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President's Message

Greetings,

It is so nice to see the garden awaken. It starts with quiet little whispers, the bumble and mason bees slowly checking the crocuses and hyacinths, (waiting for the tulips – they are slow this year) working their way up to the flowering petals of the Pluot, Cherry and Plum trees. What is waking in your garden space? This awakening starts the season of planning and planting. What new weave drafts, colors, and fibers have you been sorting out? What is on your loom? Come share it with your ANWG Weaving Community in Bend, OR, at the conference. The **2023 ANWG Conference** dates are **June 11-18, 2023**. Details about the conference and all the activities the conference committee has put together further in this quarter's newsletter.

<https://anwgconference2023.com>

ANWG – Annual Member Meeting (AMM) – The Meeting Date and time has been set for **June 16 2023, 7:30 am to 8:30 am**. The AMM will be in person during ANWG 2023 Conference. Room location at venue to be posted at Registration Check-In at conference. ANWG Reps if you are unable to attend conference, please let us know if a proxy member will be attending. This information should be sent to ANWG Secretary email: secretary@northwestweavers.org

Guild Members please forward your **Show and Share** items to Rebecca Winter, ANWG Educational Chair: education@northwestweavers.org. Please include a picture of the completed project, Name of Weaver, Guild affiliation, a brief description of the work, materials used in the piece, and set up. A phonetic help with names if you have an interesting pronunciation (Staehe – **stay-lee**), is appreciated. Rebecca and I will be working together to have this prepared for the AMM at the conference. Please have your submissions in by May 10 2023. Rebecca and I are excited to include your project in the **2023 AMM Show and Share**.

Do you have Other Events, News, Equipment for Sale? Send a note to our [Webmaster](#) and [Newsletter Editor](#) to get your event posted to the ANWG Event Board, and Newsletter.

Looking forward to seeing you all at the conference.

Woven together,
Deborah Staehle
[ANWG President](#)

ANWG News

ANWG Study Groups in the groups.io Forum

Did you know there are now two ANWG Study Groups for you to choose from?

The **History Study Group** has been weaving for about five years. We choose an interesting study each year about some historical aspect or person of interest in the Northwest. We have studied the weaves of Margaret Bergman and Ingrid Boesel, among others. The recent study of weaves by Boesel is winding down and we will have a few handwovens to show at the conference in Bend. Our next topic of study is to weave from and be inspired by the book called *Adventures in Weaving*, by Gertrude Greer, published in 1951. I am looking forward to diving into the book to see what grabs my interest.

The newly formed **Tapestry Study Group** is also weaving away. They have a new theme of study for the 2023 - 2024 year - topography. The current theme for them is weaving tapestries with the conference theme and colors in mind.

Also, the two Study Groups will share a booth at the conference in Bend. Look for us near the guild booths. We will have a sampling of the handwovens made in the groups to inspire you. We will have binders filled with inspiration for you to peruse from past History Study Group topics. We will have information about how to sign up to join the groups.

Remember when you join a [groups.io](#) group you have access online to all the photos and conversations previously posted. Also, there is a “files” section which holds photos, reports,

and even .wif files. While groups.io is an emailing communication system similar to the old yahoo groups, know there is also the online space filled with information. As with other online entities, you just need to keep track of your log-in information.

We look forward to seeing you at the conference and to sharing our study groups with you.

Rebecca Winter

General Education Chair

Association of Northwest Weavers Guilds

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2023 ANWG Conference

June 11-18, 2023

Riverhouse Hotel & Convention Center, Bend, Oregon

The **2023 ANWG Conference, Fiber Connections**, is less than 3 months away! Individual tickets will continue to be on sale until May 22nd. During this 2nd phase of registration, you can purchase individual seminars, any remaining workshop seats that are still available, as well as individual tickets to the 3 evening events on Thursday, Friday and Saturday. If you haven't yet looked at the conference website: <https://anwgconference2023.com>, please do so and see if there is an event, activity or class that you would like to participate in. Many workshops and 3-hour seminars still have seats available, but don't hesitate.

Registration is open now. Click here to sign up: <https://anwgconference2023.com/registration/>

Keep up with all the latest information here: <https://anwgconference2023.com/blog/>

Fiber 
2023 ASSOCIATION OF
NORTHWEST WEAVERS'
GUILDS CONFERENCE *Connections*

Save The Date

June 11-18, 2023

Riverhouse Convention Center, Bend Oregon

Sponsored by the Weaving Guilds of Oregon

<https://anwgconference2023.com>





News From Member Guilds

South Cariboo Weavers, Spinners and Fibre Artists Guild

COVID canceled our 40th Anniversary so now we are having a 43rd Anniversary Party. You are invited; please share with like-minded fibre folks.

**SOUTH CARIBOO WEAVERS, SPINNERS &
FIBRE ARTISTS GUILD
INVITE YOU TO OUR 43RD ANNIVERSARY FIBRE PARTY**

DATE: June 3rd, 2023, DOORS OPEN AT 10:00 am

LOCATION: 108 Mile Ranch Community Hall

4924 Telqua Drive, 108 Mile Ranch, BC

GUDIE HUPFAUER TEACHING COLOUR, TEXTURE AND BLING SPINNING CLASS

VENDORS

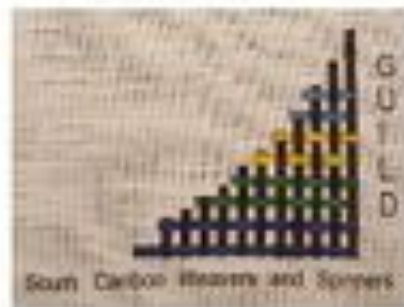
COFFEE, SNACKS AND LUNCH INCLUDED.

DOOR PRIZES!!!!

COST: \$43.00

CONTACT: Linda Peterson at linpet@shaw.ca

or 250-791-5286 for Registration.



Shuswap Spinners and Weavers

Art Fair - Kids project - Grade 4

Anne Long prepared 32 cardboard looms.

The kids wove cell phone cases and made straps too.

The boys were very interested and had fun picking colours suitable for them.

Friendship Blankets and Rugs

We received emails and pictures of the happy recipients. They were very grateful for all our hard work!

We are weaving more blankets to give away.

Needle felting workshop had a few enthusiastic participants. They learned tips and tricks.

Scarf in a day workshop

Sharon Eliason teaches cover designing and making a warp before students took their pre-made warps to the looms. (Time Saver). Then they sleyed the reed and threaded their looms before lunch and powered through to weave their scarf.

We had a busy meeting planning lots of projects and ideas for the rest of the year.

Michele Forsythe



Missoula Weavers Guild

Guild Event

We celebrated our 75th Anniversary with an Exhibition & Reception in February at the new Missoula Public Library. We shared our fiber passions with many people. Activities included: hands-on loom weaving exploration, kids card weaving, a large spinning circle and demo, a virtual member loom and studio tour slideshow, guild history, music and, yes, we ate cake too!

News

Mountain Colors (<https://www.mountaincolors.com/>) will be relocating from Corvallis to Great Falls soon. The founders are retiring after 25 years of creating hand painted yarns. The Missoula Weavers Guild has had the good fortune of an annual dye day in their Corvallis dye studio for many years. We are happy Mountain Colors will remain in Montana!





Qualicum Weavers & Spinners Guild



Since last October we have learned how to make felted wine bags and pine needle

baskets in workshops given by guild members.



This fall our knitters learned to look at socks from a different angle by knitting from the toe up. Mary Jennings was the workshop leader.



Our last workshop for the year was about beginning something new. Linda Raven introduced a group of yarn enthusiasts to spinning using a foot powered spinning wheel. Participants started with the basics about sheep breeds and the properties of their fleece and ended up with bobbins full of their own hand-spun

yarn.

November 18 and 19, 2022 we held our annual sale, Elegant Threads. Below are a few of the items for sale. There was a wide variety of handwoven and hand spun items, as well as knitting, basketry and felting.





This last image is one of two gift baskets we put together for our neighbour The Qualicum Beach School of Dance, which they were able to raffle to raise funds.

Sheila Carey



Columbia Fibres Guild

After having to postpone a couple times due to COVID concerns, the **Columbia Fibres Guild** is holding a **Family Friendly Fiber Event** during the **Hood River Blossom Festival** on **April 15-16, 2023**. Using the **ANWG Grant** funds, we will have demonstrations and hands-on opportunities in fiber preparation, spinning, knitting, weaving and felting. Participants will be able to try out these skills, and will have small kits to take home with them. We will be taking lots of pictures and will share them after the event.

We have four members who are making Noh Coats for the ANWG Conference Challenge. It has

been fun to share what we are learning and see what each person is coming up with.

We have resumed in-person meetings, with a Zoom component to them, since we gained a lot of non-local members during COVID, who are not able to attend in person. It is an interesting challenge, and we are making it work.

See you all in June!

Anne Kramer

Gabriola Spinners and Weavers Guild

The Coat has been one of our most challenging adventure. Here it is ALMOST finished, just in the tweaking phase with Luanne McCollum our trusted and treasured leader. It comprises pattern preparation, dyeing the roving, wet felting, needle felting, to stitching on the binding. Our inspiration was from one of the Canadian Group of Seven who painted in the 1930s. The artist of our inspiration was Franklin Carmichael, 1890-1945; the painting titled “Mirror Lake” 1929, included most of the Challenge’s colours.

We began in 2021 and have worked on it almost continuously ever since! The process often required several big tables to make it possible to felt it in one piece, also usually a couple of tables during the more intricate process of applying all the different colours by needle felting, often three or four people working at once on different areas. Lots of time for chatting and for comments and decisions as to the placement defining lines or correcting colours. In between sessions it would be folded very carefully, so as to not disturb the colours, into a large plastic bag to be sure no mice or moths find their way in, and stowed in our storage closet! We meet almost every Thursday of the month. The room we use is in the Seniors Centre which is also used by many other groups including the drama people, hence the big lights in one of the photos.

Of course it was a Group project and as such became very important to us all. Unfortunately and a great disappointment is that it is not possible for it to be taken to Bend to be shown to you all in person, however we do have a showing of it on **Gabriola Island** on **May 6 and 7**. And I will forward some more professional photos after that showing. The Coat will have more opportunities over the coming summer to be shown to many audiences one way or another!

We’re deeply sorry that it cannot be part of your showing at the ANWG Conference.

We wish you all a very successful conference, the first in three years I believe because of the pandemic. It was certainly a good stretch of time to create the Challenge as I’m sure many Noh Coaters weaving it may have found. We certainly appreciated the extra time!

Good luck to all you weavers of the Noh Coat!

Many Cheers to all ANWG spinners, weavers and felters, and knitters and all who love working with any fibre!

Judy Yendole



Complex Weavers

Northwest members of **Complex Weavers** are looking forward to the **ANWG Conference** in Bend this June 11-18, 2023. During the conference we will be gathering for a meet-and-greet, and we welcome all member weavers and those who are curious about who we are and what we do. The CW meeting will be Saturday morning, June 17, 7:30-8:30 AM in the Riverhouse Convention Center.

Please do come to the **Complex Weavers** meeting to meet the other members and hear about Complex Weavers activities and plans. Hope to see you there. [Ladella Williams](#)

The latest Complex Weavers Journal is the one with the Tulips on the cover. If you have not received it, please contact [Ladella Williams](#) or Complex Weavers.

If you have any questions, please connect with me at

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Or by text message

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The next big conference and Convergence will be in Wichita, Kansas July 6-9, 2024.

Fiber Events

Ikat: A World of Compelling Cloth

Now – May 29 2023

Seattle Art Museum

More info: [Seattle Art Museum](#)

Fiber in the Forest

May 19-21, 2023

Myrtle Point, OR

More info: [Fiber in the Forest](#)

Fiber Fusion Northwest

June 3-4, 2023

Monroe, Washington

More info: fiberfusion.net

Black Sheep Gathering
June 23-25, 2023
Albany, OR

More info: blacksheepgathering.org

Threads | Præðir Intertwined in Iceland: Textiles and Book Arts
July 8 - November 5, 2023
Nordia House, Portland, OR

This exhibition showcases artists' books and textile pieces by Icelandic artists and visiting artists who have been inspired by the country's landscapes, people, language and textile traditions. The works in this exhibition are connected through stitching, weaving, knotting, tying, binding, pattern and storyline. The artists have found parallel lives in each other, unintentionally approaching art and life in similar fashions across oceans and between generations.

More info: www.nordicnorthwest.org/exhibits

The Sewing Machine and the Artist
Workshop with Lesley Turner
July 17-21, 2023
MISSA - Metchosin International Summer School of the Arts

Shawnigan Lake School in the Cowichan Valley, on Southern Vancouver Island, close to Victoria, B.C. Registration closes May 30, 2023.

More info: <https://missa.ca/shop/the-sewing-machine-and-the-artist/>
<https://linktr.ee/LesleyTurner>

Conference of Northern California Handweavers
August 3-6, 2023
San Luis Obispo, CA

CNCH 2023 WILL TAP YOUR CREATIVITY WITH A VARIETY OF DYEING AND SPINNING

CLASSES

If the idea of dyeing or spinning your own yarn is something you have always wanted to explore, you will have multiple classes to choose from when the Conference of Northern California Handweavers meets in San Luis Obispo from Aug. 3-6, 2023. During the three-day retreat-style conference, participants will be able to choose from three separate dyeing classes and two different classes on spinning. All will be taught by experienced and highly regarded instructors.

Instructors and Workshops include:

DYEING

- Nancy Finn - Working Your Way Around The Color Wheel
- Teresa Ruch - Designing And Painting Warps
- Graham Keegan - Know Madder: Many Roads, Many Reds

SPRANG

- Carol James - Introduction to Sprang

BASKETRY

- Deb Curtis - Birch Bark Exploration
- Polly Giacchina - The Enhanced Twined Form

KUMIHIMO

- Shirley Berlin - Japanese Braiding: Make Friends With a Marudai

TABLET WEAVING

- Inge Dam - Tablet Incorporated Into Woven Fabric

FELTING

- Flora Carlile-Kovacs - Felt Your Dreams: Prefelt With Nomadic Designs

TAPESTRY

- Kathe Todd-Hooker - Line and Detail and The Geometry of Tapestry

SPINNING

- Kate Larson - Vibrant: Blending and Spinning For Color Effects
- Angela Schneider - The Short and Long of Spinning

WEAVING

- David Xenakis - Finn Weave is Fun
- Jennifer Moore - Double Rainbow
- Joanne Hall - Swedish Art Weaves
- Robyn Spady - A Parallel Threading is a Weaver's Playground

CNCH 2023 will be located on the campus of Cal Poly, San Luis Obispo. Attendees will enjoy

apartment-style lodging on the campus and 16 retreat-style classes in subjects including weaving, spinning, dyeing, felting, kumihimo, sprang – and more.

Registration opens on April 29, 2023, and students are urged to register early because classes are expected to fill up quickly.

More info: <https://www.cnch.org/>

Textiles of the Nile Valley in Style September 26-October 11, 2023



Join **Nancy Arthur Hoskins** on her fifth Textile Tour of Egypt.

Our small group visits museums, temples and tombs in Cairo, Luxor, Aswan and Alexandria to see the wonders of Egypt with a textile theme. We sail the Nile on our chartered dahabiya with Nancy, an Egyptian scholar, weaver Jennifer Moore and travel concierge Christine Pearson.

Intentionally Different Travel is an Australian company specializing in textile tours. Find more info at the links below:

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Oregon Flock & Fiber Festival
October 14-15, 2023
Linn County Expo Center
Albany, OR

More info: www.oregonflockandfiberfestival.com/

ANWG Newsletter Deadlines and Formats

The deadline for news articles for the ANWG newsletter "Northwest News" is the 10th of the month of issuance: January, April, July, and October. Articles may be sent at any time to newsletter@northwestweavers.org. Please send news in unformatted text, preferably in the body of an email. Please attach photos in jpeg format.

Newsy, short articles with photos about guild happenings are of greatest interest. All photos sent may be used in the ANWG newsletter "Northwest News" and/or on the ANWG website. Before sending photos obtain permission of those people pictured to have their photo in the ANWG newsletter and/or website. If you have any questions, contact Sylvia Emard, Communications Chair and Newsletter Editor, at newsletter@northwestweavers.org.

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Membership open to all fiber arts guilds, affiliate individuals and fiber-related associations.

CONFERENCES

2023 -- Location: Bend, OR. Sponsor: Weaving Guilds of Oregon

2025 -- Washington Conference planning is underway. Seattle Weavers Guild to host.

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