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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Letter from the President
Spring 2016

I love spring with the beautiful colors in the yard...they are such an inspiration for weaving. The trouble is I have so many other things to do that weaving and other fiber arts are left undone because I don't have time. It really is a matter of priorities for me. Spring is a time to be creative and to weave.

The Board and Guild Reps will be meeting in Victoria BC for the Annual Membership Meeting on Saturday June 4, 2016 at the site of the next ANWG 2017 NW Weavers' Conference "Treadle Lightly". I am looking forward to seeing old friends and making new ones. I hope you can be with the Board and attend the meeting. If no one in your guild can attend, please remember you can sign a proxy. If you have any questions you want answered, please do not hesitate to send me an email. I will bring it to the Board and address it. We are your representatives and I want the board to be addressing any issues that your guild may have.

It is time to form the nominating committee to replace board members, which is the job of our 2nd Vice President, Mary Anna Swinnerton. Just remember that "someone else" is no longer around and it may be time for you to volunteer. It is fun and I have learned so much since I have been part of the ANWG board, so please think about it.

From my weaving studio and going back to my loom...

Woven together
Anne



**Annual Membership Meeting
Arbutus/Queenswood Room, Cadboro Commons Building
University of Victoria
Victoria BC**

Saturday June 4th , 2016

Agenda

- 8:30-10:00 am Open for show and share, registration and setup
- 9:00-10:00 am Registration, view show and share, refreshments.
- 10:00 am Call the meeting to order
 Welcome
 Written questions from the guilds for the board
 Determination of a quorum
 Formal adoption of the agenda
 Minutes of 2015 AMM
 Introduction of board members
 Treasurer's report
 Committee reports:-
 Membership
 Education
 Communications
 Webmaster
 Old Business
 Challenge grants
 2017 Conference reports
 New Business
- 12:00 Noon Lunch
- 1:00 pm Short presentation from any representatives that received an ANWG grant
 Written questions answered by the president and board

AMM Items to Note

If you are unable to attend the AMM, please designate a proxy. The proxy may be another member of your guild or someone from another guild who is attending. The proxy form is located on the last page of this newsletter. It may be mailed or emailed to Secretary Melanie Smith, or your proxy may bring it to the meeting to turn in at registration. **THE FORM IS ONLY NEEDED IF YOUR PROXY IS FROM ANOTHER GUILD.** Another member of your guild attending for you does not require the proxy form.

Show and Share will again be a feature of the AMM. Each guild may bring one item for Show and Share. Register your item at check-in. The items will be displayed for all in attendance to vote on. The categories will be Most Inspiring, Best Use of Color, Best Weaving and Best Overall.

ANWG BOARD VACANCY

ANWG First Vice-President

by Mary Anna Swinnerton (2nd Vice-President, now temporary 1st V-P)

I am the current First Vice-President because Suzie Liles (elected at the annual meeting in 2015) needed to resign because of increased business responsibilities. (**From the Standing Rules:** The 2nd Vice President shall take over the office of the First Vice President if the First Vice President resigns, is removed from office, or takes over the position of President, until the next regularly scheduled election of officers)

There are four elected officers on the ANWG Executive Board: President, 1st Vice President, Secretary and Treasurer. The other members are the chairpersons of the three standing committees: Education, Membership and Communication, which are appointed by the President.

The ANWG Bylaws and Standing Rules (see Member Resources on the ANWG website:

www.northwestweavers.org) states that the First Vice-President will become the President should the President resign or be removed from office. In that case, the First Vice President would take over all of the duties of President.

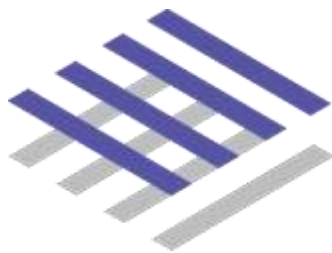
In practice, most often the First Vice-President has become the next President as the time spent as 1st Vice President has been preparation for learning more about ANWG, how an effective Board functions and getting to know the responsibilities of the other positions on the Executive Board.

My own experience: When I was asked to serve on the Executive Board in 2009, I had no knowledge of how the ANWG organization functioned. I had enjoyed several ANWG conferences but had never been involved on the organizational side. I had served as President of my local guild and also active on boards of other organizations.. I agreed to serve as 1st Vice-President so I could learn. After being on the Board under Linda Davis, as President, I felt that I knew enough to take over that position. After completing my 2-year term as President I became the 2nd Vice-President. In that position, I then became 1st Vice-President again in 2014 when Anne Oglevie needed to step up to President with the resignation of Betty Bell.

Serving on the ANWG Board has been a good experience for me and I have enjoyed working with the various elected and appointed Board members. If you have had some leadership experience in the past and appreciate the way in which ANWG has been able to support the work of our guilds, I would encourage you to consider applying for this position.

If you have the name of someone who might be a good fit for this Board position, please do the following:

Send their name, address, phone number and e-mail address to either Anne Oglevie at annreoglevie@gmail.com or Mary Anna Swinnerton at luvmaps2@bendcable.com and/or ask someone who has leadership experience and might be interested to send that information, plus a brief resume, to either Anne or Mary Anna.



TREADLE LIGHTLY ANWG 2017 NW Weavers' Conference

April 2016 Conference Update and Information about the AMM

The members of 2017 Conference Planning Committee have been learning many new and challenging skills as we plan the 2017 conference. The most encompassing and most complex is all the detail around organizing a conference that draws participants from two countries, the United States and Canada.

First and most important, all participants coming from the States will need a US passport valid for 6 months after the conference date. Check the expiry date on your passport today!

Brenda Nicolson, our Market Place Coordinator, has invited vendors from both sides of the border. That sounds so easy, right? Unfortunately, importing goods for sale requires paperwork from Canada and US Customs, both coming and returning home, paperwork for Canada Revenue Services and, for all I know, from the IRS and paperwork from Canadian Immigration in case the vendors need work permits. We are making this as easy as possible, but please ask your Guild members to let their favourite vendors know that the trip will be worth the red tape. Also, remind your Guild members to check the Conference newsletter and website for the profiles of vendors which will be posted over the next few months.

Both the Conference instructors and participants face similar issues crossing the border. Our Workshops and Seminars Coordinator, Anita Salmon, has looked into the possibility of work permits and the complexities of payment for the instructors coming from outside Canada. We are also organizing letters for instructors and participants addressed to both Customs Agencies. These letters will explain why Conference instructors and participants are crossing the border with looms, sewing machines, fibre and spinning wheels.

Registration and particularly the payment of Conference fees, is a topic with which the Planning Committee continues to wrestle. We have chosen to use the same registration system Bellingham used—RegOnLine--and will take mailed-in registrations in very rare circumstances. Registration will open in early January 2017 so watch the conference website and newsletter for more details.

The ANWG Annual Members Meeting takes place on June 4, 2016 in Victoria as a mini dry-run for the Conference. I am hoping to see many Guild reps attend to check out the Conference site and accommodation.

The Conference website is anwgconference2017.com. You can sign up for our newsletter there.

See you in June.
Christine Purse
2017 Conference Chair

Travelling to Victoria, BC

All ANWG reps travelling to Canada must have a valid U.S. Passport, Passport Card, Enhanced Driver's Licence, NEXUS, SENTRI or FAST card. Please note that the Enhanced Driver's Licence is **not** acceptable for air travel. Victoria is located on the southern end of Vancouver Island. As there is no bridge to Vancouver Island, travel by air or ferry is required. If you are arriving by air or bus/train, we will try to arrange someone to pick you up. Please fill in the appropriate information on your AMM Accommodation Form.

By Air

Victoria International Airport (YYJ) is located about 25 km north of Victoria. There are direct flights to Victoria from:

Abbotsford – Island Express, Orca Airways

Calgary – Air Canada, WestJet

Edmonton – WestJet

Kelowna – Pacific Coastal, WestJet

Nanaimo – Island Express

Prince George – Pacific Coastal

Seattle – Alaska Air

Toronto – Air Canada, WestJet

Vancouver – Air Canada, Orca Airways, Pacific Coastal, WestJet

Flights from Vancouver International Airport take about 25 minutes gate to gate and from Seattle-

Tacoma International Airport take about 40 minutes gate to gate. As these are much larger airports than Victoria, connections from many destinations are possible through either of these airports.

On arrival, ground travel options include rental cars, airport shuttle (YYJ Shuttle), taxi, and BC Transit buses. YYJ Shuttle costs \$29 to the University of Victoria. A taxi costs about \$50.

If you are renting a car, follow the directions from * below.

By Road And Ferry

Three ferry routes, two routes of which originate in Washington State, serve greater Victoria. The main route is via BC Ferries due to the frequency of sailings (minimum 8 sailings daily) as well as the higher number of cars and passengers carried on each sailing.

BC Ferries via Tsawwassen Ferry Terminal (bcferries.com/schedules/mainland/tssw-current.php)

Ferries run every 2 hours on the odd hours from 7 a.m. to 9 p.m. daily. There are additional sailings on even hours during peak travel periods. Reservations are accepted. As the Tsawwassen Ferry Terminal serves a number of destinations, be sure to drive to a payment booth labeled for Victoria.

Getting to the ferry terminal

From east of Vancouver

Take Trans Canada Highway 1 toward Vancouver and take exit 53 to Highway 17. Drive west approximately 40 km to Tsawwassen Ferry Terminal.

From Washington State

Take Interstate 5 to the Canadian border. After crossing the border, the route becomes Highway 99.

Take exit 26 and proceed west on Highway 17 for 13 km to Tsawwassen Ferry Terminal.

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At the ferry terminal

The cost to travel on the ferry is determined by the size of the vehicle and number of passengers. At the payment booth, a lane number will be assigned and printed on the receipt. Find the lane and park behind the last stopped vehicle. A central building has food and other items for sale. Please note all passengers must be in the vehicle and ready to board about 20 minutes before the scheduled departure. Listen for the announcement asking you to return to your vehicle. The ferry crossing takes about 90 minutes. There are full services on board including a buffet restaurant, cafeteria, snack bar, and a gift shop.

Washington State Ferries Anacortes Ferry Terminal

(wsdot.com/ferries/schedule/ScheduleDetailByRoute.aspx?schedrouteid=1655&route=ana-sj-sid)

Washington State Ferries offer one or more sailings per day from Anacortes, WA to Sidney, BC, 30 minutes north of Victoria. Check their website for more information. The journey is about 2.5 hours through the San Juan Islands; there may be a stop at Friday Harbor on San Juan Island.

Getting to the ferry terminal

The Anacortes Ferry Terminal is accessed from Interstate 5 via exit 230. Take US 20 west into Anacortes and follow the signs to the ferry terminal once in centre of Anacortes. There is a small cafeteria on board the ferry as well as a duty free shop.

At the ferry terminal

Once you have paid your fare, you will be assigned a row number. Park behind the last stopped vehicle. Listen for the boarding announcement and follow the direction of the loading staff.

On arrival at the Swartz Bay (BC Ferries) Ferry Terminal

Leave the ferry terminal on highway 17 and follow the signs to Victoria. Follow the directions from * below.

Or the Sidney (Washington State Ferries) Ferry Terminal

All passengers and vehicles on the Washington State Ferries must be screened for entry into Canada.

After being cleared to enter, leave the ferry terminal and go around the roundabout to the third exit.

Follow the signs toward Victoria. This route joins Highway 17 at the McTavish Road interchange. You will enter the interchange at the east side roundabout, cross the highway and go around the west side roundabout taking the exit to Highway 17 south.

*Then, follow the Highway 17 to the University of Victoria instructions. The Vancouver Island section of Highway 17 is a mixture of traffic light controlled intersections and full interchanges. Drive south to exit 7 (McKenzie Avenue and the University of Victoria). Turn left onto McKenzie Avenue at the traffic lights. Continue on McKenzie Avenue for about 7 km. After the Shelbourne Street intersection, make sure you are in the left lane of McKenzie Avenue. Shortly after the intersection with Gordon Head Road, McKenzie Avenue becomes single lane as it enters the university campus. Stay on McKenzie Avenue passing McGill Road, Vikes Way, Gabriola Road, and take the second exit at the Finnerty Road roundabout. After the roundabout look for Parking Lot 5 on the right, opposite Clarndon Road. Turn right into the parking lot. The Residence Office is located on the upper side of the parking lot. We will have someone to greet you.

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Black Ball Ferries (MV Coho) Port Angeles Ferry Terminal (www.cohoferry.com/Schedule)

The MV Coho departs from Port Angeles, WA at least twice daily. Check their website for details. The 90-minute journey crosses the Strait of Juan de Fuca. The arrival terminal is in downtown Victoria.

Getting to the ferry terminal

The Black Ball Ferry Terminal is located in the centre of Port Angeles. Take Highway 101 to Port Angeles and follow the signs to the ferry terminal. There is a gift shop and cafeteria on board the ferry as well as a duty free shop.

On arrival at the Victoria Ferry Terminal

All passengers and vehicles must be screened for entry into Canada. After being cleared to enter, leave the terminal and turn left on Belleville Street. Continue on Belleville Street past the BC Legislature and cross Government Street and Douglas Street. Belleville Street turns left onto Blanshard Street. Continue on Blanshard Street. Turn right on Fort Street. Continue on Fort Street until you reach Foul Bay Road; turn left on to Foul Bay Road. Foul Bay Road merges with, and becomes, Henderson Road after crossing Landsdowne Road. Continue on Henderson Road crossing Cedar Hill Cross Road and enter the University of Victoria campus. The main road on campus is Ring Road, which is a two lane, one-way street encircling the academic buildings. About halfway round the circle, look for Finnerty Road (near the Student Union Building) and turn right on to it. Proceed to the roundabout at McKenzie Avenue and take the first exit right, which is McKenzie Avenue. Drive along McKenzie Avenue looking for Parking Lot 5 on the right opposite Clarndon Road. Turn right into the parking lot. The Residence Office is located on the upper side of the parking lot. We will have someone to greet you.

Bus and Train (bcconnector.com)

It is possible to travel to Vancouver, BC by both bus and train. The bus terminal is located at the train station. Both Amtrak and VIA Rail serve the Vancouver train station as does Greyhound. Once at the Vancouver station, there is bus service to Victoria offered by Wilson's Transportation. Currently, there are 3 buses daily serving Victoria. The bus station is in downtown Victoria. You may need to take a taxi to the University, which costs about \$50.

CHALLENGE GRANT REPORTS

Saturday Handweavers' Guild Three-end Block Weave by Jason Collingwood

The Saturday Handweaver's Guild of Southern Oregon enjoyed a three day workshop with Jason Collingwood on March 18th, 19th and 20th, 2016. This was made affordable for our members by a generous grant from ANWG and it is with much gratitude that I submit this report, as it was a very positive experience for everyone involved. We had a great time and learned so many new things.

The workshop began with looms being set up and the busy-ness of the morning giving way to the introduction to his style of rug weaving. This work shop focused on "3-End Block Weave". A pleasant and competent teacher, Jason was able to reach weavers of all levels of skill and experience as we began a new way of warping for all of us. He taught us twining techniques, as well as great insights into the set-up of the loom. We then jumped right in to weaving the blocks and it was so fun to learn from an expert with loads of experience. We really had to concentrate when we started weaving; it's one thing to read about it and hear someone explain it, but to then be able to go and try it right away is a great way to learn; not to mention how fun it is to spend a weekend weaving with friends.

On Saturday, we continued discussing various design elements that are possible with the 3-End Block Weave. We learned how to use the blocks to create everything from stripes to dots to solid colors. After a delicious lunch of salad and sandwiches, we talked about Jason's constant color method and clasped wefts. It's amazing how many design elements are possible with this weave.

Sunday brought us to double faced twill, which adds even more possibilities with this one warp. We then explored clasping within the twill for even more flexibility. Jason also taught us an easy way to set up our looms for shaft-switching, which is a great way to create and change designs within the same warp. It was a new technique for all of us. And in the end, everyone had a beautiful start on their own rug sampler!

Many members of our guild donated their time and attention to the planning of this wonderful weaving workshop. Gratitude must go to our workshop coordinator, Deb Keberle for putting it all together. Deb did an amazing job with all the details from the location to the food! We had a great space, with room enough for 20 looms and a kitchen area with ample space for lunch.

The samples we made at the workshop will be a part of community outreach for our guild. The library in Jacksonville, Oregon has invited our guild to display our works for the community in June and July of this year. We will create a display with our rug samples and other works to show the talents and skills of our members. This is a wonderful way to share our love of weaving with the community and in the past, we have had a great response to our display. Our guild is extremely thankful for the grant from ANWG to help make this workshop available and affordable for our members. We even had a few weavers from neighboring guilds join us for the weekend. The grant we received went to weaving education for our members, but the generosity rippled out from there and the workshop really became a place to weave with friends, and what could be better than that? THANK YOU!!



Out and About in the Guilds

Susan Wilson's Weaving Workshop Cracked With Excitement

The room hummed with the sound of weaving, and of weavers having those “Ahh Hah!” moments as they discovered something new or had a new understanding of a weaving concept. For three intensive days in February, 17 weavers of The Central Oregon Spinners and Weavers guild participated in a workshop taught by Susan Wilson of Arvada, Colorado. Susan took the group through multiple options for weaving Crackle, a weave structure with roots in Sweden. In 1990, Susan completed a Handweavers Guild of America (HGA) Masters level Certificate of Excellence (COE) study in Crackle, and recently published a book on the subject. In our workshop, she shared her COE samples, as well as numerous Crackle projects. Each weaver had selected one of several possible Crackle threading options so we were able to see different results on each loom. We each worked on our own loom with a warp color of our choice, so it was fun to see the variety of color interactions possible. I think everyone was surprised to see how many different things can be done on one warp, like weaving a Crackle threading with a Summer and Winter treadling shown in the photo. We left the workshop inspired and dreaming of new projects. (Submitted by Ginger Kaldenbach, Bend, OR)



Out and About in the Guilds

Gorge Handweavers Guild Spring Workshop

The Gorge Handweavers Guild Spring Workshop included a lecture entitled “Color” by JoAnn Bachelder. There were approximately 25 guild members and guests in attendance. JoAnn talked about the color wheel systems and yarn color combinations that work when weaving. Her points were illustrated with a number of samples. All agreed it was an excellent talk and the guild would like to thank the Grace Carter Weaving Studio for underwriting the lecture.

Following the lecture, a wine reception for JoAnn was held at Mary Marker’s house. It was enjoyed by all.

JoAnn’s lecture on Friday was followed by the guild’s first sponsored workshop, held on Saturday March 12th to March 14th. The title of the workshop was, *Towels: A Gamp that Transcends Tradition*. We had the maximum number of attendees, 18. It was very successful. A great mix of traditional and colorful warp gamps made for an interesting three days. All agreed that JoAnn is an excellent weaving teacher who explained the subject matter clearly with many samples. She also showed us some of her “tricks of the trade” that make weaving go smoothly.



ANWG PROXY FORM

There is no longer a requirement to attend the Annual Membership Meeting in order to remain a Guild in good standing with ANWG. If no one from your Guild is able to attend you may designate a representative or alternate (a proxy) from another Guild to attend the meeting on your behalf. You are encouraged to do this so that we will have a quorum at the Annual Meeting.

Use this form only if appointing a proxy from another ANWG member guild. You do not need a proxy if another member of your Guild is attending instead of the Guild's ANWG Rep.

ASSOCIATION OF NORTHWEST WEAVERS' GUILDS

Date: _____

We the undersigned as a Member Guild of the Association of Northwest Weavers Guilds do hereby appoint:

Name of the person you are giving your vote to: _____

Name of the Guild that they are a member of: _____

To act as proxy for _____
(The name of your Guild).

My/Our proxy will have the powers we would possess if personally present, and to attend, vote and to act on my/our behalf at the AMM on June 4, 2016.

Signature of Guild President or Rep: _____

PLEASE NOTE: Please complete and return this form to be received by the secretary by May 27, 2016 or bring it to the meeting on June 4.

Send completed form to:

Melanie Smith
ANWG Secretary
523 S. Pond St.
Boise, ID 83705
USA

Or, scan and email this completed form to: yarnsnthreads@aol.com.

Or, the person who will be voting on your behalf, may bring the form to the meeting.