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Association of Northwest Weavers' Guilds Annual General Meeting

Sunday, August 7, 11:30 AM to 4 PM
Tacoma, Washington.

The ANWG Annual General Meeting/lunch will be held Sunday, August 7 from 11:30 AM to 4 PM at the end of the *Color Me, Colour You* Conference in Tacoma, Washington. The meeting is open to everyone, but only ANWG Member Guild Representatives are eligible to vote. After Board reports we will elect the new ANWG Board. We also will be discussing and deciding on the proposed bylaws and standing rules.

Scholarship Recipients

The Scholarship Committee has chosen the scholarship recipients for the 2005 *Color Me, Colour You* conference:

1. Lin Roden, Rogue Valley Handweavers Guild, Ashland OR
2. Therese Fisher, Portland Handweavers Guild
3. Cheryl Richardson, Columbia Fibres Guild, Hood River OR
4. Elspeth McAuley, Mission Weavers & Spinners Guild, Mission BC
5. Yoriko Oki, Richmond Weavers & Spinners, Richmond BC
6. Muriel Prior, Greater Vancouver Weavers & Spinners Guild, Vancouver, BC
7. Marvelyn Albert, Edmonton Croft Weavers Guild, Edmonton AB
8. Janet Ellsworth, Central Oregon Spinners & Weavers, Bend OR
9. Joanna Bruno, Dkagit Valley Weavers Guild, Everett WA
10. Nancy Martin, Sacajawea Handweavers Guild, Longview, WA

Alternates:

1. Jeanette Eliason, Rogue Valley Weavers Guild, Ashland OR
2. Judy Howe, Whidbey Weavers Guild/Whatcom Weavers Guild
3. Brenda Gilmer from the Helena Weaving and Spinning Guild, Helena MT

One of the original recipients had to drop out due to recurring health issues, so the 1st Alternate, Jeanette Eliason from the Rogue Valley Weavers Guild has taken her place.

There were more worthy applications making it hard to choose the recipients. We hope to see all applicants at the conference.

Scholarship committee, Jean Curry and Joan Cameron



President's Message

After the holidays we turn our attention to our weaving, both our own projects and our greater weaving community. The arrival of spring brings the promise of new beginnings. This is always a wonderful time to take stock of where we are and where we want to go. The opportunities are huge this year for enhancing our abilities, showing off our talents, and enjoying the camaraderie of fellow weavers. We also have the chance to give careful thought to deciding the rules of how ANWG should be run.

I hope everyone will want to take part in all of it,
Francie Alcorn, President

Conference Communiqué

Hello!

The ANWG '05 conference, *Color Me, Colour You!*, is coming up in only four months! Please share this with your guild members or others who may be interested!

Registration: Some classes are full, many have some space available. Updates are on the web at www.northwestweavers.org. Registration info and forms on the web. Those who have registered, expect your confirmation letter after June 1.

Entry deadlines: have been pushed back!! Keep weaving! Fashion Show, Juried Exhibits and Open Show: Deadlines to send in - June 1, Notifications sent - June 20, accepted works to us by July 15. Forms and info on the web. These shows are open to all, not just registrants.

Clarification: Registration includes the BBQ, Brunch and Fashion Show. Housing packages include all the rest of your meals. Commuters can buy lunch

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Nominating Committee Report

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Linda Davis, Sisters OR

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They will be assigned officer positions upon their election. Francie Alcorn, Seattle WA, will assume the position of Immediate Past President. Nominations, with the consent of the nominee, also may be made from the floor.

Chair: Jo Anne Ryebrun

Members: Linda Shelhamer

Robyn Spady

2004 COE-W Examination and COE Program by Francie Alcorn

In October 2004, the New Hampshire Weavers' Guild (NHWG) hosted the Handweavers Guild of America (HGA), Inc's 2004 Certificate of Excellence in Handweaving (COE-W) examination at the Shaker Village in Canterbury, New Hampshire. Moocho Scott Salomon from Bethlehem, New Hampshire and Susan Wilson from Arvada, Colorado, both COE, Level II recipients themselves, served as examiners for the event.

Of the four Level I and two Level II submissions, five applicants received certification. Mary Berent from Eagle, Idaho, Deb Essen from Victor, Montana, and Collyer Exholm from Swisher, Iowa received Certificates of Excellence, Level I: Technical Skills in Handweaving. Robyn Spady from Bremerton, Washington and Rebecca Winter from Meridian, Idaho received Certificates of Excellence, Level II: Master in Handweaving with Specialized Study.

Robyn's specialized study was titled Loom-controlled Stitched Double Cloth and Rebecca's study was titled Color-and-Weave: Getting to the Stars. Both Robyn and Rebecca received their Level I certification during the 2002 COE-W examination hosted by the Craft Guild of Iowa City in Solon, Iowa. It is interesting to note that four of the five individuals that received certification during this examination are members of guilds that belonged to the Association of Northwest Weavers' Guilds (ANWG).

Mary Berent first learned to weave in Gatlinburg, Tennessee, at Arrowmont. She started work on the COE program three different times, first in the early 80's, then the early 90's and finally after her friend, Rebecca Winter received her Level I COE in 2002. She commented that the "Certificate of Excellence program is a truly wonderful teaching and learning tool." And looks forward to Level II as the "pot of gold at the end of the rainbow."

Deb Essen owns a communications business in Montana with her husband, ran for political office in the 2004 election, and has authored articles for *Handwoven* magazine.

Rebecca Winter is a registered nurse working full-time in an acute psychiatric unit that is part of one of the large hospitals in Boise. She began weaving in 1986 and working with fiber has always been her passion. She said that "I am finding that along with the recognition of such an achievement as the COE comes the responsibility of giving back. One of my favorite sayings is that; It is in the sharing that secrets are kept."

Robyn Spady started weaving in 1969 at Camp Namanu, a Camp Fire Girl camp in Sandy, Oregon. Her great-grandmother was a weaver and her father had inherited all of her weaving-related things. The looms at the camp were the same as her great-grandmothers and after returning from the camp Robyn and her mother set

up the loom for her to use. Robyn wove 32 of the 40 Level I samples on her great-grandmother's loom which she still uses on almost a daily basis. Robyn said that completing the Level I requirements "helped me acquire a breadth of knowledge and skill in weaving that still boggles my mind" and that Level II "has helped complete me as a weaver."

Other COE in Handweaving recipients who live in areas covered by ANWG, include, for Level I: Janet Worthington, Suzie Liles, and Rebecca Laurence and for Level II: Betty Davenport (*Textures and Pattern on the Rigid Heddle Loom*), Doramay Keasbey (*Damask and Turned Twills*), Jerie Lucas (*Reproducing Antique Handwoven Overshot Coverlets*), and Barbara Walker (*Variations on a Theme of Turned Overshot*).

COE in Handspinning recipients who live in areas covered by ANWG include, for Level I: Lana Schneider and for Level II: Jeri Lucas (*The Versatility of Dog Hair*), Jane Fournier (*Spinning for Lace*), Louise O'Donnell (*Cat Hair*), Gloria Hall (*Machine Knitted Lace*), and Jude Daurelle (*Contemporary Yarns for Ethnic Mittens*). Jerie Lucas is the only person who has received Master level certification in more than one category, handweaving and handspinning.

Copies of all the COE specialized studies are archived by HGA. These specialized study notebooks are available for study, by appointment only, at the HGA office. Lists of COE recipients and specialized study topics can be found on the HGA web site, www.weavespindye.org.

The first COE-W examination, sponsored by HGA was held in July of 1976. Since the original plan for the COE program was to cover the essentials of fiber work in general, the primary emphasis of the requirements was on handweaving, but written work and samples of handspinning and dyeing were included.

As the fields of handspinning and dyeing grew, separate standards were developed for each of them. The first COE in Handspinning (COE-S) examination took place in 1981, while the first COE in Dyeing (COE-D) examination took place in 1996. A separate handbook of basketmaking requirements was also developed and the first COE in Basketmaking (COE-B) examination took place in 1997. There are two levels of certification in the COE program.

Requirements for Level I include written work on design theory and color with discussions of equipment, materials or procedures related to the specific category as well as the preparation of technical samples for the category. Successful completion of the requirements results in a Certificate of Excellence, Level I: Technical Skills in the appropriate category. Level II is the individualized in-depth study and successful completion results in a Certificate of Excellence, Level II: Master in the appropriate category with Specialized Study. Level I must

be achieved before the work for Level II will be evaluated.

Examinations are held every two years in each category. The COE-D examination is held in the Spring and the COE-W examination is held in the Fall of even-numbered years. In odd-numbered years, the examination for COE-B is held in the Spring and for COE-S in the Fall. Guilds across the US and Canada have volunteered to host the COE examinations.

HGA selects a Mentor for each category and examination. The Mentor responds to questions from individuals about the requirements in the COE handbook, terminology or procedures, and offers advice and encouragement.

Three reviewers are selected to review outlines submitted for the Level II in-depth studies. The reviewers provide written feedback on the feasibility of an applicant's proposed outline and their comments are intended to aid the applicant in shaping a viable study of suitable scope for the COE program.

Two examiners are selected for each examination. An examiner might be selected based on their previous experience with the COE program or handbook, demonstrated skill and knowledge in the appropriate field or reputation as a well-known and respected educator. The examiners review each submission independently and their scores are averaged to determine a final score.

Applicants must receive a total score of 85% or more to be certified for Level I. The scoring for Level II is pass/fail and both examiners must agree for the applicant to receive certification for Level II.

The hosting guild appoints a Chair and Registrar for the examination event. The Host Guild Chair arranges for the examination facilities, volunteers for the event, accommodations for the examiners and HGA Observer, and is responsible for the general atmosphere during the examination. The Registrar is the only person among those involved with the examination to know in advance of the examination the identity of the applicants. They serve as an agent for the applicant so that the applicant may remain anonymous in the COE process.

The Seattle Weavers' Guild has volunteered to host the COE in Handweaving examination in the Fall of 2006. Robyn Spady is serving as Host Guild Chair and Frances Alcorn as Registrar. One of the benefits received by the guild hosting the examination is the opportunity to share the submissions of the successful COE recipients with their members. If your guild is interested in hosting a COE examination event, please contact either Sandra L. Swarbrick at slswarbrick@mac.com or Barbara Seeler at bjseeler@aol.com. Please refer to the HGA web site, www.weavespindye.org, for more information about the COE program or to order a COE handbook in handweaving, handspinning, dyeing or basketmaking.

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President's Message

We have come a long way since the last ANWG Conference in 2003. Wanda Shelp and her assistant, Linda Davis, have developed a very 'user friendly' web site, www.northwestweavers.org. They have also set up the mechanism so ANWG Reps can 'talk' to each other. The new referral system is very functional.

The web site's new list of regional teachers and workshop leaders, developed by Robyn Spady and Jo Anne Ryeburn, will go a long way in helping guilds set up their programs. This list is not exclusive. If you know of someone that should be listed, you should contact Robyn or Jo Anne.

Janet Fesq has set up Membership in a database. The sorting and finding capabilities are superb. It is convenient to identify and list guilds' presidents or representatives along with their contact information.

Our Treasurer, Nadine Purcell, has set up our finances on Quicken.

Our Education Chairman, Jean Curry, has not only sent out many videos, she has also developed and overseen awarding scholarships not only for conferences, but also for the off-years.

The ANWG Board has saved a great deal of money by having its meetings in an on-line chat room. Any votes are signed by each board member and mailed to the Secretary, Joan Cameron.

The ANWG Vice-President, Ladella Williams, has provided thoughtful in-depth insight into many topics we have discussed.

Last, but most certainly not least, Mimi Anderson is about to give us an absolutely outstanding conference, Color Me, Colour You. Mimi gathered a committee of very dedicated volunteers. Come if you possibly can. Not only will you experience great workshops and seminars, you will see your friends, a great fashion show, and what other fiber artists in the region are producing.

Looking forward, ANWG has the opportunity to confirm new bylaws. The Bylaws Committee, Nancy Tracy, Kris Leet, and Mimi Anderson, developed a much more organized, less confusing, and less turgid document than the Interim Bylaws. They made the logical step to separate standing rules from bylaws. There is a mechanism for easily changing the bylaws when something doesn't work or if there is a better way to accomplish anything.

I hope every one of you will stop me at CMCY and introduce yourselves. I look forward to getting to know you. We have a great organization. Communicating with each other and appreciating the efforts from our region's fantastic weavers can only inspire and promote everyone's art and effort.

Francie Alcorn, ANWG President

VOTING

Check the Guild List, included with this newsletter to confirm who is your official guild representative. There is one vote per guild. Only representatives of ANWG member guilds may vote. A member guild president may appoint an alternative representative. An alternate representative must bring a letter of proxy, signed by the guild president. At check-in for the Annual General Meeting member guilds' representatives will be given signs to be used for voting.



**Association of Northwest Weavers' Guilds
Annual General Meeting
August 7, 2005 11:30 AM - 4:00 PM
University of Puget Sound
Tacoma Washington**

Color Me, Colour You

This summer, the Association of Northwest Weavers' Guilds (ANWG) will be holding its 22nd biennial conference, "Color Me, Colour You", on the campus of the University of Puget Sound in Tacoma, Washington. The conference will be held August 4-7, 2005, with preconference workshops beginning as early as August 1st.

Featured speakers include nationally and internationally acclaimed textile artists such as John Marshall, Mary Zicafoose, and Makiko Tada. Workshops and seminars cover a wide range of textile-related topics such as weaving, spinning, surface design, beading, basketry, color theory, kumihimo, dyeing, and felting. Registration is still open to select workshops. For more information, check out www.northwestweavers.org or contact the Registrar at colorme2005@comcast.net. The ANWG conference is also seeking volunteers to help out. Interested people should contact Nancy Sedlacek at nsedlacek@hotmail.com for more information.

On Thursday, August 4th, galleries in the downtown area will be open from 3:00-8:00 pm for the Gallery Walk featuring fiber-related exhibits. Conference registrants will be treated to a keynote address by Mary Zicafoose, followed by a fashion show on Friday night. A Museum Tri-pass (\$17 with your Registration Badge) good on any day of Conference week (Tacoma Art Museum, Washington State History Museum and the International Museum of Glass) is another opportunity for conference registrants.

Agenda

Minutes of 2004 AGM

Board Reports

President: Francie Alcorn
Vice President: Ladella Williams
Treasurer: Nadine Purcell
Membership: Janet Fesq
Education: Jean Curry
Conference: Mimi Anderson
Communications: Wanda Shelp

Bylaws

Bylaws Committee Report:
Nancy Tracy - Presentation of New Bylaws and Standing Rules
Voting on New Bylaws and Standing Rules

Election of New Officers

Nominating Committee Report:
Jo Anne Ryeburn - Presentation of slate of proposed Board Members
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New Business

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Master Weaver Certificate

by Laura Fry

The Guild of Canadian Weavers has been in existence since the late 1940's, and one of the aims of the organization was to encourage people to hone their weaving knowledge and skills. The tests were established and two of the founders completed the tests in 1955 - Mary Black and Mary Sandin.

Of the monographs submitted for the final level, several have been turned into books, the best known being Linda Heinrich's *The Magic of Linen* and Jane Evans's *A Joy Forever*.

The Guild of Canadian Weavers has a slide kit "Portraits in Excellence" with biographical information

and slides of the work of the Master Weaver Certificate holders. There is also a video slide show, and the Board is presently considering transferring the slides to CD format which will make the information more readily available.

The original carousel of slides of the first certificate holders was also donated to HGA and was available for rent, but the number of master weavers now requires three Kodak carousels of slides - one of the reasons for transferring them to CD!

For more information on the Guild or the tests, see the website:

<http://www.the-gcw.org>.

Of the current holders of the Master Weaver level the following live in the ANWG region:

Mary Andrews (1975)	Fundamentals of Weaving
Eileen Shannon (1981)	A Workshop Study of Point Twill
Jane Evans (1985)	Tied Latvian Weave
Linda Heinrich (1986)	A Comprehensive Study of Flax and Linen
Noreen Rustad (1986)	Beiderwand
Margaret Berg (1989)	A Study of 8-shaft Multiple Tabby Weaves and Twills
Sandra Fearon (1990)	Shadow Weave Design
Gayle Hansen (1991)	Twice Warped - Twelve Techniques for the Second Warp Beam
Kay Reiber (1991)	Summer and Winter: A System for All Seasons
June Bell (1993)	Finnweave
Mabel Verigin (1993)	The Forgotten Weaves
Margaret Hahn (1994)	Opphamta
Christine Hill (1995)	Wool: Fleece, Fibre and Fabric
Evelyn Oldroyd (1995)	The Wonder of Weaving Silk
Laura Fry (1997)	Transformations: Fulling Handwoven Fabrics
Carol Oberg (1998)	Brain-based Learning in the Weaving Studio - Process of Regeneration

Nominating Committee Report

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Resources For ANWG Reps

In the past, it may have been hard to know exactly what the role of an ANWG guild representative meant. Attendance at the annual ANWG meeting may have been the only task that reps had, with very little communication between times, except for a quarterly newsletter. Communication among the reps or with other guilds was virtually nonexistent or hit-and-miss. The internet may play a part in expanding the ANWG rep role to a more meaningful partner in communications concerning fiber arts.

One way we have tried to increase the array of services available to reps and to the Northwest fiber arts community was by starting a Yahoo Guild Representatives Group. Through here any Rep can send an email to all members of the List Serve Group. Each guild representative was sent an invitation to join the group; access to the group requires membership and a password. This has been a good way for the ANWG organization to communicate directly with the reps, relaying important information, asking questions, obtaining feedback, relaying requests for information, etc. In turn reps can also communicate with each other, sharing problems, concerns and successes. As of this date, 67 of the 79 reps have joined the Yahoo group.

There are disadvantages to the internet. One is that not everyone is comfortable using it. Another is that not everyone has internet access. The intent was to send those Reps who were not members of the Yahoo List Serve periodic updates on what was happening. This has been more difficult than anticipated. It is an area that needs to be addressed in the near future.

Nearly two years ago, ANWG launched a new website www.northwestweavers.org. Wanda Shelp, ANWG Board Member and Communication Chair, is the webmaster. She is a member of the Western Weavers in Worland, WY. She has been assisted by Linda Davis, member of the Central Oregon Weavers and Spinners. Both are volunteers, not receiving any remuneration for their work. Building and maintaining the website is virtually a daily operation.

An early offering of the website was classified ads for used fiber arts equipment and supplies. The ads are free to anyone with items located within our ANWG region. An estimated 150 ads have been placed in the past 18 months. In early 2004 we instituted the Suppliers section which has grown to include about 50 businesses located within our region that carry equipment, materials and supplies for the fiber artist.

We have steadily added updated guild pages to the website and have strongly encouraged each guild to have at least one email contact on the site. The Guild Index

Page, for example, where guild representatives are listed by state/province and guild, can have an email link, and/or it can be located on the guild's web page. Either way, many guilds have been contacted by prospective members and/or had inquiries about weaving classes, supplies and other questions best answered by a local guild member.

The questions that come through the website are quite varied. "I am working on my masters in design and need someone to teach me to weave." "Is there someone out there who will spin my dog hair into yarn?" "Can you demonstrate at our school?" "I am designing a tartan and need a person to spin and weave fabric for a kilt using local fibers."

One had a fascinating story to tell regarding her grandmother's spinning wheel that disappeared decades ago when her grandmother, as a young woman, moved to her new home. A few weeks ago a gentleman appeared on her grandmother's doorstep with the spinning wheel. Another person helping with the move had 'borrowed' the wheel. To avoid discovery it had been hidden in his basement all these years. He now wished to return it to its rightful owner. She wanted to surprise her grandmother by learning to spin and being able to use the long lost family heirloom.

Guilds are encouraged to review their guild web pages at least once a year and send any changes such as meeting times and places, officers, etc., to the webmaster so that the pages can be updated. And don't forget photos and graphics - these are always great additions to a web page. In the fall 2004 we began to place information about the Tacoma conference on the website, gradually adding registration booklets, entry forms for exhibits and all of the information needed. For the next conference we plan to explore on-line registration.

The most recent addition to the Northwest Weavers Website has been the index of workshop leaders and speakers. Robyn Spady and Jo Anne Ryeburn sent out enquires to people who teach and give lectures on fiber arts. Those who responded are listed on the website with pertinent information about what they offer. This service is available only to people living in the ANWG geographic area. The purpose is to help guilds plan programs and workshops for the coming year. If you know of anyone who would like to be added to the list, have them go to the website where they can send an email to Robyn.

We will continue to find ways to improve communication and services to our guilds and individual fiber artists. We are always open to ideas so please don't be timid.

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GUILD ACTIONS NEEDED

TIME TO JOIN FOR 2006

WE NEED YOUR SUPPORT!

Dues are due October 31, 2005. Membership entitles guilds to rent books and videos, grants to guilds for speakers or workshops, 2007 conference fee discounts, guild contact lists for almost 100 guilds. In addition each guild has its own page on our website and an opportunity to post workshop and other information. 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.

So 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



PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

At the time I write this letter to all of you, I am watching reports about the tragedy of Hurricanes Katrina and Rita. Our thoughts and prayers go out to all of the victims, including our fiber artist friends who may have lost a lifetime of work and memories.

My message to you recaps the past two years, thanking the previous board for all of its efforts and for leaving a legacy for the new board to draw upon for inspiration. All of the very capable individuals on both boards are volunteers of the highest dedication, ready and willing to promote weaving, and fiber arts and crafts in the Northwestern region of North America. You can trust their judgment to do what is right and best for the Association of Northwest Weavers Guilds (ANWG). We all worked well as a team the previous two years and we have a great team on board for the next two years.

During her term of office as Presi-

dent, Francie Alcorn gathered the previous Board of Directors together and, under her leadership, new bonds were forged. Bylaws and Standing Rules were proposed and approved unanimously at the Annual General Meeting in August 2005. Francie continues as Second Vice President, sharing her expertise in many



ANWG President Ladella Williams

matters. As Chair of the Bylaws Committee, Francie will address any of comments and concerns about the new Bylaws and Standing Rules. Restructuring various aspects has begun in reference to the changes brought about by these new rules.

Joan Cameron continues as our very capable Secretary and keeper of the Archives and Records. Nadine Purcell, whose past experience with ANWG, has stood us in good stead, continues as Treasurer and advisor regarding many of ANWG's money mat-

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2007 ANWG CONFERENCE ANNOUNCED

Alberta

Wild Fibres

(Textiles Gone Wild - celebrate fibre crafts!)

Hand Weavers Spinners & Dyers of Alberta announces the ANWG Conference 2007 theme. We are very excited about this conference, to be held in the central part of wild rose country, Red Deer, Alberta. The colours of the wild rose are our inspiration and the theme is "wild"; wild in creativity, wild use of fi-

bres, wild definition of fibres, wild fibre techniques, wild in the cross over of fibre techniques. Let yourself go wild! More information ahead!

Check both ANWG website (www.northwestweavers.org) and HWSDA website (www.hwsda.org) sites often.

Conference Chair: Pamela Marriott

Conference Dates: June 14th to June 17th, 2007

Post conference workshops: June 17th to June 22, 2007

Location: Red Deer College <http://www.rdc.ab.ca/>

ANWG BYLAWS/STANDING RULES

The first change is in the new primary stated purpose of the organization: to stimulate and encourage public interest in handweaving throughout the north-west region of North America. We exist because of handweaving.

The biggest change is that member guilds **MUST** send a representative or alternate to the Annual General Meetings. If this isn't possible, a proxy voting form, as set forth in the Standing Rules, (Section 2.2) shall constitute participation. Failure to participate for two consecutive years shall result in loss of membership. Specific details of this new requirement will be forthcoming.

Another change is that the President, First Vice-President, Secretary, and Treasurer are elected. The immediate past president automatically becomes the Second Vice-President. No person shall hold the same office for more than two consecutive terms. The President shall appoint all Committee chairmen (Ad-Hoc, Communications, Education, Finance, and Member-at-Large).

The Member-at-Large Committee as outlined in Section 5.5 on page 6 of the Standing Rules is in development. There are difficult logistics in setting up this committee, as the states/provinces do not have a mechanism to select a committee representative. Nor is there yet a vehicle for communicating or meeting.

We are reviewing the new Bylaws and Standing Rules for misspelling, anomalies, conflicts, and possibly unworkable components. The findings will be published in the winter newsletter for your review in preparation for the Annual General Meeting.

Francie Alcorn, Second Vice-President

ASSOCIATION OF NORTHWEST WEAVERS' GUILDS ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING, AUGUST 7, 2005

The Annual General Meeting of the Association of Northwest Weavers Guilds was held at the University of Puget Sound, Tacoma, WA. It was called to order at 11:30 AM by President, Francie Alcorn.

Board Members present – Francie Alcorn, Ladella Williams, Nadine Purcell, Janet Fesq, Jean Curry. Joan Cameron and Wanda Shelp sent apologies. Mimi Anderson, conference chair, came in late.

Recording secretary, in Joan Cameron's absence: Jean Curry

There were 38 voting guild representatives present.(list attached)*

President Francie Alcorn, introduced the board members, and thanked them for being part of a great working team.

The **minutes** of the May 1, 2004 Annual General Meeting were read and **accepted as read**.

Vice President - Ladella Williams presented her report, stating that her job for the past two years was to provide support for President. She also spent time updating links on websites to our official website: northwestweavers.org.

Treasurer – Nadine Purcell presented the **treasurer's report**. It was **accepted as read**. (report attached)*

Membership – Janet Fesq reported that we have 81 guilds as members, with an increase of 92 persons. She welcomed back Chilliwack weavers. She pointed out the Membership Form that was distributed to the reps in attendance. There will be a mailing shortly to those guilds not represented. The Membership Directory was a big undertaking that has been a benefit to the Association. (report attached)*

Education – Jean Curry presented her report (copy attached)*

Communications – Linda Davis reported in Wanda Shelp's absence. She outlined the vision for the website: the role of ANWG Rep transformed through communication. The communication through the anwgguildrepresentatives site on Yahoo greatly facilitated the expansion on contact. There has been lots of contact from other groups/individuals for information. She gave a brief explanation of how the Yahoo website works, and answered some questions on it. (She announced that Wanda would be submitting her own report)

ByLaws Committee – President, Francie Alcorn, introduced Nancy Tracy. She gave a brief report on the history of the Proposed Bylaws and Standing Rules, and explained that she would answer specific questions, but due to time constraints, and the fact that prior notice had been given to all the reps, she would not go through them point by point. She commented that, although it was not yet a perfect document, and minor changes would likely be made, that it was serviceable for the organization.

Motion: Lois Larson, Handweavers Spinners and Dyers of Alberta, moved that we accept the Proposed Bylaws as presented.

Seconded by Frances Shultz, Lethbridge Handicraft Guild. Discussion followed.

Vote: 38 in favour of accepting the Proposed Bylaws. Unanimous. Carried.

Motion: Linda Shelhamer, Billings Weavers Guild, moved that we accept the Proposed Standing Rules as presented. Seconded by Patty Huffer, Umpqua Weavers Guild. Discussion followed.

Vote: 38 in favour of accepting the Proposed Standing Rules. Unanimous. Carried.

President, Francie Alcorn, thanked Nancy Tracy and her committee, for all their work on the Bylaws and Standing Rules.

Nominating Committee: President, Francie Alcorn, introduced JoAnne Ryeburn to present the nominees for election for the 2005-2007 ANWG Board of Directors.

They are as follows:

President,	Ladella Williams, Portland, OR
	Joan Cameron, Kamloops, BC
	Jean Curry, Botha AB
	Linda Davis, Sisters OR
	Laura Fry, Prince George, BC
	Jean Lavell, Baker, OR
	Nadine Purcell, Ashland, OR
	Linda Shelhamer, Billings, MT

No nominations came from the floor.

Motion: Georgan Curran, Moonspinners, moved to accept the slate of officers as presented. Seconded by Margaret Bruland, Skagit Valley Weavers Guild.

Vote: Unanimous. Carried

New Business - Lois Larson, Handweavers Spinners and Dyers of Alberta, read a letter from her guild, requesting the honour of hosting the 2007 ANWG conference in Alberta. Details to follow. Francie Alcorn graciously accepted the offer.

Incoming President - Ladella Williams presented her new board, as follows:

Vice President - Jean Curry

Secretary - Joan Cameron

Treasurer - Nadine Purcell

Membership – Linda Shelhamer

Communications – Linda Davis

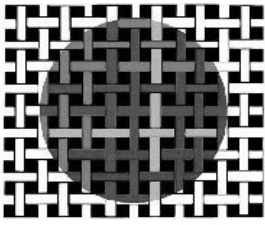
Education – Jean Lavell

Member-at-Large – Laura Fry

President Ladella Williams then adjourned the meeting, and invited participants to enjoy a light lunch before returning home.

Jean Curry, Secretary Pro-tem

***Please contact the Secretary, Joan Cameron, if you would like these reports**



And the color wasHOT!

.... As was the weather in Tacoma during the first week of August.

Color me, Colour you,

ANWG's 22nd biennial conference, took place on the beautiful campus of the University of Puget Sound. Nearly 400 fiber aficionados gathered for instruction, sharing, shopping, fellowship, and fun! The campus was decorated with the banners previously shown in Vancouver during Convergence 2002.

Pre-conference classes began on Monday, August 1st staged throughout the campus. While working during campus construction was challenging, classes moved forward with enthusiastic instructors and eager students. Dyeing classes were held in locker rooms (the shower!) and weaving studios were created in general classrooms and chemistry labs.

The City of Tacoma joined the festivities by co-sponsoring a brochure to promote the Tacoma Fiber-Walk, a comprehensive tour of galleries, shops and museums featuring the breadth of textile arts from traditional to contemporary, with most exhibits remaining up throughout the month of August.

The gymnasium was converted to a vendor hall with over 40 purveyors offering a huge array of yarns, supplies, equipment and goods; vivid Guilds' booth displays arose on the upper level. The Spinner's corner was wheeling, and the Door Prizes were walking out the door with lucky winners.

Full day and half-day workshops were held on Friday and Saturday. Each participant had a half-day "free" time for shopping, visiting, and viewing the juried exhibits, Color Me Neutral and Color Me Chroma, and the open exhibit, Show Your True Colors.

Friday evening found a full house of individuals listening to inspirational words, and accompanying slides from Mary Zickafoose, whose bold tapestries and rugs are color woven from the heart. Mary told delightful stories of growing up and her early connections to color and textiles.

Following the keynote address was the "Northwest Fashion Forecast" commentated by Daryl Lancaster. It was warm and toasty in the audience, as well as on stage. Colorful garments ranged from hot and sizzling to cool and breezy.

Saturday evening the conference participants gathered for a northwest salmon dinner, with the accompaniment of Celtic musicians, The McKassons. It was still hot, and to cool off, happy weavers formed a thread of fiber kin, weaving throughout the room. Time to visit, share a glass of wine with old friends, and new friends.

Sunday morning, a final breakfast, awards presented, volunteers thanked, we finished up with an inspirational presentation by Kris Abshire. It was time to say good-bye, and return home with new knowledge, new inspirations and renewed conviction to keep weaving, and keep sharing with all our members in the ANWG region.

Volunteers made this gathering possible. The many positive comments, kudos, and thank you's we received are a glowing reflection of the



Keynote speaker Mary Zickafoose gave an awe-inspiring talk of her personal fiber journey

hard work, dedication and willingness to serve by many volunteers, especially the steering committee which was made up of 23 members of various Puget Sound area ANWG member guilds. Lots of other volunteers, including the participants who assisted, and the university staff, made this conference a fantastic,

successful meeting for the Association.

Mimi Anderson, ANWG Conference 2005 Coor-

GUILD GRANTS

Continuing a program established in 2004, up to five (5) Educational Grants will be available to guilds to assist them in bringing in workshop leaders to their area, or to send one of their members to an outside workshop to bring back information to share with their members. Don't delay! This is in effect until December 2006.

These grants must be applied for in the following way:

Name of Guild:

Contact person and all pertinent contact information:

A letter containing:

1. the proposed workshop and expenses.
2. the rationale for how this particular plan will benefit the guild members.

Submission must be in writing, and submitted to:

The Scholarship Committee
c/o ANWG Education Chair
Jean Ann Lavell
2290 7th St.
Baker City OR 97814

TREASURER'S REPORT 9/12/2005

Assets

Certificate of Deposit	\$15,576.07
Business Money Market	4,597.21
Checking Account	6,993.27
Total cash on hand	\$27,166.55
Accounts receivable	\$9,000.00
Total Assets	\$36,166.55

Respectfully submitted, Nadine Purcell, Treasurer

<http://www.northwestweavers.org>

**Your resource in the Pacific Northwest
and Western Canada for information on
the fiber arts**

COMMUNICATION

Communication is the key to ANWG's effectiveness. The Board and Communications Committee strive to improve existing channels of communication and open new ones.

A new feature of this newsletter will be a column on the front page that clearly indicates what actions are needed by guilds or guild reps at the time the newsletter comes out. In this case, it's time to pay dues. We hope this will help guild reps keep up with the business of the organization.

In addition to our newsletter, published 3-4 times per year, we maintain the association's website www.northwestweavers.org and two Yahoo discussion groups – one for board business and the other for ANWG representatives. Both are functioning very well. If you are an ANWG Rep and have not joined the Yahoo group, be sure to send me an email message and I will send you an invitation to join.

This past year we added Workshop and Lecture leaders as a resource on the website. If you are looking for a workshop or guild program, check this out. If you know of others who should be added, have them contact us.

The 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 wanting to contact guilds when they move, learn to weave, are looking for local resources, etc., and 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.

This year we want to expand our section on schools and classes – another area where we get lots of inquiries. Please ask your local weaving shop, school or college to place an ad on our site. There is no charge for the ad!

If you have ideas or suggestions, please send them to us!

Linda Davis, Communications Chair

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ters, budget decisions, and other financial situations.

Janet Fesq, past Membership Director and one of the main contacts for the guild representatives, organized the data base of the guilds, and the individuals who are representing each Guild and their contact details. Linda Shelhamer, the new Membership Chair, will continue to update the membership records and maintain close contact with guild representatives.

Jean Curry continues her service to ANWG as Vice President. As past Education Director, Jean expedited a scholarship program which selected ten recipients who received scholarships to the recent Color Me, Colour You 2005 Conference. Several thank yous have been received from recipients mentioning how wonderful it was to be able to experience the activities and learning opportunities at the Conference. Jean Ann Lavell, new Education Chair, will carry on with the various projects and plans concerning and providing education, including a grant program. Pam Marriott, liaison appointed by the conference host guild, will be on the Education Committee and work closely with our board regarding information and details about the next conference.

Wanda Shelp, past Communications Director, has worked many long hours designing our terrific new and official website ~

["http://www.northwestweavers.org"](http://www.northwestweavers.org) for ANWG.

Under her guidance, a group site was implemented for closer communication among board members and another site among guild representatives. Wanda will continue to be on the Communications Committee as an assistant. Linda Davis, our new Communications Chair, began working with Wanda as an assistant. Linda will continue

The Western Weavers Guild from Wyoming won Best of Show, Best Booth by a Guild with 20 or less members and the Peoples' Choice Award at Color Me Colour You conference in

to maintain the website and keep it running for the benefit of ANWG, all members of ANWG guilds and for the public's access to information about ANWG activities. This newsletter, Northwest News, comes under Linda's oversight with Penny Unverzagt assisting her.

Laura Fry comes on the board as Member-at-Large. Laura's past experience with ANWG will stand us in good stead. Laura will maintain contacts with various guilds throughout the area and share with the board any concerns brought to her attention.

ANWG came into being to plan conferences, to educate ourselves and others, and to network with individuals of similar interests. Special kudos go to Mimi Anderson, as Chairperson of CMCY 2005. Mimi and her Conference Committee put on a most special, colorful conference for us, making memories and furthering the education of the participants. Mimi will continue to aid ANWG as Registered Agent for the corporation.

We have exciting news from Pam Marriott, the Conference Chair for the Conference 2007 to be held in Alberta. All contractual details will be worked out shortly for this conference. Your interest has now been caught so read the press release shared on page 2 for more details. Start your designing, plan your projects, get ready to work on those projects and share the final results with your guild and at the Conference in 2007. Let's go Wild!

I am looking forward to the next two years, meeting the members of ANWG guilds and working with the multi-talented board members to administer ANWG for you. Feel free to contact me anytime.

Ladella Williams as President



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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>

through the summer for current information. The Fall issue of Northwest News will highlight this conference and registration.

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

We are fortunate to have such a wonderful Board working for the Association of Northwest Weavers' Guilds. As hard-working volunteers giving generously of their time and energy, they are active at a local and state level as well. The Association benefits very much from their wide experience and their expertise in other fields. I, personally, have appreciated seeing this tremendous range of skills being brought up to focus on the business of ANWG and can see the benefits that your guilds gain from our experiences. Incredibly, even with all this wide range of skills and life experiences, the Board is all very much on the same "page" of what is best for ANWG. As ANWG President, I am very proud and pleased that the current Board of Directors, Chairs and Committee members are working so well for the Association. A sincere and heart-felt thank you goes to each for a job well done!

Vice President Jean Curry has lent support to me over the past year. Her experience as a former Education Director, and previous ANWG experience and current Education Committee member provides a good balance for the Education Committee projects.

Third Vice President (Past President) Francie Alcorn has shared background and knowledge to continue the process bringing ANWG back to the guilds. Francie chairs the Bylaws Committee which is in the process of examining the Bylaws and Standing Rules to recommend any improvements needed. As Past President, Francie has searched for and appointed the Chair of the Nominating Committee in preparation for the next term of officers.

Secretary, Joan Cameron continues to be



ANWG President Ladella Williams

our keeper of the minutes and records. She very efficiently organized the registration for the AGM 2006 and has recommended solutions for future registrations.

Treasurer, Nadine Purcell, "keeping the books" for ANWG continues to share her experiences from past Association history so we have a good background for making decisions on both monetary and policy situations. As the current Treasurer, Nadine Chairs the Finance Committee which reviews various financial matters and provides recommendations for ANWG to follow.

Membership Chair, Linda Shelhamer, is the main contact person to each guild via their Representative. Keeping track of the many changes in contact information and providing updates to the Reps, the Board and the Communications Committee beyond the yearly renewals take much of

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ASSOCIATION OF NORTHWEST WEAVERS' GUILDS ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING, MAY 20, 2006

The meeting was called to order by president Ladella Williams at 9.30 AM.

ROLL CALL - 19 representatives/board members present with 57 guilds represented. List on file with the secretary.

President Ladella Williams introduced board members Laura Fry, Member at Large; Linda Davis Communications Chair; Jean Lavell Education Chair; and Joan Cameron Secretary. Also introduced were Pamela Marriott as Chair for Wild Fibres, Conference 2007, Larry Taylor for locating the facility for the AGM and Mimi Anderson as Conference 2005 Chair and registered agent for ANWG.

The minutes of the 2005 AGM were read. Corrections - Jean Lavell's address should be Baker City. Spelling correction for Umpqua. Mimi Anderson moved the minutes be accepted with corrections. Pat Spark seconded. Carried.

Treasurer's Report - Nadine Purcell was unable to attend but had provided her report (see later in this newsletter).

Marise Person moved the report be accepted. Barbara Taylor seconded. All in favour. Carried.

Membership Report submitted by Linda Shelhamer who was unable to attend. Ladella Williams, President, read the highlights and items of special note.

Education report presented by Jean Lavell. Education committee will be Jean Curry, Pamela Marriott, Jean Korus, Laura Fry and Francie Alcorn. There was a discussion on the reports expected from those receiving scholarships and grants and copyright expectations when giving information to their guilds. Specific information on grants and scholarships will be on the website.

Communications report presented by Linda Davis. A newsletter will be out in June reporting on the AGM. There is a need for a list of instructors and classes on the web site as there is a great demand for this information.

Registration report presented by Joan Cameron.

Conference 2005 report by Mimi Anderson. A check for \$22,914.00 had been forwarded to treasurer Nadine Purcell and an additional \$5,000.00 is held back to cover the final outstanding items.

In answer to a question: Recipients of Scholarships for the 2005 conference are listed in the Conference Notebook.

By Laws and Standing Rules - submit suggestions or recommendations to Francie Alcorn. The amendments will be presented for vote at the 2007 AGM.

Francie Alcorn as Second Vice President (Past President) appointed Sue Bye as the Nominating chair and a committee of 5 will be appointed.

Insurance - guilds should check with the venue on requirements and get information and quotes from an insurance agent for information.



Mimi Anderson, 2 Dye 4, and Marise Person, Olympia Guild, visit during AGM lunch

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Lunch Break - 11.30 AM

Reconvene - 1.30 PM

SHOW AND SHARE - Items were presented and identified winners were announced, certificates presented. List will be on the website and in the Newsletter.

The board recommends that applications for scholarships be accepted Oct. 15 to Dec. 15. And notify those receiving scholarships by Jan. 15 of the conference year.

The board approved giving seed money of \$3500.00 for the 2007 conference in Alberta.

The board requests that treasurer Nadine Purcell look into getting a VISA card for ANWG use.

Pamela Marriott gave a presentation for the 2007 conference in Red Deer Alberta Wild Fibres June 14 to 17. Workshops June 17 to 22. AGM June 14 - 7 PM.

Meeting adjourned 2.45 PM.

Joan Cameron, Secretary



The AGM is a good time to meet old friends and share ideas, as Rosie Winters of Clatsop guild, and Larry Taylor of Desert Fiber Arts are doing.

ANWG BOARD MEETING MINUTES MAY 19, 2006

The Board meeting was called to order by President Ladella Williams at 7 PM, May 19, 2006 in Richland, Washington.

Board Members present - Ladella Williams, President; Jean Lavell, Education Chair; Laura Fry, Member-at-Large; Linda Davis, Communications Chair; Joan Cameron, Secretary. Also present: Conference Chair 2007 - Pamela Marriott; guests - Larry Taylor and Judy Howe.

There was no correspondence to report.

Francie Alcorn Second Vice President (Past President) was unable to attend but advised that the By-law committee was starting the amending process and any concerns were to be sent to her. The vote on amendments will be at the 2007 AGM.

Francie Alcorn as past president appointed Sue Bye as the Nominating chair for the 2007 election of officers.

Treasurer's report - Nadine Purcell, Treasurer, was unable to attend but presented her report (see elsewhere in this newsletter).

Education Report - Jean Lavell presented her report covering grants, scholarships and video library. Linda Davis moved that the board accept applications for scholarships from Oct. 15 to Dec. 15 and notify those receiving scholarships by Jan. 15 of the conference year. Jean Lavell seconded; all in favour; carried.

In the non-conference year, applications for grants will be accepted July 1 to Oct. 15 of the conference year and awarded by Dec. 31. The money is to be used in the following non-conference calendar year. Linda Davis moved the schedule for grants be adopted. Laura Fry seconded. All in favour; carried.

Registration report presented by Joan Cameron.

AGM 2007 will be Thursday June 14, 2007, 7 PM at Red Deer, Alberta.

Laura Fry moved that conference seed money in the amount of \$3500.00 be presented to Pamela Marriott - Chair of Conference 2007. Linda Davis seconded. All in favour; carried.

Linda Davis moved that 10 scholarships be given for 2007 Conference with 3 alternates to be available in case of cancellations. Laura Fry seconded. All in favour; carried.

Jean Lavell moved that Nadine Purcell research getting a VISA card for ANWG use and report back to the board. Linda Davis seconded. All in favour; carried.

A newsletter will be out in June reporting on the AGM.

Meeting adjourned - 9.35 PM.

Joan Cameron, Secretary

BYLAWS AND STANDING RULES

We now have had a year to see what works, what doesn't work, what makes sense, and what doesn't make sense with the new ANWG Bylaws and Standing Rules. We are still accepting input for improvements to these documents until July 15, 2006. If you have comments, thoughts and/or suggestions regarding the Bylaws or Standing Rules, please contact me at alcorn@nwlink.com. You may also mail your comments to me at 1615 4th Avenue North, Seattle, WA 98109. Incorporated suggestions will be published in the Fall ANWG Newsletter. This timing will allow for further comment before the final version is published in the Spring 2007 newsletter. Any changes must be published 60 days before voting on them at next year's Annual General Meeting at Red Deer College in Red Deer, Alberta, June 14, 2007.

Francie Alcorn, Second Vice President

SHOW 'N SHARE GALLERY

A highlight of the off-conference year AGM is the Show 'n Share contest. Each guild that attends the AGM can bring an item of fiber art to display. The participants vote on the best in several categories. The guild that wins the Best of Show wins a complimentary registration to the next Northwest Weavers conference. Thanks to all the guilds that submitted pieces for this event.



Peacock Opera Cape

Best of Show

Innovative or Best Use of Materials

Most Fun

Weaver: Elizabeth Ellis-Bassett

Guild: Handweavers Spinners
& Dyers of Alberta

Tencel Shadow Weave Scarf

Best Weaving

Weaver: Elfrieda Mullin



Felt Flowers and the Old Red House (felted)

Best Non-woven

Artist: Pat Spark

Guild: Corvallis Handweavers & Spinners
Guild



Black & Mulberry Scarf

Most Complex

Weaver: Kate Coprecnik

Guild: Arachne Weavers Guild



Color Forecast Jacket

Best Use of Color

Weaver: Mimi Anderson

Guild: 2 Dye 4



COLOR ME, COLOUR YOU, BY THE NUMBERS

Additional, interesting details about the 2005 conference:

285 ANWG members attended conference

10 members received a \$200 scholarship

34 non-Anwg members attended conference

Of the above:

23 individuals attended conference plus a 4 or 5 day workshop

86 individuals attended conference plus a 3 day workshop

17 individuals attended conference plus a 2 day workshop

4 individuals attended conference plus an extra class

31 instructors led workshops from 1/2 day to 5 days long

12 guests or spouses came with an attendee

25 extra speaker/fashion show tickets were purchased

21 extra banquet tickets were purchased

15 extra brunch tickets were purchased

12 guilds donated from \$25 to \$300 for cash awards

3 guilds donated items for awards

14 guilds contributed items for the Goodie Bags

17 guilds displayed a booth

28 venues participated in the Fiber Walk (inc. galleries, museums, windows, etc.)

78 Artists exhibited fiber (25 or more are members of an ANWG guild)

20+ volunteers were hostesses in the galleries & on the busses.

39 items were entered in the fashion show

Fund-raising efforts included the sales of banners, extra dyed scarves, T-Shirts, extra backpacks, and table decorations earning over \$5400.00.

1 corporate donation was solicited and received in the amount of \$1500.00.

COUNTLESS volunteers from outside and from within the conference made all this possible!

Mimi Anderson, 2005 Conference Chair

COMMUNICATION COMMITTEE REPORT

This report covers the period from the annual meeting held in August, 2005 to the annual meeting in Richland, WA on May 19-20, 2006, somewhat less than a year. At the 2005 meeting, the Committee transferred leadership from Wanda Shelp, past ANWG Director and Chair of Communications, to Linda Davis, new Chair of Communications under Ladella Williams, current President. Wanda Shelp has graciously consented to remaining on the Communications Committee to help with the website. Penny Unversagt from Salem is a member of the committee who helps with the newsletter.

The Communications Committee was very active during the year in the following areas: newsletter, Northwest Weavers website and Yahoo Guild Representatives Group.

A newsletter was published and mailed in October, 2005. The newsletter was primarily devoted to reporting on the 2005 conference "Color Me Colour You" held in Tacoma, WA in August, and the adoption of the new bylaws and standing rules passed by the membership at the annual meeting. During the coming year the Communications Committee will explore options for producing and sending the newsletter electronically to those members wishing to receive it in this manner. This will promote savings to ANWG in printing and postage costs, allow more use of color photographs and earlier distribution. The next newsletter is projected to come out after the 2006 AGM and before the end of the summer.

In regard to both the newsletter and to the organization's website <http://www.northwestweavers.org>, I had considerable coordination with membership chair, Linda Shelhamer, to ensure that our Guild Index and guild website pages are current. We experience frequent changes during the year so this is a full-time challenge with peak periods immediately after the membership renewal period.

Maintenance of the website takes a substantial amount of time for Linda Davis, Webmaster, and Wanda Shelp, assistant Webmaster. I spend at least one hour per day maintaining and updating the website, posting new ads and deleting old ones and changing the current events page. I also answer general mail that comes to the Webmaster. These inquiries are wide-ranging and usually involve forwarding a request to the appropriate person or guild. A more detailed report concerning the website and its use and ideas for expansion and/or improvement of the website will be posted on the Guild Representatives Yahoo site.

The Yahoo Guild Representatives Group has been extremely helpful to us in being able to pass information on to guilds in a timely manner, forward requests for information that we receive from the website, and to solicit ideas and recommendations on various ideas that come to mind. I serve as Moderator of the group. Similar to maintaining the Guild Index Page on the website, maintaining the membership in the Yahoo group is a challenge with the format in which we can use Yahoo for this purpose. I developed a "pre-

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GRANTS AND SCHOLARSHIPS HIGHLIGHT EDUCATION COMMITTEE REPORT

Education Committee (former Scholarship 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

Video Rental

ANWG owns 44 videos and there were 12 requests in the last year. We are looking for suggestions for new video on topics that guilds would like to view.

The suggestion was made to start buying DVD's and look into converting existing videos into DVD's. I will look into this .

2006 Non conference year grant awards

2006 non-conference year grants were approved to be awarded (\$200 each grant). Grants recipients will prepare a brief letter describing the number of participants, and success of the workshops.

Sponsoring guild	Theme/subject
Helena Weavers & Spinners	Robyn Spady: Fab-4; weave structures to challenge beginners as well as seasoned weavers
Western Weavers	Bonnie Inouye: echo weaves w/ multi-colored double weaves
Cross Borders	Laura Fry: mug rugs and more, gamps galore and focus on block weaves
Bozeman Weavers' Guild	Color and design for the fiber artist
Threadbenders Guild	Supplementary warps

Conference Year Scholarships (2007)

Scholarships will be distributed similarly as in previous years. Timing of nominee requests and awards will be in concert with the conference schedule.

ANWG board will award 10 scholarships with 3 alternates to members of ANWG.

Guilds will nominate one person and submit the name with a letter to the ANWG education committee. The nominee will also submit a one-page letter stating why she/he should be selected. Letters are to be sent email .

Schedule for 2007:

Call for nominations: October 2006
Deadline for nominations: Dec. 15, 2006
Awards made: January 15, 2007

Recipients to give a report to the Education Committee, within 2 months of participation, about the benefits of the event. Summaries of reports will be presented at the AGM, and a Copy for the ANWG Northwest News Newsletter. This will help evaluate the success of the grants.

Non Conference Year Grants (2008)

Purpose of workshops is to teach and promote weaving within the Region. Five grants could be awarded at \$200 each to be used during the off-conference year.

During July of conference year, notice to guilds that grant application process is open. July -Nov 15 the education board will accept applications. Awards to guilds will be made Dec 15. Grant money will be available to guilds in January of off conference years (ANWG);

Guilds apply and supply information and costs. Forms and information need to be received by Nov 15 of conference year. Form to include break down of costs, participants, who will lead and where to be held. Provide travel cost, workshop fee, number of participants (guild/non guild) and any other information.

The grant can also be used to send someone from the applying Guild to a workshop with stipulation to bring back the information to the Guild; but not to re-teach the course without instructor approval.

Recipients to give a report to the Education Committee within 2 months of participation, about the use of the grant monies after the workshop. Summaries of reports will be presented at the AGM, and a Copy for the ANWG Northwest News Newsletter. With such a report, the Education Committee will know if the decision to award the grant was a good one.

Weighting factors are guides not absolutes. We don't want to preclude Guilds from requesting grants but need to focus the grant recipients on the proposals having the greatest impact. Factors include the number of participants involved with more being better and also reaching ANWG members outside the sponsoring guild. More weight will be given to workshops presented by someone from outside the Guild and outside the ANWG region and to smaller guilds in the more rural areas. Higher weight given to Guild that has not received a grant, medium weight to a Guild that has received a grant in the past and less weight to those who received a grant the previous year.

Jean Ann Lavell, Education Committee Chair

MEMBERSHIP REPORT SHOWS OVER-ALL INCREASE IN GUILD MEMBERS

This report covers the period from when I was elected at the annual meeting held in August 2005 until present. Below is the summary of our membership for the last 3 years.

	2006	2005	2004
Number of Member Guilds	84	81	81
Membership of Guilds	3,452	3,300	3,197
Guilds with Growing Membership	31		
Guilds with Shrinking Membership	32		
Guilds that did not rejoin	4		
New or rejoining guilds	7		
Guilds with more than 100 members	7		
Guilds with less than 14 members	8		

Janet Fesq, the former membership chair, proved very helpful in the transition. I converted the database records she had to an Access database. I had never set up an Access database before so I had quite a learning curve and am still learning. Once I completed the conversion in order to meet Communications deadline for the October 2005 newsletter, the database works well and makes it relatively easy for the Communications chair and me to exchange information which do about once every 10 days or so. We receive a lot of email and snail mail address changes.

The new Standing Rules provide a January 1 deadline for mailing the Membership Directory. Since most guilds do not have time to deal with ANWG issues in December due to the holidays, this puts a big deadline on Membership to get all of the guild dues by November 30. With dues not even due until October 31, it creates a very quick turn around to remind guilds about the rejoining. I had to do numerous requests to about 25 percent of the guilds to get their memberships. The guild representatives are very helpful and friendly, but often it takes coordination with a guild treasurer or others in the guild which can slow things up. I believe it would make a lot more sense for the deadline to be January 15 and have proposed this change in the Standing Rules to the Executive Committee.

I instituted a fiber book give away which worked well. 25 of

the 85 guilds turned in dues by September 30 to participate in the drawing. Lethbridge Handicraft Guild won the drawing. It required most of my time so far as membership chair to send out membership forms, process returning forms, contact guilds about rejoining, update the database for these changes and others I receive on a weekly basis and respond to communications needs for mailings etc. It does not make sense for more than one person to perform those duties.

I have not had the time I would like to pursue membership among former guilds and other guilds in our region. I have mailed letters and contacted a few guilds personally, but would like to add two people to the membership committee from each of the major geographic areas to contact the former guilds or other guilds in each region to try to get them to join. I have relationships with guilds in the Wyoming, Idaho, and Montana but besides do not have the contacts to help with some of the guilds particularly in Oregon and Canada. I would like help from other members of the board in identifying two likely committee members. Each one would only be asked to contact a few guilds so the tasks for these committee members would not be overwhelming.

The biggest obstacle facing Membership is the provisions in the by-laws regarding the requirement that members vote in the annual meeting or be dropped from membership. This is critical and I have forwarded a proposed change to the Bylaws in Article III section 3 which if approved by the board would then be voted on at the next annual meeting. This provision would encourage guilds to vote in annual general meetings, but not penalize them if they do not.

Linda Shelhamer, Membership Committee Chair

TREASURER'S REPORT MAY 19, 2006

Current Assets

Checking account	\$5,121.43
Money Market Account	8,650.74
Certificate of Deposit	20,890.74
Total	\$34,662.92

A few notes about "financial activity" in the last year:

- Ten scholarships were awarded for CMCY - \$2000 total.
- Four grants have been awarded to guilds this spring - \$800 total.
- CMCY repaid all the seed money they had received.
- The Finance Committee was formed - Nadine Purcell, Francie Alcorn, Mimi Anderson, Linda Shelhamer, Laura Fry, and Ladella Williams, ex-officio.
- The Committee reviewed the preliminary budget for the 2007 Conference and I will soon be issuing a check for seed money.

Respectfully submitted,
Nadine Purcell, Treasurer

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Linda's time. Linda also shares with the Board information that helps us with our decisions on ANWG affairs.

Communications Chair, Linda Davis, maintains the Association's website (www.northwestweavers.org.)

The website reaches out to many individuals and promotes ANWG as well as providing a networking resource. A Yahoo site for the Guild Reps and for the Board are maintained allowing faster communication for all. The newsletter published by ANWG for the benefit of sharing information with all ANWG Guilds is also under Linda's oversight.

Education Chair, Jean Ann Lavell, oversees the Educational projects for ANWG. The grant program was quite successful the first time it was offered and will be continued for 2008. The scholarship nominations will again take place for the next Conference 2007 awards. Moving on to the future, Jean Ann will investigate the use of DVD's as a replacement for the video collection.

Member-at-Large, Laura Fry continues to provide a balance of past history and with an extensive background in education, and monetary experiences, she shares information that helps the Board make appropriate decisions for the Association.

The Registered Agent for ANWG continues to be Mimi Anderson as a resident in the State of Washington where ANWG is incorporated. As the Chair of CMCY 2005, Mimi's leadership gave us such an incredible conference with wonderful experiences. Mimi's continuing support proves invaluable over time.

Looking forward to the future: The Conference Chair for Wild Fibres 2007 in Red Deer Alberta, Pam Marriott will be updating you over the next months on the Conference activities. We are excited to inform you that a really new means of telling you all about the Conference is in the works. Watch for it and weave wild for Wilde Fibres 2007. See you there at the AGM in 2007.

In the meantime, please note that each of the Board members and Committee Chairs have posted reports for your benefit. Please do contact me or any of the Board members with concerns and issues. We are here for you.

Additional thanks go to: Finance Committee: Nadine Purcell Chair as current Treasurer, Francie Alcorn (Past President), Mimi Anderson (former Treasurer), Linda Shelhamer (CPA experience), Laura Fry (Canadian experience).

Education Committee: Chair Jean Ann Lavell (Education Chair), Jean Curry (past Education Chair), Laura Fry (past education chair), Pam Marriott (current Conference liaison), Jean Korus (ANWG-member Guild member), Francie Alcorn (Past

President)

Bylaws Committee: Francie Alcorn, Chair

Nominating Committee: Sue Bye, Chair

Communications Committee: Linda Davis, Chair.; Wanda Shelp, assistant webmaster, Penny Unverzagt, Newsletter assistant.

Sincerely,

Ladella Williams as President of ANWG.

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invitation" and "post-invitation" letter that is sent to each guild representative explaining the purpose of the group and encouraging membership. While this seemed to improve the rate of acceptance of membership, and reduce other problems users had with the site and group, we only have about 80% membership by all Reps (this may actually be excellent - not sure you can ever get 100%). We would like to see the Group become more active in exchanging information and discussing items of interest that are not necessarily initiated by the Moderator or a board member. The Yahoo group has been the recipient of a wide range of divergent - often unusual - requests we get through the website. During April 2006 we had a request from a teacher at Evergreen College in Washington for information on native grasses for basketweaving and another person requested a source for angora or cashmere fabric for buffering microphones, as just two examples in recent months.

Through our web host, Earthlink, we are able to get detailed statistics concerning the visitation and use of our website, called "page views" - the number of times particular pages are visited. After the Home Page, the Classifieds and Coming Events pages had the most visitors - 25,548 and 6,456 respectively for the year April 30, 2005 - May 1, 2006.. However, guild web pages also receive a lot of attention. Not surprisingly, the larger guilds have the most traffic, with 1,527 page views for Portland Handweavers Guild, the guild having the highest number of page views. Even most of the smaller guilds received at least 100 or more page views each. A more complete report will be available on the Guild Representatives Yahoo site. This points out the importance of keeping guild pages up-to-date and, if your guild does not have one, we are ready to help you create one.

For a more complete report on the website, including statistics on the number of page views per guild, we will post the report on the Guild Representatives Yahoo website for downloading.

Linda Davis, Communications Committee Chair

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

Check on <http://www.northwestweavers.org>
or
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for conference information and registration

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**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 itty 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

(Continued from page 2) 2007 Conference

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 to 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	3,500.00
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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Meeting times_____

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

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

Per the Bylaws of the Association of Northwest Weavers' Guilds, this newsletter is your official notice of the 2007 Annual General Meeting (AGM) to be held at Red Deer College, Red Deer, Alberta, Canada, at 7:00 p.m. June 14, 2007.

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

It is truly amazing the variety of textile techniques and nuances out there. Yet there are always connecting threads. Weaving guilds and groups, ANWG and ANWG conferences provide some of these threads or the ways to find the connections.

Weaving itself is such fun and one builds up an incredible momentum but weavers can be alone and not like knitters or spinners who can work in groups. We need opportunities to share projects, network, learn new ideas and gain outlets for our creativity. Many local guilds do fill in these parameters. Yet we know there is more out there and need to connect with it.

Here is where ANWG gathers together the various guilds and provides networking opportunities (connecting threads) to form contacts and resource information to bring teachers and presenters to local groups. As a Rep for your guild, you provide the connecting thread to help your guild apply for a grant, nominate scholarship applicants, inform your guild of ANWG's Website, receive messages from other guild reps via the Yahoo Group site and suggest resources. Your skills and outreach are enhanced and your guild benefits as well from these connections.

One great connection is the biennial ANWG conference as a great forum for education and meeting other weavers. The person one might sit next to at a seminar may



ANWG President Ladella Williams

have a solution to a problem or suggest other resources to try. The nearby viewer of the exhibit could know that special technique one wants to learn or where to locate that new yarn used in the entry item.

Encourage your guild members to attend Wild Fibres 2007, June 14-17, not only for the opportunities the Conference provides but also for that chance serendipitous meeting with others of similar interest and the subsequent journey on a new path. With more connecting threads to pull upon we won't be isolated and can find what we need.

Thanking all you Reps and the current ANWG Board, committee chairs and committee members and the Conference Committee for pulling threads together for us.

I look forward to seeing all of you in Red Deer.

*Sincerely, Ladella Williams as
ANWG President.*

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COUNTDOWN TO WILD FIBRES CONFERENCE JUNE 14TH TO 17TH 2007

Well the count down is on in earnest. Conference is a mere 3 months away. We are all busy here getting ready to welcome you all to Red Deer and the Wild Fibres Conference 2007.

We are looking for door prize donations; you can bring them with you and leave them at the registration desk or get a hold of me for shipping locations. Also the goody bags will be stuffed in April and we would love items for these great bags. You are going to love them. Please contact Mary Davenport, 1502, 11710 - 100 Ave. NW Edmonton, AB T5K 2G3 (780) 482-4595 mary@mport.ca if you wish to insert something into the goodie bags.

Online registration has been going well and mailed in registrations have been handled. Chris, our registrar, is working on sending out notifications of registration and supply lists if needed.

Please refer to our website for the information on entering the juried and non-juried shows, exchanges and of course do not forget your tiara! Mine is all ready for the big day. Moose and all...

If you are still not sure about attending, remember that \$400.00 Canadian fee (\$340.22 US dollars as of today March 15, 2007) includes all your meals for the conference, attendance at the shows, vendor fair, seminars, fashion show and barbecue, two keynote speakers and of course the ever popular "end of conference Sunday brunch". Good deal all the way around. Accommodations at the College are still available.

There is still room in many of the post conference workshops. Hope to see you there!

*Pamela Marriott, Conference Chair
Wild Fibres Conference 2007*

Below is a list of important dates to remember.

April 30 Deadline for entries to "Rhapsody in Fiber" Fashion Show

April 30 Deadline for Guild Booth applications

May 11 Deadline for entries to "Kaleidoscope" Juried Shows

May 15 Registration deadline for Post-Conference Workshops

May 15 Late registration fees apply after this date

May 15 Notifications sent for acceptance to Fashion Show

May 15 Receipt of cell-phone case to coordinator

May 15 Deadline for Sunday Bus Tour

May 18 Deadline for entries to "The Open Door Gallery" Exhibit

May 25 Receipt of Tea Towel to coordinator

June 1 Written request for conference refunds

June 1 Deadline for receipt of entries for Fashion Show

June 1 Deadline for receipt of entries to Open Exhibit

June 14 Set-up for vendors, shows, booths / Registration on-site

June 14 Conference opens

June 17 Conference ends

June 18 Post-Conference Workshops begin

August 1 Refunds processed beginning on this date

EDUCATION COMMITTEE REPORT

Conference Year Scholarships: ANWG offered ten \$200 scholarships toward attendance at “Wild Fibres”, the 2007 ANWG conference in Red Deer, Alberta. In addition to the 10 scholarships, three alternates were also identified from the applicant pool. The candidate pool was excellent and selections were difficult. Although the majority of the applicants were women, we did have two men apply. Three of the nominees, represented more than one guild (2 & 3); and there is an even split (close to it) between US and Canada - eight for US and Canada (16 guilds represented). So the letters were exciting to read. One clear commonality that stood out after reading all the letters is the pride that members have for their guilds and the work that they are doing.

Following are the candidates that were selected for the scholarship awards.

Nominee	Guild
Alison Addicks	Spokane Weavers Guild
Barbara Taylor	Threadbenders Guild
Carol Funnell	Chilliwack Spinners and Weavers
Cheryl Young	Tacoma Weavers Guild
Chris MacKenzie	Ponderosa Spinners Weavers and Fibers Artists
Deanna Welch	Cross Borders; Selkirk Weavers
Jolene Northup	Central Oregon Spinners and Weavers Guild
June Jacobs	Saskatoon Spinners and Weavers Guild
Patti Kreider	Whidbey Island
Rob Kolen	Greater Vancouver Weavers & Spinners Guild

Following are the alternates that have been selected if any of the above ten can't attend the conference.

Nominee	Guild
Alternate-1 Jen Black	Edmonton Croft Weavers
Alternate-2 Leanne Streit	Portland Handweavers Guild
Alternate-3 Marvelyn Albert	Hand Weavers, Spinners and Dyers of Alberta

Thank you all for the great support and wonderful letters! Enjoy the conference!!

Process: Nominees were submitted by a guild rep or member to the Education Committee via electronic email. The nominees and resulting selections were made by Jean Curry, Pam Marriott, Jean Korus, Francie Alcorn, Laura Fry, and Jean Lavell. Ladella Williams offered guidance and review of the selections.

Using electronic media worked well, allowing for easy transfer of information between the panel members for application review and selection. The Education Committee reviewed nominations and the selections were awarded January 15, 2007, prior to conference registration.

Scholarship recipients will give a report, preferably electronically, about the benefits of the event to the new Education Committee within two months of participation. Summaries will be sent for inclusion in the ANWG Northwest News Newsletter. These letters are expected by the end of August, and will be sent to the new Education Chair.

Criteria used to prioritize the nominees varied among the committee but generally revolved around education, teaching and learning. What the applicants were doing in the guild and in the community to further the knowledge of weaving was important, but also for themselves and what they wanted to gain from the conference. The desire to learn more and study some aspect of weaving was very apparent in the selections.

One thing I would like to stress and keep in the forefront of everyone's mind is the use of material and information gathered in workshops. This applies to scholarship recipients as well as to anyone who attends workshops. The use of the information and materials after workshop is a concern. Learning new information, studying new techniques is what the workshops are about; passing on information and resources is where it gets gray. Reproducing the information and disseminating those resources is a potential copyright issue. Take an extra couple of minutes and check with the instructor about their expectations. All instructors are different and have different expectations, please honor those.

Jean Ann Lavell, Education Chair

COMMUNICATION COMMITTEE REPORT

This is my last report to you as ANWG Communications Chair, although I have agreed to continue as webmaster for another two years. I have recommended to the Board that the Communications Chair and Webmaster be separate positions. It has been a pleasure to get to know so many people in the ANWG region and I appreciate the support and assistance many of you have given me during this time. My hope was to be able to improve communications and service to our members during the past two years and I hope we have succeeded.

One indication of success has been the growth of the Yahoo Guild Representatives Group. Two years ago only about one-third of the guild representatives had joined the group; we now have over two-thirds. The Yahoo Group enables the board to get messages and information out more quickly and in-between the tri-annual newsletters. I hope that all guilds will eventually choose to be members of the Yahoo Group so that we can ensure that all guilds have the same level and timeliness of information. In future guild representative selections, the availability of at least email should be a strong consideration in the appointment. At the very least, it is helpful for either the guild representative or the president, if not both, to have email.

Another important item to report on is the success of the re-designed ANWG website that was launched in August 2006. Not only have we had many compliments on the design from within our membership and beyond, but the re-design has meant that the Webmaster (me!) has had to spend a lot less time futzing than I had to do in the past. I have also had to spend a lot less time directing traffic to the proper contacts which means that finding information people need is much easier, more up-to-date and accurate. It even seems possible now that this job can be passed on to someone in the future and it will be relatively easy to update and maintain. The website has been a fun part of my job, especially now. It is a good liaison between our organization and the outside world.

The website averages about 300 visits per day and almost 9,000 per month. The Classified section draws the most visits and about 20% of all page views. Last year, ANWG listed over 300 classified ads. We do not have statistics on what percentage of advertisers were able to sell their items through our site, but I estimate that at

least one-third did. This is based upon feedback from advertisers; some advertisers do not inform us of their success. The Classifieds help new weavers find suitable and affordable looms, allow current weavers to find good homes for ones they no longer need, and for many of us to find looms we did not know we needed but can't resist (one of the hazards of this job, I have found!). And, of course, it is not just looms and weaving equipment but all types of fiber arts equipment, supplies and even fiber animals. So I have no doubt that it helps keep our craft expanding.

Looking forward to seeing you all in Red Deer!

Linda Davis, Communications Chair

MEMBERSHIP GROWS TO 89 GUILDS

Thanks to all of you guilds for rejoining as well as the seven new guilds that joined this year. Individual membership grew in the majority of our member guilds as well indicating a good future for our organization. Please keep spreading, teaching, and demonstrating the fiber arts we hold so dear.

The Chilliwack Spinners and Weavers Guild won the drawing this year for sending their registration before the required date. They chose Sharon Alderman's book Mastering Weave Structures.

I look forward to seeing many of you in Red Deer. In the meantime, if you have any changes in guild representative or I can assist you in anyway, please contact me.

Linda Shelhamer, Membership Chair

TREASURER'S REPORT AS OF FEBRUARY 2, 2007

Checking Account	\$ 7,587.62
Business Money Mkt	\$ 6,091.28
Cert. of Deposit	<u>\$40,594.83</u>
TOTAL	\$54,273.73

Nadine, Purcell, Treasurer

NOMINEES FOR ANWG OFFICES 2007-2009

Pam Marriott, President

Swan Hills, AB

Fibre and fabric have always been a part of my life. But my interest in weaving was started when I attended Alberta College of Art. Although I was in the commercial art program I did find myself spending a lot of time in the weaving studio soaking it all in. I left college before completing my program but worked in the commercial design field for almost 20 years. I did get into weaving in 1979 through a friend and life changed forever.

During my quest to learn about weaving, dyeing and satisfying my fibre needs I took some week and weekend courses, did a lot of at home education and was lucky enough to attend and complete a diploma in fibre at Grant MacEwan College in Edmonton. To look back and say I have been weaving for almost 30 years is amazing to me. There is still so much to learn.

I love colour, I love structure and I love the challenge. I hate math and am so glad that the computer has made some aspects of this work much easier, as well as the world it has opened up for designing weave structures.

I incorporate my art skills into the dyeing of my fibre with the use of an air brush as well as I want to explore more surface design. I still feel the need to paint and think that this will satisfy that itch.

I am currently the Chair of Wild Fibres, ANWG Conference in Red Deer, Alberta.

Alison Addicks, First Vice President

Eastern WA

Weaving was a neglected hobby until the sale and my consequent retirement in 1996 from ownership of The Lacemaker. I was a specialty retailer & sole proprietor trading in lacemaking and needle art supplies. I taught and traveled and tended shop, wrote an annual sixty page catalog, hired and fired, and loved every minute.

I am a Pacific Northwest native, a graduate of Whitman College (Class of '73.) In my working life I have also cut asparagus, worked as a telephone operator, and installed telephones for Pacific Northwest Bell (the second woman to be employed in traditionally male-dominated trades by Pac Bell.)

I maintain memberships in the Spokane Handweavers Guild, Cross Border Weavers, the Seattle Weavers

Guild and, of course, the International Old Lace Society. My 2007 New Year's resolution is to use only fiber from my currently still burgeoning stash, and to learn as much as I can about color and weave structure in the process.

My husband and I have three children, one grandson, and live near Lake Roosevelt on fifty acres of glacial till with a cranky German shepherd dog named Wolfgang.

Donna Faulkes, Secretary

Kamloops, BC

I have been spinning for about 8 years and am currently working on completing my Master Spinners through Olds College in Alberta. I have a great desire to promote all interests in fibre. I love to see what people are designing with fibre. I had the pleasure of volunteering at Convergence 2002 in Vancouver and that is when I knew I had to get even more involved in fibre. I have since volunteered for Convergence 2004 in Denver and was Registration Volunteer Coordinator at Convergence 2006 in Grand Rapids. I was also voted to the HGA Board and serve as Secretary. A friend and I host a spin in weekend each October for 40-50+ people and have a ball. I belong to the Kamloops Spinner's and Weavers and HWGA.

My background is clerical and putting together large Conference and such, so would love to be able to help with my diverse interests and knowledge to open the world of fiber to the world. My husband and I own a farm with 29 llamas near Kamloops, BC.

Linda Ann Smith, Treasurer

Seattle, WA

I learned to weave 34 years ago in the Baltimore area. I moved back to my home state of Washington after a few years and joined the Seattle Weavers Guild. I was a member of the steering committee for Convergence 1982 as one of the 3 treasurers. I have been treasurer of Seattle Weavers Guild, Arachne Weavers Guild and of the ANWG conference in Tacoma in 2005. I am in a few study groups and three weaver's guilds - Olympia Weavers Guild being the third one. I joined Arachne and Olympia after retiring from Boeing in 1994.

I own a four shaft Dorset loom, an eight shaft Baby Macomber and a sixteen shaft J-Comp loom. I can't decide if I am a structure person or a color person - maybe both. I like the mathematics of weaving but get bored if I don't see new things happening and changing as I am weaving.

Ladella Williams, Second Vice President Portland, OR

The outgoing President automatically fills the position of Second Vice President.

VOLUNTEERS FOR COMMITTEE CHAIRS

The following chairs are appointed by the President with consent of the Board:

Deanna Welsh, Education Montrose, BC

I retired to the West Kootenays and am Vice-President of the Selkirk Weavers and Spinners in Castlegar, B.C. This Guild is well established and is situated in the Doukhobor Village Museum. We have a “summer” retail shop for our fiber arts and an ongoing yarn shop which is for Members convenience. I co-chair both the Library Committee and the Programming Committee which led to starting a wonderfully active Study group which meets monthly and does hands on weaving and techniques and has fun. The Education Committee for ANWG is exciting for me and I am eagerly honing up on computer skills. I am looking forward to the Wild Fiber Conference and the ANWG meeting in Red Deer.

Linda Shelhamer, Membership Billings, MT

As an attorney and CPA by Profession, the mother of four, and on-call for elderly parents, I am a part of the “sandwich generation.” After exploring many techniques, my focus is now on projects that, although creative in their development, can be completed when distracted, interrupted, in cars, in hospitals and on airplanes.

Never happy to use other’s yarns or designs, my work is colorful and creative, but also simple and non-stressful in its techniques. A day in the dye kitchen creates many months worth of relaxing projects.

I have been hand spinning, dyeing, knitting, weaving and basket making for over twenty years and a board member of MAWAS, Montana Association of Weavers and Spinners for many years. I am happy to serve another 2 year term as Membership Chairman for ANWG.

_____, Communications

As you are reading this newsletter, wouldn’t you like to be a part of the organization? We are looking for someone to fill the Communication Chairman position. If you are interested, please email or phone Betty Davenport at davenport@owt.com or (360) 687-3415.

The duties are to gather the material for, prepare and publish the ANWG newsletter, like this one, and to distribute the newsletter to every ANWG member guild three times per year. This is a two year commitment and does not include maintaining the web site.

Linda Davis, Webmaster Sisters, OR

I have been helping maintain the Northwest Weavers website since late 2003, first assisting Wanda Shelp who taught me the basics, and now Wanda assists me. We were fortunate to be able to hire a professional web designer last summer to re-design our website to make it much easier to update and maintain. With over 9,000 visitors per year, our website is of great value to our member guilds and the public at large.

If anyone is interesting in providing website assistance, there are several jobs that do not take a lot of time, special software or knowledge. We can always use help!

BYLAWS AND STANDING RULES

The Board of Directors is proposing “housecleaning” changes to the bylaws and standing rules adopted in August 2005. Most of the proposed changes to the ANWG Bylaws and Standing Rules are to take care of grammar, spelling, and presentation errors. There are two changes of note in the Standing Rules: The Member-at-Large Committee (MaL) has been eliminated (Article 5.5). In place of Article 5.5 concerning the MaL Committee, the Conference Committee was added with the Conference Chair becoming a member of the Executive Committee, and the percentage of profits accruing to ANWG set at 20%.

Changes will be voted upon at the AGM in June 2007 in Red Deer, Alberta. A complete set of the Bylaws and Standing Rules, showing proposed changes, are included in this packet.

Francie Alcorn, Second Vice President

PRELIMINARY INFORMATION AND INSTRUCTIONS
FOR THE ASSOCIATION OF NORTHWEST WEAVERS' GUILDS
ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING, JUNE 14, 2007 RED DEER, ALBERTA

Many of us are familiar with the procedure at the ANWG Annual General Meeting (AGM) and we tend to forget there are new Guild Reps who may not have attended an AGM or an ANWG Conference. As the ANWG conference and AGM moves from area to area, it makes it easier for the more local Guild Reps to attend. Reps from further away may be unable to attend. Hence having the Northwest News as a medium to share information both before and after the AGM is a benefit.

The Bylaws and Standing Rules are specific in the procedures for the AGM. In this newsletter, you will find the Registration and Proxy forms to be returned to Secretary, Joan Cameron, before May 25, 2007. This form tells us that you are the designated Rep for your Guild and that you will be present at the AGM. If you are unable to attend the AGM, an Alternate from your guild should be designated and listed on the form. Both can attend the AGM but each guild has only one vote. If neither a Rep nor Alternate can attend from your guild, you need to designate another guild as proxy and the Proxy form then returned to the ANWG Secretary. Be sure to ask the guild you are designating and ensure that the Rep or Alternate will vote the way you want on those matters that require a vote. You have already received earlier email information that the proxy designation requires the presence of that proxy guild's own official Guild Rep/Alternate. The proxy cannot be simply given to any member of another guild. Each ANWG guild should send in one or the other of the two forms.

Note: It is not necessary for an ANWG Guild Rep/Alternate to attend the conference in order to attend the ANWG AGM. The AGM must schedule so there is no conflict between the AGM meeting time and conference activities. Information on housing and meals was provided earlier. Questions? Contact Joan Cameron, Joan_Cameron@telus.net or Ladella Williams, ladella@teleport.com

The Secretary will check the incoming AGM registrations against the most current list on file provided by Linda Shelhamer, ANWG Membership Chair, to confirm the designated guild representatives. All representatives and alternates are to be paid-up members of their guilds and all guilds in good standing on the ANWG rolls. Any changes need to be up to the minute with the Membership Chair.

All Reps should sign in at least 15 minutes prior to the meeting start time so everyone is ready to start the meeting promptly at 7 p.m. as we must be able to conclude by 8 p.m. Joan Cameron will have developed two lists. Your signature is required on one of these lists to confirm your presence at the AGM for the records. You will receive colored "flag" slips to indicate that you have a vote and also how many proxy votes you may be holding if other guilds have designated you as a proxy. When a vote is called we will request you hold up the slip until the count has been taken.

We are encouraging you to bring along this Newsletter packet because it contains the reports of the various chairs and committees to date. Study the proposed changes to the Bylaws and Standing Rules. Read the biographies of the nominees for office. Include these instructions for the AGM. Please also bring along your most updated copy of the Membership Directory. Again as your Guild's Rep, please advise us immediately of any changes (new Rep, new alternate, new President or your own contact information) so communications from ANWG will be received promptly.

Information prepared by Ladella Williams, President of Association of Northwest Weavers' Guilds

PRELIMINARY INFORMATION AND INSTRUCTIONS
FOR THE ASSOCIATION OF NORTHWEST WEAVERS' GUILDS
ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING, JUNE 14, 2007 RED DEER ALBERTA.

Any items for consideration on the AGM agenda must be submitted to the Secretary Joan Cameron in advance of the AGM meeting by May 25, 2007.

**TENTATIVE AGENDA ANWG AGM 2007 June 14, 2007, 7:00 p.m.
Red Deer College, Red Deer, Alberta, Canada
Margaret parsons Theatre, Room 1400**

Meeting called to order at 7:00 p.m. promptly by Ladella Williams, ANWG President

Roll Call by each Guild name: Joan Cameron, ANWG Secretary.

Introductions: Listing later.

Approval of agenda: Items for discussion must be submitted in advance.

Approval of Minutes: Minutes of AGM 2006 read, corrected if needed and approved

Reports of Officers and acknowledgement of Committee members:

- President, Ladella Williams
- Secretary, Joan Cameron: AGM registration
- Treasurer, Nadine Purcell: Finance Committee
- Second Vice President, Francie Alcorn, By-Laws and Nominating Committees

Reports of Committee Chairs:

- Membership Chair, Linda Shelhamer,
- Education Chair, Jean Ann Lavell re. Scholarships, Grants, Videos/DVDs.
Education Committee
- Communications Chair, Linda Davis re. Website and Newsletter .
- Member-at-Large, Laura Fry

Old Business:

- Scholarship Presentations,
- AGM 2006 Show and Tell acknowledgement
- By-Laws Committee Report and vote.
- Other

New Business:

- Nominations Committee report and slate presented and introduced. New officers elected.
- New committee chairs and members introduced.
- Reports from Board Meeting
- Other

Adjournment by 8:00 p.m.

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ANWG AGM 2008

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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.

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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 web-weaver@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!

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Christmas and New Years have come and gone. Where did they go? Life is just a blur for me. I am suffering from the overcommitment blues that have come to a head with parent health issues. But have no fear ANWG members, your ANWG executive committee goes on even without my input. This is the benefit of a strong team of self starters. I love it.

We are doing a "dry run" so to speak of the 2009 conference by having our AGM for 2008 at the same location. I, for one, am looking forward to seeing the university, touching base with all our members' representatives and of course a side trip to a winery or two.

By the time this newsletter is out we should have our two year budget in place and ready for approval at the 2008 AGM. The current guild grant program is underway and seems successful. We have formed a policy committee headed by Ladella that will be forming policy based on past and current decisions where we feel a policy would better serve than just a decision for the time.

Is anybody weaving? I hope to put on the two silk warps I made at Kris Abshire's after-conference



ANWG President Pamela Marriott

class last year. I hope.... That or I will weave on the computer when out on a trip. My sister brought me, from Saudi Arabia, a beautiful true pashmina with embroidery on it. I hope to be travelling there in March 2009. I am also on my way to California this fall with friends to drink and eat our way around the wine country and San Francisco. Any fibre stop suggestions encouraged.

Spring is just around the corner. We have tons of snow but sunny days and I love my area this time of year.

Keep touch. Peace,
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MEMBERSHIP

And the Membership Winners are!!!

As a special gift this year, ANWG decided to award two prizes in the drawing for member guilds that sent their memberships in by the deadline. Both Mid Island Weavers and Spinners in British Columbia and Bozeman Weavers Guild in Montana have won fiber arts books or DVDs of their choices. Neither guild has yet decided which books or DVDs they are choosing, but I expect them to do so as soon as the holidays are over. I have a couple new books on my Christmas list, so I'm sure they will find some great ones.

Most guilds have renewed for 2008 and we have two new guilds this year. I'm still bugging a few guilds for dues, but hope we can report 100 percent renewal in 2008 just like last year.

Many guilds filled out the dates of their guild formation and I plan to write an article on this for our next newsletter. It is inspiring to me how long a commitment the guild members have made to expanding our art. Not only do we carry on many centuries of the textile art tradition, but carry on long standing community organizations as well. I'm hoping we can get that information on each guild's website. Don't forget ANWG will set up a free website for each member guild. Contact Linda Davis about this at webweaver@bendbroadband.com or 541-549-1222.

We're trying to expand our representatives yahoo group to provide timely information. If you are not currently on this group, please contact me at shara@bresnan.net and I'll get you on there.

Linda Shelhamer
Membership Chair

**COMMUNICATION
COMMITTEE REPORT**

**ANWG considering additions
to Guild Yahoo Group!**

We have an active yahoo group for ANWG guild representatives. This site is used to distribute timely news regarding ANWG and its member guilds. It is a strictly business only site. Some guild representatives chose not to join the site for various computer reasons. We have had several guilds request to add their newsletter editors or presidents instead of, or in addition to, guild representatives. We are considering doing that and will conduct a poll on the site. We want to maximize communication vehicles for member guilds.

Please let us know what you think about this idea. Contact Carolyn Wostenburg Communication Chair at lwostenb@rtconnect.net or 1297 Airport Road Worland, WY 82401.

Carolyn Wostenburg
Communications Chair

“WEAVING WAVES OF COLOR”**CONFERENCE: 5/28–31/09****POST CONFERENCE WORKSHOPS: 6/ 1-3/09**

The excitement continues here in Spokane! The steering committee met at Gonzaga University on November 3. The committee members gave their reports on the progress made, such as tours, galleries and so forth. Discussions were lively, suggestions tendered, and decisions made. At the center of all this was how to get the most for the money – spend here because we could save there.

Instructor proposals have been coming in to the education chair. Letters have been sent out to prospective vendors. We even have a guild booth reservation – Yeah to the Selkirk Weavers!

This meeting included a tour of Martin Hall, which is where the vendors, guild booths and exhibits will take place.

The next steering committee meeting is scheduled for January 26, 2008 at 10:00 am at Gonzaga University.

Arlene Klotz

ANWG Conference 2009 Education Chair

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FIBERHEARTS

Cash and equipment awards are available to guilds that demonstrate outstanding programs that create new weavers.

In addition to the two \$500 cash awards sponsored by Handwoven, looms and other portable equipment and supplies will be awarded.

Applications due May 1, 2008

Visit www.handwovenmagazine.com for an application.

NOTE FROM THE EDITOR

In the Fall newsletter, I erroneously identified a photo from last summer's ANWG conference. I gave credit to the Seattle guild for the Wild Critters Picnic booth. My apologies go to the Spokane Guild, who created this display!

EDUCATION COMMITTEE REPORT

A purchase order has been written for DVDs to substantiate the Learning Library; when the order arrives I will list all the DVDs (including brief descriptions of each DVD) on the ANWG website.

Every effort has been made to simplify the purchasing and posting of media. If members are returning DVDs or videos from Canada, they should return items to the following address:

Deanna Welsh
625 10th Ave., Box 74
Montrose, BC V0G 1P0

If members are returning DVDs or videos from the U.S., they should return items to the following U.S. address:

Deanna Welsh
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Thanks for your attention.

Deanna Welsh, ANWG Education Director

EDUCATION GRANT RECIPIENTS

I am pleased to announce that we have awarded nine \$400 education grants and two \$200 education grants.

After careful consideration by our committee of four, we awarded the education grants based on the merits described in the applications. Merits included experience of participants, travel costs, number of participants, where and when to be held, and other parameters adopted by the directors in early fall.

Recipients of the \$400

- Montana Association of Weavers and Spinners
- Columbia Fibres Guild
- Portland Handweavers Guild
- Methow Valley Spinners and Weavers
- Spokane Handweavers
- Rogue Valley Handweavers Guild
- Central Oregon Spinners and Weavers Guild
- Arachne Guild
- Saturday Handweavers

Recipients of the \$200

- Threadbenders Guild
- West Coast Weavers

Deanna Welsh, ANWG Education Director

CNCH08 CONFERENCE OF NORTHERN CALIFORNIA HANDWEAVERS

The Conference of Northern California Handweavers CNCH08 will be held in Sacramento CA at the Double Tree Hotel on Point West Way (across from Arden Fair Mall) on May 3 and 4, 2008. Workshops held May 5-7, 2008.

If you've never attended a CNCH weaving conference before, this is a perfect opportunity. And you'll be delighted with the teaching staff, many of whom have never taught at CNCH before, and a few of your "old" favorites!!!!

All the details and a complete registration booklet (plus a special "Program Booklet" - featuring the instructor's work in color) are on line for your convenience. You can print the entire thing, or only the pages you need from our website at www.cnch.org. (You'll find the information under CNCH08.)

Dates to remember:

November 1, 2007	Conference & Hotel Registration opens.
March 15, 2008	Late Registration fees apply. (No refunds given after this date.)
	Sample Service entries due.
April 1, 2008	Gallery entry forms are due.
April 4, 2008	Last day to make hotel reservations, at the conference rate
May 2, 2008	All Gallery pieces are due at the Doubletree, 8:00 - 11:00 am.
	BYOB (Bring your own Bag) & Weaving Exchange entries are due, 8:00 am 4:00 pm.

The CNCH08 committee has put a great conference together for you. All of their names and contact information is included in the registration booklet. Do not hesitate to contact any of us if we may be of help. Please use CNCH08 as the subject line of any e-mails...so they don't get lost in our "junk". My e-mail address is vvp@foothill.net (that's 2 v's, not a w).

Register early - all lectures, seminars and workshops are available on a first come-first served basis.

Nancy Harvey ~ CNCH08 Chair. (530) 346-6184 vvp@foothill.net

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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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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 dimitry 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 woodsy" (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
shara@bresnan.net

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>

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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.

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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

- 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).

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For you Ravelry members, ANWG has formed its own Ravelry group. We'll provide ANWG and conference updates and provide a forum to discuss our favorite fiber arts. Join us at Ravelry. Our group's name is Assoc. of Northwest Weavers. For information contact Linda Shelhamer at shara@bresnan.net or Carolyn Wostenburg at lwostenb@rtconnect.net

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

Looms are wonderful things: they will sit quietly and wait while life swirls a whirlwind of activity. My new-to-me 24 shaft loom is waiting patiently for me to unwrap and assemble it, but meanwhile I designed drafts and downloaded more weaving drafts from www.handweaving.net to sample for fabrics.

Yardage is my goal: Conference 2009 will offer wonderful opportunities for learning to sew hand woven fabrics into wonderful wearable clothing and the 2009 Fashion Show "Making Waves with What We Wear!" offers a truly wonderful venue to show off fiber creations. Conference seminars and workshops will also offer learning opportunities in dyeing, felting, spinning, weave drafting, simple to complex weaving, basketry, and bobbin lace.

Guilds! Take advantage of the Conference scholarship program! ANWG's future income determines the amount and number of scholarships and while this year we are sharing out the largesse created by "Color Me, Colour You!" (ANWG's 2005 conference), in coming years fewer scholarships and grants will be available.

Future cutbacks will be made necessary because newsletter printing & mailing fees are rapidly increasing and Board travel costs have increased dramatically while ANWG's income is limited to \$1 per member dues and uncertain conference income. (Guilds give back a twenty percent share of "conference income after expenses" to ANWG: Red Deer's



Wild Fibre 2007 Conference provided just \$624.71 to ANWG coffers.)

We need to begin a discussion on the topic of (1) eliminating the **printed** ANWG newsletter in favor of a "virtual" newsletter and (2) changing from a physical to a "virtual" off-conference year Annual General Meeting. The "virtual" newsletter would be available on the Guild Reps Yahoo site and the ANWG web site (www.northwestweavers.org). Carolyn Wostenburg (lwostenb@rtconnect.net), ANWG Communication Chair, will be in contact with Guilds through the coming months to survey opinions and gather information from Guild representatives and Guild members on these topics. Expect discussion and a vote at AGM 2009!

Back to the whirlwind! Best wishes for a glorious autumn from one very busy

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**MEMBERSHIP
JOIN FOR 2009***Win a fiber arts book or DVD !*

Membership fees are due October 31, 2008.

Membership entitles guild to rent books, videos, and DVDs, grants to guilds for speakers or workshops and 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, 2008, 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 2008 to 95 up from 81 guilds in 2004. 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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ANWG CONFERENCE YEAR SCHOLARSHIPS

ANWG is offering ten scholarships for "Weaving Waves of Color" to be held in Spokane, WA in 2009. A conference scholarship will equal the conference fee (not including seminar materials fees or post-conference workshop fees) to a maximum of \$400.

In addition to the ten scholarship winners, three alternates will be identified from the applicant pool. IF a selected nominee is unable to attend the conference, that slot will go the next alternate selected.

Each guild may nominate only **one** person and the guild's ANWG representative must submit a letter of reference to the Education Committee. The nominee will also submit a letter to the Education Committee stating why she/he should be selected. These letters of application must be submitted to deannawelsh@shaw.ca by midnight PST on **OCTOBER 15, 2008**.

Criteria for Submission: Applicant may not have won a scholarship in the preceding five years. Applicant may express financial need, but evidence of financial need is not required, just a simple expression of need. Applicant should be an active and supportive member of their guild. The phrase

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UPDATE ON THE GUILD BOOTHS

All of the guild Booths will be in the same large, well lit room, with easy access for setting up and taking down. **NO STAIRS!**

Some of you are already weaving and executing your booth design. Don't be left in the "prairie" dust...get your shuttles flying!

Your early response for reservations of booth space was a very good idea for your guild. The spaces are now very limited with only a few remaining. If you are planning a booth space for your guild and have been putting it off ... **reserve it now!**

With all of the great talent within our guilds, we will have a wonderful display of booths representing our guilds in 2009.

TABLES:

Tables are in short supply at Gonzaga. If your guild booth requires a table for your display, each guild will bring what they need in that area. If, for some reason, you are unable to bring a table please notify me ASAP. I will try to get something set up so that your guild will be able to rent a table from an outside supplier. I need you to respond, to get an idea of the number of tables involved, before I'm able to go forward with this matter.

PIPE AND DRAPE:

All Pipe and Drape will be used for back drop only. We will **not** be able to hang anything from them or use them as props for display. Everything must be free standing. The "Conference" will be held responsible for, and charged for any damage to the pipe and drape.

Sandi Goede
Guild Booth Chair

SCHOLARSHIPS (CONTINUED)

"active and supportive" could include: holding a guild office, helping with workshops, helping with guild library and/or public instruction or demonstration of weaving. Active and supportive members are what hold a guild together.

Scholarship application should be made by e-mail to: Education Committee Chair, Deanna Welsh: deannawelsh@shaw.ca or, if necessary, via snail mail: Box 74 Montrose, B.C. V0G1P0 Canada.

The Education Committee will review the nominations and scholarships will be awarded December 15, 2008. Scholarship winners and guild reps will be notified via e-mail. Scholarship winners will receive a conference registration certificate and registration booklet: the certificate must be sent via snail mail with the applicants' conference registration. No checks will be issued.

If you have any questions, please contact
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“WEAVING WAVES OF COLOR” IS GOING GREAT!

All guild booths are filled! Vendor booths are filling up fast. A couple of the anchor booths are Village Spinning and Weaving, Glimakra USA, Bluster Bay, Red Fish Dye Works, and Weaving Works. Spokane City Gallery Exhibits in Spokane are planned including the Chase Gallery in Spokane City Hall. At City Hall you must also see the two installations by the Spokane Handweavers' Guild.

Instructor proposals have been selected and contracts offered. Signed contracts were due back August 20. Check the websites for updates: www.anwg2009.org and www.northwestweavers.org

The Great Falls, Montana Guild has offered to sponsor a bath mat exchange. More details will be forthcoming!

Member guilds are stepping up with offers for items for the goodie bags. There's still plenty of time for your guild to participate! Contact Kathy Conway at 509-624-8058.

The Fashion Show:

Making Waves With What We Wear!

The Juried Show:

Shuttle Through Waves of Color

Weaving a special garment? Want to enter the Fashion Show, but also want comments from the juror in the Juried Show? We have a plan! Your garment can be entered in both shows! Follow the directions for each competition. Send in the form and fee (\$8 each show) and whatever else is required for each show. The garment will be taken from the Juried Show for the Fashion Show. Ahhh – problem solved.

The ***Open Show***: This is a People's Choice show. Since a juror is not involved, the fee is less.

Forms for each show will be available soon.

The next ANWG 2009 Steering Committee meeting is September 21 at the North Branch of Spokane County Library.

ANWG 2009 JURIED SHOW “SHUTTLE THROUGH WAVES OF COLOR”

The Juried Show will offer participants the opportunity to have their work reviewed by a nationally recognized expert, and each entry will receive a written evaluation by the juror.

Juried Show Chair: Leann Teleckyl
(loosethreads10@yahoo.com)

Categories:

Woven Wearables – including accessories and yardage designed for clothing.

Home Interiors - Fabrics made for use in the home, including yardage designed for upholstery.

Decorative Weaving – This category is for rugs, hangings, tapestries, and other weaving designed primarily as art pieces.

Innovative Interlacements

Entry fee: \$8 fee

Each category will award First, Second and Third Place.

There is no limit on number of entries per person.

Entry forms will be available after Sept. 30, 2008 at www.anwg2009.org



Weaving Waves of Color logo

A SPECIAL CALL FOR CONFERENCE VOLUNTEERS

If you would be willing to donate four or more hours of your time during the conference to help mount displays, provide oversight for exhibits, or give vendors a coffee break, please contact Volunteer Chair, Holly Gordon at Box 873, Fruitvale, BC, Canada V0G 1L0, holly_gordon@telus.net or 250-367-2116 and add your name to the volunteer list! You will know the volunteers by the lovely aprons they will be wearing. The aprons, with the **Weaving Waves of Color** logo, are for *volunteers only* and will not be available for sale. We need volunteers for classrooms and a zillion other fun tasks. Please consider donating your time!

EMAIL OR SNAIL MAIL

The ANWG board met last summer in Spokane. A large topic of discussion was ways to avoid raising dues. One of the ways discussed was sending the quarterly newsletter and yearly membership booklet in PDF form (approximately 750 kb size) by email. This would allow us to avoid the ever rising cost of paper and postage. As Communications Chair, I receive many monthly newsletters by email, so I know that many of the guilds are used to obtaining their information in this format.

We do understand that some guilds may not have anyone in their membership who has access to email. For those groups we will continue to print and send a paper copy of the news letter. Each guild is important to ANWG.

When your guild fills out the membership form for the coming year, you will find a place to let us know which way you would like to receive the newsletter. We hope, that if you are able to, you will choose to help us keep the cost of dues each guild pays at the \$1.00 per member.

If there are questions or concerns please feel free to contact me.

Communication Chair
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COMING EVENTS

OREGON FLOCK & FIBER FESTIVAL

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

DESERT FIBER ART SHOW

January, 2009
Allied Arts Association The Gallery at the Park
89 Lee Blvd., Richland, WA 99352
www.desertfiberarts.org

Desert Fiber Arts will be displaying their member show, "Desert Green," at the Allied Arts Association gallery in Richland, WA this coming January. See Desert Fiber Arts website later this year for more details.

NOMINATING NEWS

The Nominating Committee (Mimi Anderson, Denice McMeecham, and Pamela Gresfrud) is seeking your suggestions for officer and committee chair positions for the upcoming election. Self-submissions are encouraged, as well as contact information for anyone in your guild who might consider service to the organization. We are an association run by volunteers. Please consider giving your time and skills to the organization. Please contact any of us with questions. We'll find the answers!

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COMING EVENTS (CONTINUED)

LECTURE ON PERUVIAN TEXTILES BY NILDA CALLANNAUPA ALVAREZ

November 12, 2008
Coupville Art Center, Coupeville, WA
All Levels; Limit 50 students
Tuition: \$35/Members of CAC \$30

Nilda will present a lecture on Peruvian textiles, their historical significance, and the meanings of the designs and the colors. The lecture will include examples of textiles which continue to use ancient designs and which are still being woven.

To register: visit www.coupevillearts.org or call 866-678-3396

See the ANWG website for details about related workshops.

LETTER FROM GEORGEAN CURRAN

Below is the text of a thank you for the ANWG grant given to the Arachne guild of the South Puget Sound area of Washington state. The guild also sent along a couple of photos.

The Arachne guild used the grant for a dye workshop with Theresa Ruch from Portland. We all had a great time and the colors were outstanding. Theresa is known for her intense colors and we got them. We are a small guild, but growing again and this grant helped us get a workshop that alone we couldn't have afforded. I am attaching a couple of pictures showing the results of the day. We are looking forward to seeing the yarns used in finished projects. A few have shown up already. The workshop was held in Betty Bell's basement workshop.

Georgian Curran



Participants in the Arachne Guild Dye workshop



The products from the dye workshop!

2009 ANWG SILENT AUCTION

To help boost ANWG's treasury, ANWG will hold a silent auction, which may also help us prevent a dues increase in the near future. This approach is being used very successfully by many organizations. The silent auction will be in lieu of vendor door prizes but will be a lot of fun. Successful bidders are bound to walk away with some really great deals while also knowing that our organization will benefit. The auction will support the services that ANWG provides – our conferences, education grants and scholarships, the website, video/DVD rentals and networking, among other benefits. Our organization is the envy of many other regions in the US and abroad.

We tried out a “mini-event” in Spokane at the AGM – this was a warm-up, mostly intended to raise the guilds' awareness of this new event at the 2009 “Weaving Waves of Color” conference.

Details are still being worked out and will be finalized before the first of the year; look in the next newsletter for specifics on how to contribute items for the auction. Vendors who have signed up for a booth, vendors on the ANWG website, and our member guilds will be solicited for items to contribute, but anyone can contribute. Appropriate items include almost anything related to fiber arts including new equipment and tools, used equipment in excellent condition, services (such as lectures, classes, dyeing, etc.), and new fiber and yarn. Guilds should be thinking about what they might contribute and any local vendors who may be interested in participating.

Note that this is an ANWG sponsored activity and not the responsibility of the conference committee. The conference location is our venue. We appreciate the committee making accommodation for this in the vendor hall. If you have any questions, please direct them to Linda Davis, Silent Auction Chair, e-mail webweaver@bendbroadband.com.



ANWG 2009 CONFERENCE FASHION SHOW

.....*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:

Making Waves With What We Wear!

Friday, May 29th will be an evening not to be missed. Our show will be commentated by **Anita Luvera Mayer**, and will delight all with fashions by YOU!

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

Awards categories are:

Hand Woven Fashions: the Wave of the Future (Most Innovative)

Wave Actions - Rainbow Refractions (Best Use of Color)

Knot To Be Waved Aside (Best Use of Multiple Techniques)

What's Felt Next to the Skin? (Best Use of Felted Fibers)

Shock Waves for Every Body (Most Surprising)

The Stadium Wave - Cheer for your favorite! (People's Choice Award)

~~~ WEAVERS ~~ start your looms! *To aid in planning, we would like to hear from you asap if you are intending to enter!*

Entry forms will be included in the printed and online 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. Entries may incorporate any forms of wearable textile arts such as weaving, felting, knitting with handspun yarns, braiding, surface design and fiber manipulation. The runway show will not be self-modeled. 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).

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## AGM 2008 SHOW AND SHARE CONTEST

The Show and Share entries at the 2008 ANWG AGM were a wonderful mix of techniques, structures and items. The votes were turned in after lunch and when each winner was announced, the Guild Rep gave the audience more information about the pieces which is too extensive to include here. Photos may be posted on the [www.northwestweavers.org](http://www.northwestweavers.org) site. The details : on the ANWG Rep Yahoo Group site.

**Best of show:** "Symbols and Simplicity" Hand-felted Wool Ruana in grey and black of Merino wools and silk paper by Lyn Pfleuger of Handweavers, Spinners and Dyers of Alberta. Lyn says, "Through felt making I have been able to express my interest in the comfort and warmth of traditions and communities. I love the history of the medium, the logic and symbolism of its motifs and the magical simplicity of its manufacture. This piece is all about that."

Honorable mention for Best of Show: Carolyn Wostenberg of Western Weavers (Wyoming and Montana) for her Huck Lace Shawl. An Angstadt Block profile was changed to a three thread huck lace pattern , of cotton warp, Tencel weft and sett at 30 epi the scarf was woven on a 16 S computer dobby loom.

**Best use of color:** "Twilight Haze" by Heather Specken of Kalamalka Weavers and Spinners is a scarf of a 16 S twill variation. Using purple, yellow, green and brown silk and woven over with handspun, space dyed wefts, Heather is trying to capture the colours of the sky just before dark.

Honorable Mention for Best Use of Color had a tie for this category: A scarf woven by Georgeann Curran, of Moon Spinners, Puyallup WA woven on a computer loom in an original advancing twill in parallel polychrome Tencel. The other is a towel with 19 color stripes inspired by the Rainbow. Woven in Rosepath pattern of 10/2 mercerized and unmercerized cotton, sett 24 epi on an 8 shaft loom by Joy Winther of Sacajawea Weavers Guild, Longview WA.

**Best Technical Complexity Handwoven:** "Vancouver at Twilight", an exquisite 8 shaft shadow weave shawl by Vanetta Burton of Missoula Weavers Guild. Of 70 % silk/30 % seaweed, with Czech beads inserted randomly every 14th weft shot to give the impression of twinkling stars in early evening.. The yarns were selected by Vanetta's husband as a gift while he was on a business trip in Vancouver.

Honorable mention for Best Technical Complexity Handwoven. "Twilight Haze" by Heather Specken which

won the Best Use of Color. See Best Use of Color for details.

**Most Fun or Most Innovative award** went to "Barn to be Wild" by Desert Fiber Arts Guild which supports the Benton-Franklin County Fair every year. The theme for the Fair in 2007 was "Barn to be Wild". The basic concept for this three panel Fiber Collage was proposed by Cheryl Reed, the Guild President. Under the direction of Marcia Keefer, many members of the Desert Fiber Arts Guild submitted the materials for this work of art. After the Fair it has been displayed in a number of public places and is currently on loan to the MidColumbia Library in Benton County, Washington.

Honorable Mention for Most Fun or Most Innovative goes to a fiber picture, "Structure or Color - Color or Structure", by two members of Desert Fiber Arts Guild, Judy Rice and Larry Taylor, who live 100 miles apart. The Desert Fiber Arts guild is to present a bi-annual show at the Allied Arts Gallery in January of 2009. Members of the Guild who had different interests in techniques formed teams to work on projects to be sold at the show. The interesting structures are a basic basket weave on a rigid heddle loom and a twill gamp on a 4 shaft loom with free hand weaving of the color rovings thus combining weaving, dyeing and felting. Larry, as a structure person, sketched out a draft which Judy, a color person, liked. Larry completed the structure pieces and took them with the artist canvas base to Judy for final assembly. Judy refined the composition and brought the completed work to a guild activity. After attaching it to the canvas base, the artists determined a plain black frame would best show the work.

**Best Other Technique than Weaving** goes to the lovely Wool Ruana by Lyn Pflueger that won Best of Show. See Best of Show for details.

Honorable Mention for Best Other Technique than Weaving: "Necklace: Dichroic Glass with Kumihimo strand" of blue, green and black plus novelty yarns braided by Trish Randall of Tacoma Weavers Guild, WA. While traveling to Scotland in the spring of 2007 with Nadine Sanders, Trish found this lovely piece of dichroic glass at the Glasgow Museum. She created the *kumihimo* strand to complement it.

Many thanks go to all the artists who submitted their inspiring work for us to see. We wish we could acknowledge each and every one of the entries in detail.

*Report by Ladella Williams ANWG 1st VP.*

