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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Laura Fry led a two-day lace workshop in Tacoma last month. She spoke about yarn and how it was spun, how to choose one over another, and often repeated, "If you change one thing, everything changes."

That sentence has echoed in my mind. For ANWG, only one thing changed: we had no host guild for a 2015 conference. While "everything else" didn't change, it certainly brought about a lot more changes than we anticipated.

Your Executive Board asked for creative thinking, and alternatives to our usual conference. You responded with wonderful proposals which will certainly lead to new opportunities for learning and sharing.

Now I'd like you to project your creative thinking into plans to support the 2017 Victoria Conference. How many of your guild members have submitted entries to fashion shows and the juried and open shows in past years? How many more of you will be able to participate in 2017 since we've more time for planning and organization? Just one thing changed...now there's three years, not two, before another conference. Surely, that's enough of a change to get that project finished!

One thing that hasn't changed: our fascination with fiber, from basketry to rugs, braids to blankets, and our respect for the weaver.

We are truly woven together,
Betty Bell



ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING
PORTLAND, OR
JUNE 14, 2014

AGENDA

- 8:30—10:00 A.M. Open for Show and Share Registration and Setup
- 9:00—10:00 A.M. Registration, View Show and Share, Refreshments
- 10:00 A.M. Call Meeting to Order
Welcome
Presence of a Quorum
Minutes of 2013 AMM
Introduction of Board Members
Treasurer's Report
Committee Reports
 Membership
 Education
 Communications
 Webmaster
Old Business:
 Awards to Challenge Grant Recipients
New Business:
 Recommendations and Discussion of Future Challenge Grants
 Introduction of 2017 Conference Committee
 2017 Conference Report
- 12:00 Noon (Approx.) Lunch
Vote on Show and Share
Presentation of Show and Share Certificates

ANWG ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING



You are invited to the annual meeting in Portland OR. Some of the highlights of this event are:

- Awarding of the Challenge Grants
- Show and Share
- Presentation of 2017 Conference Site
- Complementary Catered Gourmet Lunch

Please make your reservations early as rooms will book up. Day trippers are extremely welcome. All those planning on attending please RSVP to Mary Anna Swinnerton, for lunch. (luvmaps2@bendcable.com)

All those not attending, please send your thoughts on "Changing Times" information (as stated in the President's message) to Christine Bunnell, woodtick50@aol.com. Those attending bring your thoughts with you, in written form. Thoughts will be presented at the AMM.

June 14, 2014, 9:00 a.m.

Oxford Suites Hotel, Portland OR
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www.oxfordsuitesportland.com

Please state that you are with
the ANWG Group.

Out and About in the Guilds

Saturday Handweavers Guild

There was very positive feedback after the SHG held a card weaving workshop with John Mullarkey—especially about what a wonderful teacher he is!!! Thanks to Kathy Brooks for these pictures showing everyone in card weaving fun!



Whidbey Weavers Guild

Whidbey Island has always had a very active guild, and 2014 has been no exception. In February, Robyn Spady presented a well-attended workshop on "Two Sides to Every Cloth". A popular instructor, Robyn gave attendees a detailed and well-organized workbook and many new ideas for 4-shaft weaves. In March, Jason Collingwood filled two beginning rug weaving workshops as well as two more advanced workshops, one for Seattle Weavers Guild and one for Skagit Valley. These 4 workshops were a partnering among our three guilds to successfully reduce costs for all. Jason publicly thanked Maryann Straight for her work in organizing the workshops and ferrying him between Whidbey and Seattle. Thank you, Maryann!

Last, but not least, was the 43rd annual Whidbey Spin-In in Oak Harbor, organized this year by Nancy Baggott. Each year we have a guest instructor, and this year it was Susan Anderson whose talks on the compulsiveness of makers (anyone who is driven to create) and designer yarns were enjoyed by all. And we can't forget our vendors from those many glorious door prizes to the wonderful yarns and rovings. I bought more than I should...once again. And Whidbey still has more before we break for the summer. In early May we have an intensive two-day dye workshop to be given by Liz Axford and Mary Burks. If Mary is involved, we know it has to be good.

“Summer Time and the Living is Easy”

Many guilds do not meet in the summer. It is a time for rest and relaxation, vacations, and family time. Most of us do manage time for weaving so that we have lots for Show and Share when we return in September.

Many guilds will be finishing up special guild projects in May or June as they close out their weaving year. Others will restart in September with presentation of those projects. Whichever your guild does, please keep the “Out and About in the Guilds” page in mind and send me (ghosttrail@msn.com) articles and pictures of your guild's special challenge for this page. Its purpose is to share ideas and inspire others.

Some guilds will not be taking life quite as easy this summer. The fortunate winners of ANWG's Special Challenge Grants (to be announced at the June 14 AMM in Portland) will be moving deeper into the planning stages in preparation for some great programs. The reports on their projects will appear in this space as they come in.