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Newsletter of the Syracuse Weavers Guild

President's Message

At our meeting on April 6 we enjoyed the culmination of the Guild Challenge. We heard the stories of how members chose their images, planned their projects and wove them, as well as the lessons learned. What a variety of images and projects! Some looked for new and challenging weave structures to use, some used familiar structures and chose colors based on their images and some tried new fibers in their projects. All presented beautiful and inspired weaving to the group.

Many thanks to all who contributed to this year's Challenge. From those who planned the challenge to those who led programs associated with the theme, those who planned and wove a project and those who guided and helped the participants, there were many weavers involved.

Our 2018-19 year will end with our pot-luck and towel exchange at Nancy's house on May 4. I look forward to seeing you there.

Cynthia Pendergrast

Mission

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 encourage all persons interested in weaving.

Warp/Weave/Wear

Thanks to Nancy Smothergill for hosting our March program. Barb Decker introduced us to how the choice of weave structure and weft can change the look and feel of finished fabric and how to add width to a warp already on the loom. She included a show of classic, comfortable, fashionable garments made from the imaginative use of squares and rectangles. Nancy Gaus shared her wonderful notes about the program through our email list.



Eastern Great Lakes Fiber Conference | Joyce Lock

The 2019 Eastern Great Lakes Fiber Conference (EGLFC) will be held Oct 12-14, 2017 at the Chautauqua Institute.

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



Exciting three day workshops being offered:

Anastasia Azure	Structured Double Cloth with Wire
Elizabeth Buckley	Landscape in Tapestry
Kathleen Crescenzo	Felted Handbag
Barbara Diefenderfer	Color Games and Straight Twills
Kate Larson	Colorful Crimp Preparing and Spinning Dyed Locks
Susan Wilson	Polychrome Crackle

Registration period: April 1- June 1, 2019. 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, 2019.

See www.eglfc.org for more information and to register. We hope you can join us!

Weaving Competitions - Joyce Lock

Viv Fulton Memorial Award for Excellence in Weaving

The CNY Fiber Arts Festival will be held June 8 and 9 in Bouckville, NY. New this year is the first annual Viv Fulton Memorial Award for excellence in weaving. Viv was a much-loved and vital member of the CNY Fiber Arts family. In her honor, the CNY Fiber Artists & Producers will be awarding a cash prize for the finest handwoven product containing at least 50% animal fiber. All entries will be on display during the weekend. Information on the competition can be found at <http://cnyfiberarts.org/post.php?pid=21>

NYS Fair 2019 Fiber Arts Competitions

While the 2019 competition rules and registration forms aren't yet available on <https://nysfair.ny.gov/competitions/how-to-enter/>, that doesn't mean you can't start thinking about what you want to enter. The entry deadline this year is July 1st, so don't let it pass you by. This is the last date to register. You don't need to drop your items off at the fairgrounds until the beginning of August.

Guild Weaving Challenge *Inspired Weaving* | Joyce Lock

We had a really great guild challenge program in April as people shared their inspirational images, weavings and stories of how they got from image to completed item. To see the pictures go to the website photo gallery: <https://www.syracuseweaversguild.org/apps/photos/>. Many thanks to Donna Connery for taking the pictures. Two of the images, from Donna J-B and Donna C are on the back cover of this issue.

Hostess List | Lois Koenig

Thanks to those who served this year: Cynthia Pendergrast, Donna Connery, Lois Koenig, Joan Brickner, Sonia Hartman, Darlene Endy, Jayshri Prasad, Susan Mehringer, Linda Miller, Judy Fox, Meg Welch, Donna Johnson Brown, Joyce Lock, Laureen Whitney, Sally Meyers, Sue Szczotka, and Laureen Whitney.

Please contact Lois Koenig to sign up for next year!

Hostess Duties:

- Know your day. Lois emails a reminder about a week before the meeting.
 - Arrange for someone to take your place if you cannot make it.
 - Communicate with your partner hostess.
 - Provide dessert
 - Arrive early to prepare the table and hot water
 - Clean up the kitchen
 - If you notice that items are needed in the supply baskets, let Lois know.
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Membership Form | Donna Movsoich

May is the time to renew your membership in SWG. Remember to bring your dues for 2019-20 to the potluck luncheon at our May meeting.

You will also need to complete the membership form so we know all your information is correct for the membership booklet that will be available in September. We can use last year's picture for the booklet. But if you'd like a new pic or you're a first-time member, be sure you talk to Nancy Smothergill. We'll make sure there's a roving photographer at the meeting.

Memberships in SWG are for one year, May-May.

Make checks payable to:

Syracuse Weavers Guild

Regular dues: \$30

Senior (over 62) dues: \$25

You can give your check and completed form to Donna Movsoich at the meeting or mail them to her in June. We need dues by June to compile the 2019-20 membership booklet. We don't want to miss any members in next year's membership booklet!

Mail to: Donna Movsoich
2527 W. Seneca Turnpike
Marcellus, N.Y. 13108

Name _____

Phone _____

Email _____

Address _____

City _____

State _____ Zip _____

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Study Groups | Judy Fox

The **small bands group** is steady and strong. They meet regularly after the meeting the first Saturday of the month. New participants are always welcome.

The **tapestry group** meets the second Thursday of the month at the Liverpool Library in the Sargent room from 10:00AM to noon. Everyone is welcome including non-guild members. Please note we will be changing our meeting location after the April meeting due to renovations at the library. We will let everyone know where we are going to meet.

We welcome ideas for study groups. Groups are self-directed and designed to further an understanding of the topic under study along with the associated skills. Study groups are a good way to explore new areas with the support of other guild members and to keep projects moving.

Contact Judy Fox if you have questions,
jafoxmsw@aol.com

Guild Website

www.syracuseweaversguild.org

Syracuse Weavers' Guild 2018-2019 Programs

May 4th Program: Annual Pot Luck Luncheon and Towel Exchange

The final meeting for the year will be held at Nancy Smothergill's house. Bring a dish to pass along with your place setting. If you wish to participate in the towel exchange, bring a handwoven towel and you'll go home with a randomly selected handwoven towel.

Traveling Looms | Judy Fox

Traveling looms are guild looms that have a small project on them so that members can try an unfamiliar technique or just experiment. We welcome suggestions for future projects. There is a small fee to cover the cost of the fiber. With the loom comes instruction, fiber and a list of those who have signed up. When you are ready to transfer the loom, please email those remaining on the list to find the next recipient. Please include my address on all the emails so that I know where the loom is. I appreciate knowing when the loom actually changes hands. We like the loom to be traveling at least monthly.

Last call for the rep loom. Everyone who initially signed up for the loom has completed. We still have some warp on the loom. Please let me know if you have any interest in working on the loom even if it is later in the spring or summer.

A **"color study" loom** is circulating. We do have more room for signups. This is any opportunity to play with color and structure and the interface of both.

Last call Theo Moorman. Everyone who signed up has completed. We have more warp. If you would like to work on something else or would like to try it, please let me know.

We welcome ideas for the traveling looms. We are actively looking for new projects for the traveling looms.

Judy Fox

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Guild Mail List:

syracuseweaversguild@googlegroups.com

Guild Library Catalog:

<https://www.librarything.com/catalog/syracuseweaversguild>

Guild Ravelry Group:

<https://www.ravelry.com/groups/syracuse-weavers-guild>

Upcoming Conferences, Festivals, Exhibits

In our members' survey, you asked for ways to get to know each other better. How about attending a conference, going to a museum, or planning projects, taking classes, and shopping at an upcoming festival? What better way to share our interests in all things weaving than to get out and do it! A full list of upcoming events can be found on the guild website; go to www.syracuseweaversguild.org, select Calendar, then All Events. The list below covers the next few months.

Sat. 5/4	12:00 AM	<u>Potluck Luncheon and Towel Exchange</u> Bring a dish to pass along with your place setting. If you wish to participate in the towel exchange, bring a handwoven towel and you'll go home with a randomly selected handwoven towel.
Thu. 5/9	10:00 AM	<u>Tapestry Study Group</u> All are welcome to attend the Tapestry Study Group. The location of the next few meetings is TBD since the library will be under renovation.
Sat. 5/11	10:00 AM	<u>Shepherd's Wool Market</u> Shepherd's Wool Market in Rush, NY
Sat. 6/8	10:00 AM	<u>CNY Fiber Arts Festival</u>
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Sun. 6/9	4:00 PM	CNY Fiber Arts Festival hosted by the CNY Fiber Artists and Producers
Thu. 6/13	10:00 AM	<u>Tapestry Study Group</u> All are welcome to attend the Tapestry Study Group. The location of the next few meetings is TBD since the library will be under renovation.
Thu. 6/27	All day	<u>Mid Atlantic Fiber Arts Conference</u>
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Sun. 6/30		Mid Atlantic Fiber Arts Conference (MAFA)
Thu. 7/11	All day	<u>New England Weavers Seminar (NEWS)</u>
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Sun. 7/14		New England Weavers Seminar: 2019 Conference

Guild Meetings

Held on Saturday, starting at 10:00 a.m.

Good Shepherd Lutheran Church
7248 Highbridge Road
Fayetteville, NY 13066

Syracuse Weavers Guild Looms For Rent | Joyce Lock

Rental fee is \$2 per week. If interested in borrowing one of these looms and it is available, please contact the person listed in the table.

Description	Current Use	Contact	Notes
Kyra 22" 4-H table loom	Travelling Loom	Judy Fox	Currently not available to rent
Kyra 22" 4-H table loom	Available	Joyce Lock	
Peacock 12" 2-H loom #1	Available	Nancy Smothergill	http://possumjimandelizabeth.com/adjusted_images/loom_table_plaid.jpg
Peacock 12" 2-H loom #2	Available	Nancy Smothergill	http://possumjimandelizabeth.com/adjusted_images/loom_table_plaid.jpg
Peacock 12" 2-H loom #3	Available	Nancy Smothergill	http://possumjimandelizabeth.com/adjusted_images/loom_table_plaid.jpg
Inkle loom	Available	Joyce Lock	
Harrisville 22" 4-H floor loom	Available	Joyce Lock	https://harrisville.com/products/22-floor-loom-4-harness-6-treadle Picture shows 6 treadles, this one has 4 direct tie treadles. Not easily transported
Nilus LeClerc 12" 8-H table loom	Guild Demos	Joyce Lock	Looks like Structo
Purrington Norris 12-H table loom	Travelling Loom	Judy Fox	Currently not available to rent
LeClerc Dorothy 15" 8-H table loom	Travelling Loom	Judy Fox	http://www.camillavalleyfarm.com/pics/leclerc/ldor007.jpg Picture shows levers all on right hand side of loom. This loom has second set of shafts (5-8) located on left hand side.

209 pages of book and DVD reviews!

<https://www.ravelry.com/groups/weaving-book--video-reviews/pages>



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