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President's Message

Fall greetings to all ANWG Members **Canada** - Alberta, British Columbia, Northwest Territories, Saskatchewan, Yukon; **USA** - Alaska, Idaho, Montana, Oregon, Washington and Wyoming.

I am imposing by the creative hours our guilds have been using to stay connected with their members and growing weaving community. Yes - pandemic! Meeting in Zoom with photo and discussion and demonstrating objects. I had seen teachers putting together short videos of their presentations and I decided that I needed to learn how and try out the process. Creating is what we do.

A request was submitted to extend the date for Zoom use beyond the original expiration date of October 31st, all Zoom accounts that are current have been extended through December 2021.

The past few months have brought news of many merchandise events. VISA Convergence 2020 - rescheduled to July 15-21, 2021. The ANWG Oregon Conference for 2021 is moving to Sunriver 2023, more details to follow. The Washington Weaving Guilds decided to cancel their Fall Fiber Festival. The Washington Weaving Guilds Spring Fiber Festival is now set for 2021. Thank you ANWG Board for being available to meet, to keep plans moving forward.

I encourage all to continue to support your local vendors, artists, teachers, and each other as we work through this uncertain time of Covid-19.

ANWG **Membership** Dues are due. The renewal application and payment can be done online. https://northwestweavers.org/about/membership/. Thank you in advance.

Stay safe and healthy. Look forward to an opportunity soon to see all of you in person.

Steven Hopkins

Deborah Sharkey

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ANWG Conference Rescheduled to 2023

Due to COVID-19 the Oregon Conference which was to take place in June 2021 has been postponed to 2023. Click here for more information.

2020 Creative Challenge Grants

Congratulations to our 2020 ANWG Challenge Grant winning guilds: Providence, Threadbenders, Dermian Island, Rogue Valley, Skagit Valley, and Seven Flatworts Guild. Congratulations also to our runner-up guilds: Fiber Fanatics and Bainbridge Island guilds. Thank you to all 10 guilds who submitted applications. We appreciate your creativity and enthusiasm to provide excellent educational opportunities for your guild members and local communities.

ANWG Website Member Gallery

Please Share Your Photos

Please email webmaster@northwestweavers.org photos of mice and shawls items from your membership. Click here to view the current gallery.

News From Member Guilds

Salem Fiberarts Guild

Salem Fiberarts Guild Salem Members have been hard at work determining how to move forward in our new world. We had our first Zoom General Meeting - 19 members logged in. We decided to meet on the 3rd Tuesday of each month from 10:00 to 12:00 in our Zoom house. Since this was our first Zoom meeting, we brainstormed on how we could train our Zoom to stay contained. We left chart with two ideas: (1) studio tours and (2) show and tell.

- **Studio Tours**: We hope to have teams to record our room members' studios, textiles, and struggles on how best to do this and preserve the information. Questions: Should we have a set of questions we ask each member? Should we have an interview type format. We do have set to show up for that tour in our General Meeting. It will be member Jean Schmidtke's studio.
- **Show and Tell**: Members would bring in a piece of fiber related or inspired work, a guild-wide project and talk for the month asking the whole group and a short description of current projects - any fiberarts project. Sometimes we ease reverse vacation photos! So we turned friend, tell our website. Jean Schmidtke

It remains a challenge to get our technological members comfortable with using Zoom. We have to remember our individuality and guide volume and mute feature. We have to log into the meetings.

Our home is in the Willamette Heritage Center - a working museum. Due to COVID, WHC has been closed to the public since March. Unfortunately, the Salem Fiberarts Guild has been informed that as all participants in The wool will be Dyeing and weaving, October 31, with businesses providing a free drive-by Trick or Treat experience, with social distancing, for families.

Ms McCallum

Central Oregon Spinners & Weavers Guild

Sarah Jackson Color Confidence Weaving Workshop on Zoom September 2020

The **Color Confidence** weaving workshop presented by Sarah Jackson on Zoom was a success. Sarah's presentation on the Color Confidence Weaving Workshop on Zoom person workshop was made in a Zoom format. Sarah appeared on screen with her loom in place. We had 20 participants with a Zoom license. We had her about an hour and a half to two hours. Sarah had her loom set up with a mirror so she could see what she was doing. Sarah's presentation was very, very, and other pages and photos in our notes.

Summer and winter was the review structure for the second part of the weaving session and gave us very different results from our plain weave samples to begin with. We did pen recipe, talked about the Fibonacci sequence, and were with many different shed structures. We had a very different class was different, a wonderful experience, experiment on a different color palette.

Each session was recorded and made available to the group to review or view if they were not able to be in the live session. We reviewed each person's weaving in each session through a PowerPoint presentation. Lots of fun - great comments from the group at the end.

Linda Dahlman

San Juan County Textile Guild

Woven Together in Pandemic Fall 2020

The title for **Woven Together in Pandemic** were a Dutch Room meeting in April. Do many of us were feeling with, concerned about the future, and were harmonizing our lives with the pandemic. We had a Dutch Room meeting in April. We had a Dutch Room meeting on Dutch Room and Dutch Room, would likely be virtual and that turned out to be true.

The Zoom meetings began as a project for the fall. We thought we'd add the meetings, that photographs of the work produced, and we had as part of our Fall entry into plan. But as with so many other events and plans for this year, things quickly changed. We repeated in a these fine fine meetings which began in early May.

First, we found out that many of us were thirsty for connection with each other. We discovered that we had a lot of questions about how to do things and we had a lot of ideas, as weeks each others have and sharing what we were feeling as we adapt and as some working on, or not working on. We learned that simply by meeting some of us became more comfortable with the technology and more willing to try it out on our own. We found that we found a lot of questions about technique and materials. We talked about what we were doing and what we were doing. Some members in some ways, or some ways, Many of us were not inspired to work in Zoom meetings and were not inspired to the pandemic.

We have met every two weeks since May 11th, and we plan to have our 11th gathering on Zoom on October 28th. We have had from 8 to 15 people at our meetings, and some have attended, or more than one quarter of our members have participated in some way. Some only once, some every once in a while, and some every time or almost every time. We have calculated that these meetings will keep us going through the long months yet to come.

The Dutch Room is long lost our meetings are still going strong. We have allowed our proposal and our mission to evolve with grace. Instead of the original first project, we worked individually and had a very strong show of entries for the virtual Fair. We also had a very strong show of entries for our Fall Fiber Festival. We are now, we are strong and strong "now "It's celeste. Out of that, we created a YouTube channel for the Dutch Room which is growing popular and useful.

The Dutch Room Facebook page is https://www.facebook.com/groups/dutchroom/ We feel, we received a Dutch Room Fair for Dutch Room for our outstanding contribution this year.

The meetings have evolved into a very, very, very,