



Thrums

March/April
2017

Newsletter of the Syracuse Weavers Guild

President's Message

Dear Guild Member,

If you have been enjoying this newsletter, please know that our editor Karen Smith will be stepping down from this responsibility as of the May issue. We appreciate all the work she has done over the last ??? years. (We have lost track but it's been quite a few.) Anyone interested in taking on this responsibility please let me or Karen know. There are options for how the newsletter can be done from simple to more complex. Karen is ready and willing to talk to anyone about the methods she has been using and ways to make the process more efficient. I'm looking forward to finding out who the next editor will be!

Elyse

More Opportunities

23rd Annual Weaving History Conference

Thousand Islands Arts Center, Clayton, NY
May 17, 18, and 19 tiartscenter.org

Eastern Great Lakes Fiber Conference

Chautauqua Institute, Chautauqua, NY
Oct 6-9, 2017 eglfc.com

See article on page 4.

SWG is part of the organizing committee.

New England Weavers Seminar 2017

Smith College, Northampton, Massachusetts.
July 13 – 16 newenglandweaversseminar.com

MAFA Biennial Conference

Millersville University, Millersville, PA
July 20 - 23 mafa-conference-2017.org

February Program



Examples of rep weave from our February meeting. Note that the bottom image is a detail of the small rectangle in the image at the top.

Many thanks to Joyce Lock and Nancy Smothergill for their presentations on block weave and rep weave respectively.

The mission of the Syracuse Weavers Guild is to stimulate an interest in the art and craft of weaving, achieve a high standard of excellence and help and encourage all persons interested in weaving.

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Traveling Loom

Traveling looms are guild looms with a small project on it to try techniques you are not familiar with or just want to experiment with. We welcome suggestions for future projects.

The Theo Moorman loom has been launched and is traveling to the east. This is a sampler using Theo Moorman techniques. Please let me know if you would like to sign up in case we have some extra spots.

The overshot sampler is also traveling. Please let me know when it changes locations.

Judy
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New Members

Please welcome our newest members and add their information to your guild booklet.

Vicky Clifton	Karen Quint
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Coordinator Needed!

Coordinator, publisher, editor, typist - whatever you would like to call it - Thrums needs a new one. After a possible decade of putting together our newsletter, I am stepping away to pursue other avenues. If you are interested, please step forward! I will be happy to explain the job including what is essential (a computer) and what is not (the ability to spell correctly or type fast) to make your job simpler.

Thrums is also available by snail mail. It is generally printed in black and white. If you would like a color copy, the cost is \$3 per issue, payable to me.

Our next due date is March 10 for our May issue. Please send your written contributions in the text of your email to me: 123kjsmith@gmail.com
No PDF's please! Karen Smith

Study Groups

The small bands group continues to be steady and strong. They meet regularly after the meeting the first Saturday of the month. New participants are always welcome. We welcome ideas for study groups. Groups are self-directed and designed to further an understanding and skills of the topic under study.

The rigid heddle group met at Elyse's house. The decision was not to meet regularly. Elyse said she would be glad to meet if there was more interest or if someone wanted a consultation. This is similar to how the triangle shawl group worked. So if you would like to have some rigid heddle input, please call Elyse.

Judy Fox

Program

March 4

Weaving Travels

Presenters:

Gretchen Wheelock and Eleanor Hartquist

Facilitator: Nancy Smothergill

Travel to a remote place and culture can be a glorious adventure in and of itself. But travel with a specific focus on textile traditions and hands-on practice of weaving in those traditions can teach us much about the significance of textiles within a given culture. Eleanor Hartquist and Gretchen Wheelock will share their experiences of three distinct traditions in recent travels to weaving communities in the Andes mountains of Peru, in Teotitlan near Oaxaca, Mexico, and to Navajo lands of the Canyon de Chelly in Arizona. With images and examples of actual weavings representative of each, they will take us on a weaving odyssey that visits the traditions of back-strap weaving, "walking-loom" Zapotec rug weaving, and tapestry-style Navajo rug weaving in these three related, but distinct weaving cultures.

Hostesses: Joyce Lock; Laureen Whitney

April 1

Presentation of Guild Challenge

Bring your unique weaving masterpiece spawned by the varied guidelines of this year's guild challenge. We will have a show-and-tell where you can explain your inspiration and educate us on your methods of interpretation of the challenge. Be prepared to be amazed by the creative abilities of your fellow guild members!

Hostesses: Sue Szozotka, Sally Myers

May 6

Annual Pot Luck Luncheon and Towel Exchange?????

Join your fellow guild members at 12 noon for a meeting that is always an enjoyable social event, a scrumptious meal and the final business meeting of the year. **Everyone will also enjoy seeing the efforts of ambitious members who will be exchanging towels that they have woven this year.??????**

Lost and Found:

Blue Nathan plastic water bottle

Found at the February meeting.

Contact Cynthia Pendergast cynthlawp57@aol.com

Labels for Handwovens

Woven labels that have a picture of a loom on them, "Handwoven by" and a name that you indicate are available from: www.heirloomlabels.com

Heirloom Woven Labels

Box 428, Moorestown, NJ 08057

Halcyon Yarn Guild Rewards

In January the SWG received over \$40 from Halcyon Yarn! This is because SWG members informed Halcyon of their membership when they ordered yarn. Halcyon gives back 5% of total reported member sales at the beginning of the following year. If you have questions about the program, contact Joyce Lock joycelock3@gmail.com

Indigo News

The following was taken from an article provided by Clara Rose Thomas. "Stony Creek Colors" written by Natalie Warady, appeared in the January/February, 2017 issue of Martha Stuart Living.

Sara Bellos, a young woman of 34 years and a graduate of Cornell University College of Agriculture has founded a company that makes plant-based dyes on a commercial scale. The company works with farmers, some of whom are looking for alternatives to tobacco, to plant, grow and harvest indigo. The traditional methods of making dye from indigo could take a year, but Bellos developed a process in which the dye can be produced in a day. One of the company's goals is to replace the manufacture of synthetic indigo which produces poisonous chemicals made from petroleum products. The plan is to replace 1 per cent of the synthetic indigo worldwide by 2020. To learn more about this company, go to stonycreekcolors.com

Weaver Interest Survey

If you have a question about weaving, where do you go to get an answer? Sure, there's *Handwoven* and YouTube, but a fellow weaver is probably the best resource there is. And, if you added up all the years of experience in SWG, well, let's just say it's formidable! But, our membership is so diverse. Some of us know all of us, and some of us only know a few. Some of us have been weaving forever, and for some the journey has just begun. But we all share a common passion for weaving. Therein lies the impetus for our Weavers' Interests Survey.

The idea of a survey was raised during the January business meeting. Then In February, a draft survey was distributed to seek members' feedback on collecting and sharing information about our weaving interests. To make sure everyone gets to share her opinion on the process, the survey will also get sent out by email, so be on the lookout for it.

Please return completed surveys to Donna Connery at the March meeting or by email to dsconnery@gmail.com. Don't forget to include your name on the completed survey. Besides member Q&A, we hope to use it to plan next year's programs, as well as find ways to get to know each other better.

As always, thanks for taking the time to share your ideas.

Donna Connery



to be held at the beautiful and historic
Chautauqua Institute, at the Conference Center!
Oct 6-9, 2017

Co-Hosted by Regional Guilds:
Chautauqua Country Weavers' Guild, Enchanted
Mountain Weavers' Guild, **Syracuse Weavers Guild**
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Weavers' Guild of Buffalo, Weavers' Guild of
Rochester

www.eglfc.com

Exciting Workshops Being Offered:
Su Butler.....Easy Pickup3 days
Barbara Walker.....Stripes W/ Attitudes.....3 days
Marilou Schultz..... Navajo Tapestry Rugs....3 days
Dawn Edwards..... Felt Fascinator.....1 day
Felt&Nuno Felt Hats.....2 days
Jan Massie.....Art Yarn Spinning.....1 day
Wheel Magic..... 2 days
Jappie King Black....Coiled Basketry.....1 day
Images in Coiled Baskets....
2 days

Registration begins April 1, 2017- June 1, 2017
The registration fee for workshops/all meals is \$355.
The room fee is additional. A late fee will be applied
to any registration received after June 1, 2017
Check in will be October 6th, when we begin this
exciting weekend with a Meet and Greet and a light
supper!

We hope you can join us!

EGLFC Committee

New Member Profile!

Karen Quint

My story is simple. I began weaving when a friend brought over a table loom to entice me after I had knee surgery. I had inquired about her loom in her living room. She then arranged for lessons with Clara Rose Thomas for the two of us and another friend. That led to the purchase of an 8 shaft Schacht loom that sits in a bay window. I have come to associate the peaceful seasonal view of the yard with weaving. That was about 5 years ago and I've been weaving intermittently since.

I am a beginner and am trying various patterns and fibers. One of my favorite pieces was a

baby blanket in bamboo in monk's belt. I'm saving it for one of my two sons, though neither is married quite yet. Though we have been in the area for over 30 years they have moved on to Texas and California.

As I'm sure others have found work leaves little time for weaving. As I have just retired I am hoping to reconnect with my loom, my camera, my books, my kitchen and of course my family. It's good to be back with the guild!



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Syracuse Weavers Guild

March 4

Weaving Travels

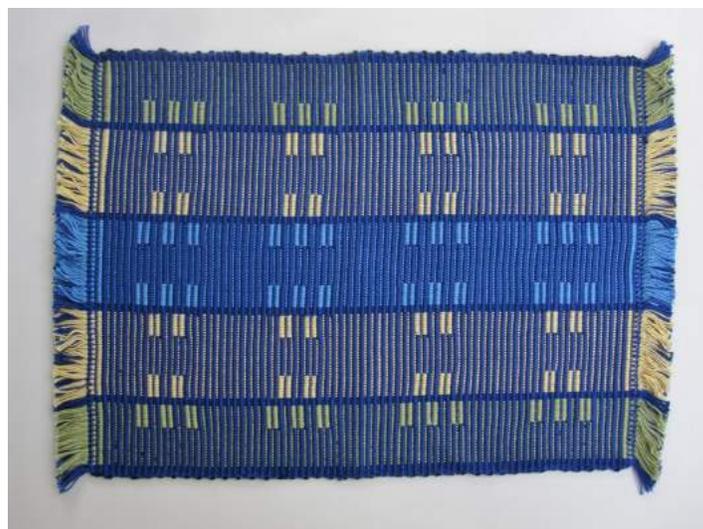
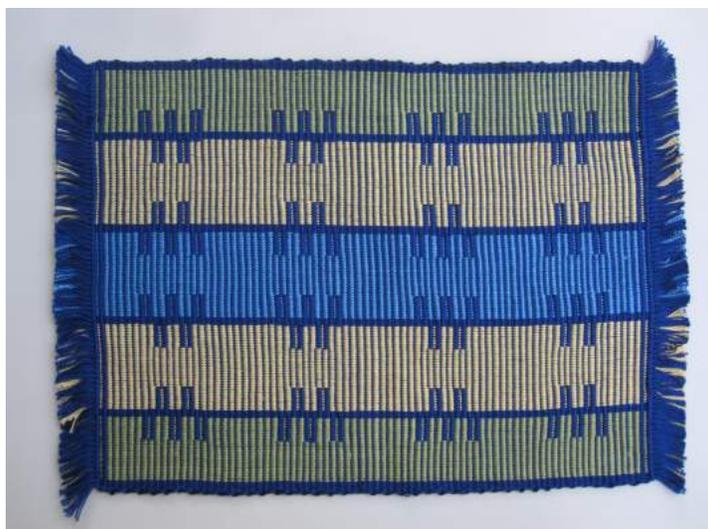
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May 7

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Rep weave placemat by Joyce Lock: reverse sides

