUNE 14TH TO 17TH 2007 POST CONFERENCE WORKSHOPS JUNE 18TH TO 22ND.

Countdown to Conference! We are preparing a great conference for you. Christine Muir and her committee have lined up a wonderful selection of instructors presenting a wide variety of seminars, workshops and post conference workshops.

Other events during conference include but are not limited to:

- Juried show: with category information due out in the registration book in October as well as on the HWSDA web site that same month.
- Open Show: a chance for you to “show and tell” your favorite recent projects and for conference attendees to pick their favorite.
- Guild Booth displays.
- Wine & Cheese show opening reception.
- Vendor Fair with a shop till you drop late evening shop.
- “Rhapsody in Fiber” fashion show (see ideas in this newsletter)
- Western Buffalo BBQ dinner Alberta style!
- AGM for ANWG and HWSDA with not-to-be missed door prizes for attendees of the meetings only.
- Daily spinners circles: a chance for spinners to get together and do what they love best ~ spin and chat.
- Two keynote speakers: **Anita Mayer**, who will open the conference with “I Don’t Do Guilt Anymore” and closing the conference, will be **James Koehler**, “The Creative Process: A Personal Perspective”.
- Of course I must introduce to those who were not at conference 2004, Princess Michelle’s Tiara Parade. Create a tiara that reflects you, your passion, where you live and wear it with pride at the Sunday Brunch Tiara Parade. People’s choice will win a prize befitting a princess or prince.

Exchanges so far:

- Cell Phone Case Exchange - Consider the "wild fiber" theme...using natural fibers, create a standard size cell phone case using your chosen fiber art. Accessorize with beads or findings or such if desired.
- Tea Towel Exchange - more information to be had in the registration book and on-line in October.

Weaving Challenge

- Handwoven Bath Towel Contest

Weave a thirsty bath towel to show off when you take your showers during the conference. The towels must be of appropriate size to dry your whole body. No itchy bitsy towels accepted. A towel will be judged on design, practicality, weaving, and just how thirsty it is. Modeling is optional. Prizes will be coordinated with the contest theme.

Of course included in your registration costs are all meals for the weekend.

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RENEW MEMBERSHIP NOW

Join for 2007—*Win a fiber arts book*

Dues are due **October 31, 2006**. Membership entitles guilds to significant 2007 conference fee discounts. As one of the top fiber arts conferences in North America don't lose out on this opportunity. Membership also entitles guilds to rent books and videos, grants to guilds for speakers or workshops and guild contacts lists for almost 100 guilds. In addition each guild can have its own web page on our website and an opportunity to post workshops and other information.

Join by October 31 (postmarked), and we will enter your guild into the drawing for a \$50 gift certificate for the fiber arts book or DVD of your choice. This is an extended deadline from Oct. 10 as previously announced.

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 2006 both in number of guilds and total membership of 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

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Registration books along with our famous promotional DVD will be out to your guilds in October 2006. The Conference Book in pdf format will also be on our HWSDA web site, www.hwsda.org in October.

Registration will be available on-line through Red Deer College in January with immediate seminar and workshop selection results and credit card payment. Registration will also be available through the mail.

So that is it. Expect the registration books in October, check our web site often and see you next June!

Pamela Marriott, Conference Chair

Wild Fibres Fashion Show Inspiration

Definitions of Rhapsody

Here are some ideas for inspiration for creating fashion show items. Let your imagination go wild!

1.) "Musical form (the whole or structure) is contrasted with content (the parts) or with surface (the detail), but there is no clear line between the two. In most cases, the form of a piece should produce a balance between statement and restatement, unity and variety, contrast and connection." Source: Wikipedia Free Dictionary

OR

2.) "An exaggeratedly enthusiastic or ecstatic expression of feeling." Canadian Oxford dictionary

Think...."rhapsody in blue", "Hungarian Rhapsody", "a night at the opera", "he rhapsodized about her beauty".... add your own ideas to this brainstorming list. Listen to music, read, find your inspiration on the theme. Pick an idea that appeals to you and create, in Wild Fibres, an original fashion to share.

Jean Curry



BYLAWS AND STANDING RULES

The Board of Directors is proposing "housecleaning" changes to the bylaws and standing rules adopted in August 2005. These are available for review on the Yahoo Guild Representatives website, or upon request, can be sent via email or ground mail.

The only substantive change proposed is the elimination of the Member-at-Large Committee. While it is a good idea in concept, in reality it has not been met with enthusiasm and its purpose is not clear. Therefore, it is proposed to be eliminated. Most of the other changes are minor in detail.

Changes will be voted upon at the AGM in June 2007 in Red Deer, Alberta. Official notice will be sent with the spring 2007 AGM meeting packet.

Francie Alcorn, Second Vice President

EDUCATION COMMITTEE REPORT

Education Committee

Jean Ann	Education Chair
Jean Curry	Past scholarship committee
Pam Mariott	Conference Chair
Jean Korus	ANWG Guild Member
Francie Alcorn	Past President
Laura Fry	Member-at-Large

Conference Year Scholarships: ANWG is offering ten (10) \$200 scholarships to attend "Wild Fibres", the 2007 ANWG conference in Red Deer, Alberta. In addition to the 10 scholarships, 3 alternates will also be identified from the applicant pool. If the selected nominee is unable to attend, that slot will go the first alternate selected.

The education committee is accepting nominations October through December 15, 2006.

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. Along with the letters, the only requirement is that the nominee has not attended a prior ANWG conference. In submitting the nominee's name, the Guild's reference letter should include an explanation as to why its candidate is being selected and presented, what benefits the candidate expects to receive from the Conference and how the candidate will use the experience to benefit their Guild. Letters are to be sent email and no longer than one page to Jean Lavell, (jeanlavell@eoni.com).

The education committee will review nominations and the selections will be awarded January 15, 2007. The Guild rep will be notified of the selections by letter. Conference registration is expected to start in Jan/Feb of 2007.

All scholarship recipients will give a report to the Education Committee within two months of participation, about the benefits of the event. Summaries of reports will be presented at the AGM and in the ANWG Northwest News Newsletter.

Non Conference Year Workshop Grants: For 2006 ANWG awarded 5 grants of \$200 each have been awarded for workshops to teach and promote weaving. See table bottom left.

Summary of feedback reports:

BOZEMAN WEAVERS The workshop had 15 participants that represented a wide geographic area through out Montana, Wyoming and Idaho. Goal of the workshop was to enrich the understanding of color as it applies to fiber from a practical sense. The workshop gave every participant new courage with, and insight into using more exciting, vibrant, and unexpected color in their weaving. In addition to the 3 day workshop the instructor also gave a slide presentation to

the public about weaving and design. For those that had not been exposed to weaving the slide show was a real eye opener!

WESTERN WEAVERS The 'opposites attract' workshop had 10 participants from 2 guilds. Having the ANWG grant enabled the guilds to bring in a high caliber instructor into a remote area where travel distances are great. The days were broken between lecture and weaving. Draft and sample books were prepared. The support was very much appreciated.

CROSSBORDERS Laura Fry's workshop was attended by 18 participants from a wide geographic area in Washington and British Columbia. Both beginners and experienced weavers experimented on a wide variety of weave structures as well as experiencing new fibres suitable for household textiles. Ideas for design and creation, various types of edge treatments and wet and dry finishes were demonstrated. The classroom work and lectures were well presented and participants left with a variety of new and exciting techniques.

Yet to be completed:

Helena Weavers & Spinners: FAB 4 Workshop with Robyn Spady

Threadbenders Guild: Supplementary Warps with Mary Berent

New CD/videos and converting the old ones to newer formats: The Education Committee will be discussing and emailing over the next couple of months to decide on what new materials to purchase. We have received some recommendations and will discuss and act on those.

The education committee will also be looking into converting some of the videos to DVD's. If guilds have comments or suggestions please pass them on.

Jean Lavell, Education Committee Chair

TREASURER'S REPORT AUGUST 31, 2006

Checking account	\$ 8,780.22
Money Market	3,179.02
CD	39,735.83
Acct. Receivable	<u>3,500.00</u>
TOTAL	\$55,195.07

Nadine, Purcell, Treasurer

COMMUNICATION COMMITTEE REPORT

Communication is the name of the game in any organization, and we strive to maintain effective and timely communication with our members.

The **Yahoo Guild Representatives group**, which includes about two-thirds of the guild representatives, has continued to be a viable mechanism for providing timely information from the board to member guilds as well as among guilds. Our goal is to obtain 100% participation from member guilds. Some guild representatives either do not have email or choose not to join the Yahoo group, which is their choice. If there are any questions we can answer to increase participation, please let us know. As you fill out and return your membership forms for 2007, consider including your email address and accepting our invitation to join this group. We think you will find it advantageous in representing your guild in ANWG and we promise we will not bombard you with email and unnecessary chit-chat! And we do not share our email list with anyone, nor does Yahoo.

Our website <http://www.northwestweavers.org> has grown in importance as a communication tool. The website is our primary interface with the public that has come to appreciate and utilize our services, such as classified ads, supplier ads and coming events. Having the guild information on the website has enabled members of the public as well as other guild members to contact guilds for various types of information, including membership. In my own guild I can attest to a major increase in our membership over the past year due in part to our contact information on the website.

I often receive questions about what information guilds can put on the website. Most guilds do not fully utilize the space that is available, and some guilds do not have a web page. Please contact me and I will help you with putting your guild information on the website. It is always disappointing to have to tell someone who has contacted me as Webmaster that they cannot contact anyone from a member guild because we do not have any contact information on the website. We consider your membership information to be confidential and will not provide that unless it is on the website. Therefore, you may be losing out on opportunities for new members, to participate in events in your area and other inquiries that come to us.

The Northwest Weavers website is not a substitute for a guild to have its own website if it wishes to post announcements, monthly meeting information, blogs, monthly newsletters and other information that will change frequently. A number of guilds have established their own websites and we are very happy to provide links from the association website to a guild's own site. With 90 guilds and our reliance on volunteers to maintain our website, it is simply not practical for our

website to be all things to all guilds. Therefore, we have to restrict the guild web pages to general information that will not change more often than once or twice a year.

Guilds can utilize the Coming Events page for events that are open to the general public, under "Guild-sponsored Events". For example, exhibits, sales, lectures and even workshops that are open to the general public can be posted in this area of the website.

In the summer of 2006, the ANWG Board approved hiring a professional web designer to help us update the look of the website and also improve its function and make other changes that will help us more easily update and maintain the site with the use of volunteers. With these changes, we hope to be able to expand information that is included on the website. Two suggestions have been made: 1) include a page where guilds can announce workshops that are open to other guild members; and 2) include more information about what weaving and spinning is about, including some basic definitions. I would also like to be able to include more private gallery fiber arts exhibits, but this would require more volunteer help around the region to provide us with the information. We have no way of finding this out unless someone sends it to us, and without designated "spotters" who keep their eyes and ears open, we don't receive it. So if there are people out there who are in the pipeline for such information in their state/province or region, and could commit to sending information, that would be appreciated.

Finally, if there is anyone out there who is interested in learning about web design and maintenance, volunteering to be a web assistant is great experience, and fun! You have the opportunity to "meet" lots of people, help people with weaving problems or other questions and generally promote our fiber art and craft. Contact me or a member of the board if you or someone you know would be interested. It is not necessary to have previous education or experience in web design — just the desire to learn.

Linda Davis, Communications Chair

Visit the newly re-designed ANWG Website

<http://www.northwestweavers.org>

**Wanted: fiber-related motifs,
symbols and photos for use on
the website**

**Please contact Webmaster Linda Davis
if you have graphics to share**

NOMINATING COMMITTEE

WANTED: INDUSTRIOUS, ENTHUSIASTIC AND HARD WORKING FIBER ARTISTS. The Nominating Committee is seeking recommendations for nominations to the offices of First Vice President, Secretary, and Treasurer. These positions will be voted on at the June 14, 2007 Annual General Meeting in Red Deer, Alberta. We are also asking for recommendations for members interested in holding a committee chair position. Even though the committee chairs are appointed by the President, suggestions and recommendations are welcome. As guild reps, this is an excellent opportunity to step up and become more involved in ANWG affairs.

Job descriptions are listed below. More detailed job descriptions are in the Standing Rules. All are two year terms. For more details for the job, feel free to contact the current officer or committee chair or Betty Davenport, Nominations Chair davenport@owt.com or (360) 687-3415; Linda Shelhamer shara@bresnan.net; Janice Griffiths jmgriffiths@shaw.ca; or Judy Lambert JKL531@aol.com.

OFFICERS

First Vice President: the First Vice President shall act as President in the absence of the President, or in the event of the President's inability to perform, and shall perform the other duties prescribed by these Bylaws and Standing Rules. (The First Vice President moves up to President, then Past President).

Secretary: The Secretary shall record and be custodian of all ANWG organizational and corporate records, as well as perform the duties prescribed by these Bylaws and Standing Rules.

Treasurer: The Treasurer shall be responsible for monies and financial records of ANWG, including the duties prescribed by Bylaws and Standing Rules. The Treasurer must be a citizen of and reside within the U.S., within the State of Washington or ensure that an official Registered Agent for ANWG resides with the State of Washington (the State of Incorporation) at all times.

STANDING COMMITTEES

Communications Committee shall include the Newsletter Editor, the Webmaster and any other members deemed necessary to carry out the Committee's purposes and tasks as prescribed by the Bylaws or the Standing Rules.

Membership Committee shall receive, maintain and distribute membership information, as well as perform other duties assigned by the President, the Executive Board or as prescribed by the Bylaws or the Standing Rules.

Education Committee shall provide educational materials and evaluate requests for ANWG monies, as well as other duties assigned by the President, the Executive Board or prescribed

in these Bylaws or Standing Rules. If ANWG sponsors or grants monies to a member guild for an educational purpose, an individual from that member guild shall be appointed to the Education Committee to act as liaison between the member guild and ANWG. As such, the liaison is a non-voting member of the Committee and may not serve as Chair of the Committee.

Member-at-Large Committee shall coordinate and facilitate communication between the Executive Board and individual member guilds and regions within the ANWG membership as well as other duties assigned by the President, the Executive Board or as prescribed in these Bylaws or Standing Rules.

Betty Davenport, Nominating Committee Chair

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item. Send in your Guild dues by the deadline. Linda Shelhamer, Membership Chair

~ Nominations for officers to be elected at the 2007 AGM. The nominations committee would like to hear from you and do consider letting us know of individuals who may bring to ANWG their skills and experience either as a volunteer or committee chair as well as a Board member. Betty Davenport

~ Bylaw Revisions review. Review these revisions and share with your Guild members. The final version to be voted upon will be sent prior to the registration for the AGM 2007. Turn in any comments to the Bylaw Chairperson, Francie Alcorn.

-ANWG AGM for 2007 will take place at Red Deer College, Red Deer Alberta, Canada prior to the Conference so please reserve that date on your calendar. Again the official notice will alert you to further details and how to register for the meeting. Reps do not have to attend the Conference in order to be present for the ANWG AGM but we will need to confirm you will be present for the AGM activities. The reps can, however, attend the AGM and register for the conference.

~Select your Guild's nominee for a Conference Scholarship and submit the application to ANWG Scholarship Committee. Jean Ann Lavell, Education Chair

~Talk up the ANWG Conference 2007 Wild Fibres among your Guild membership, look forward to a new method of presentation of conference information, plan to share rides, charter a bus and weave wildly with the intent to submit your items to the exhibits or just to wear and share at the Conference. Pam Mariott and Chris Muir, Conference contacts.

~Watch for the new website design to be online soon. Linda Davis Communications Chair

Again, the Association of Northwest Weavers is moving forward to the beat of a strong heart.

Sincerely, Ladella Williams as President



ANWG Membership Form - 2007

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

Conference fee discounts

Representation in ANWG meetings

Library /video rentals

Membership Directory

Guild web page on www.northwesweavers.org or link to Guild web page

Guild grant opportunities

Dues are \$1 US per individual, payable on or before **November 1, 2006**. Note there is a special drawing for guilds which postmark their membership form and dues by October 10, 2006. The winning guild will receive a book or dvd of its choice (up to a \$50 value).

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 individual members and member Guilds, if applicable, as required by the US IRS for non-profit status for ANWG. Please identify the Guild officers

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

ANWG Membership Chair, Linda Shelhamer

446 Tabriz Drive, Billings, MT 59105

shara@bresnan.net 406-259-9160

Guild Name _____ # members/\$_____

Mailing Address _____

City_____ Prov/State_____ Postal/Zip Code_____

Webpage_____

This past year the Webmaster has received many inquiries about Guilds or weaving opportunities in particular geographic areas. ANWG member Guilds have webpages or links to their own web pages from www.northwestweavers.org that can be very informative for those making inquiries. ANWG urges you to keep your page current with at least your meeting place and meeting schedule and other information that a potential member should know. 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 Linda Davis, webweaver@bendbroadband.com, or send hardcopy, to her at 69217 Tapidero, Sisters, OR 97759

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

ANWG Rep Name _____

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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 _____

If your Guild has any comments for the ANWG Board, please use the space below: