



WEAVERS GUILD *of Greater Kansas City*

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JANUARY 2012 GUILD NEWS

From the President

"Hard to believe, it's a brand-new year already. I hope you all had a nice holiday season and are busy thinking up all those new resolutions about using your stash and your time more creatively to make fiber art—I know I am. To highlight the wonder of the new beginnings, I'll share this amazing fiber story:

Regardless of how you feel about GMOs (genetically modified organisms,) it's pretty cool that scientists have figured out a way to extract the protein in spider silk. Spider silk is the one of the strongest fibers on earth (many times stronger than steel) and very lightweight. Scientists have long tried to figure out how to farm the silk on a larger scale; spiders, however, weren't very cooperative as they don't like being milked and tend to eat their neighbors. So some researchers in Wyoming got the bright idea of infusing goats (yes, goats) at the genetic level with the spider silk protein. And guess what happens then? Do the goats walk around on the ceiling like Homer's spider pig? No. But they produce spider silk in their milk that can be extracted! Such a strong, flexible substance has many possible uses, from medical implants to engineering materials, even bulletproof vests when the

fibers are woven together. Now that's taking fiber enthusiasm to a whole new level."

Happy New Year!

Leesa Duby

Rose Room, Loose Park 5200 Wornall Rd., KC MO (816) 888-8476

10:00 AM – Regular Meeting

10:45 AM – Vonda Sager will make a small presentation on double-weave to get those taking the Jennifer Moore class acquainted with the technique. Anyone with double-weave samples can bring them to help with the program.

January Calendar

*January 11, 7 PM - **Fiber Guild Meeting***

(Old Mission United Methodist Church; 5519 State Park Rd, Fairway, KS 66205)

*January 12, 10 AM - **Weavers Guild Meeting***

(Rose Rm, Loose Park, 5200 Wornall Rd., KC MO)

Program News

February – Program will be a workshop to finish up on our shawl pins for the 2013 Midwest Weavers Conference. Everyone should bring a sack lunch.

March – Program will be our annual Swap & Shop.

Treats

January – Leesa Duby, Carol Ann Parker, Bill Goodman

February – Bring lunch for working meeting

Weavers Guild/Fiber Guild Membership Applications

Applications were due by January 1st, 2012 to participate in the Creative Hand Show in 2012. Single Membership dues are \$25, Family Membership dues are \$35.

New Board Members

Please welcome Martha Heimbaugh, Becky Stevens and Carolyn Budd as our new Board Members.

Community Outreach

Thank you to all who created small pillows for the Crittenden Center, they were much appreciated!

A special thanks to everyone who brought dry goods for Harvesters to our December meeting. We collected 108 lbs.! It was much appreciated!

Library & Equipment Rental

Please return any past due items. The library & equipment rental are available for your use any time I am home, just call first. Carol Piepmeier, 913-645-8803
cpiep@kc.rr.com

Creative Hand Update

Many thanks to everyone who participated in Creative Hand at Old Shawnee Town Hall this year! The new location was well received by customers as well as participating artists and seemed to be easy for most people to find. A special thank you to the team of organizers

who made the show so successful. Susan Hoisington and Judy Santner did a wonderful job of organizing the display in our new space. Elenor Chipman and Carolyn Budd made the cashier table work very smoothly. Lolly Buxton lead the Jury team. Leslie McLaughlin kept all the artists updated and informed plus checked in each artist on Friday morning. Jamie Root kept the sales floor running smoothly during the show. Sandy Cahill and the Publicity Committee got the word out by mailing 2,400+ color postcards and many artists distributed postcards at their shows. We tracked 200 customers who arrived in the first hour and a half on Friday! Finally, we could not have had such a successful show without the team work of all 63 artists each contributing Creative Hands to this group effort. Our sales hit an all-time high and creativity simply swirled around the room! Can't wait for next year! We will be at Old Shawnee Town Hall again for our 30th Creative Hand in 2012, so mark your calendars for November 16-17, 2012!

Thank you, Ladies!

Laura Mayes

Felting Guild

The Felting Guild is a study group comprised of members of the Weavers Guild and Fiber Guild. Members of both guilds can join, there are no fees. We pick a felting technique each month to explore, and meet at a member's house and share. We're a small but dedicated group. The felting Guild will meet on 1/28/12 at the home of Donna Putnam at 10:30am. For more info on the Felting Guild contact: Judy Santner, Becky Stevens or Carol Ann

Parker.

OTHER NEWS

The Jennifer Moore Doubleweave Workshop dates are March 15-17, 2012. Contact Becky Stevens for more information, weaversguild@gmail.com.

UPCOMING EVENTS – 2011-12

The Sunflower Knitters' Guild is hosting its biennial weekend conference, Knitting in the Heartland, on April 13-15, 2012. Our event will be hosted at Crowne Plaza – Overland Park, KS. Go to www.kithkc.com for information about registering for classes or participating in our vendor market.

Weaver's Guild of St. Louis Presents:

Silken Kaleidoscope: Karen Selk, Instructor
Friday, Saturday, Sunday; March 2, 3 & 4,
2012 9:00 am – 4:30 pm

Laura Mayes can arrange lodging if anyone is interested in taking the workshop.

Midwest Weavers Association Conference

Prairie Winds Midwest Weavers is now accepting class proposals for the conference to be held June 20-22, 2013, in Emporia, Kansas. Please submit a description of the class, the class size limit and an estimate of class material fees. Our class lengths are 6 hour maxi sessions or 3 hour mini sessions. Some 3 day workshop spaces are available too. The submission deadline is March 1st, 2012. Providing a biography and photos of

your work is helpful. Please submit your proposal to prairiewinds2013@gmail.com or send to Sherri Pickett, 103 Main St., Wellsville, KS 66092

The Olathe Quilter's Guild Quilt Show

March 17th (10am-6pm) & 18th (12pm-5pm), 2012 at the Great Mall in Olathe, KS. The exact location in the mall has not yet been determined. The quilt committee for the guild will have a key and the location will be locked when the show is not open.

The Olathe Quilter's Guild would like to invite you to come vend at the show. Each vending space is \$50.

If you are interested, please reserve a spot by sending a check made out to the Olathe Quilter's Guild to:

Arlene Banks
15522 W. 80th St
Lenexa, Ks 66219

OSAGE SPINNER'S SPIN-IN

April 21, 2012 at the Oak Grove Community Center. Vendor booths are available and Carol Leigh will have one. There will be a gallery to display creations that you don't want to sell and a fashion show. The Center of the event will be set up for you to sit and spin. Those who want to participate in the Gallery or the Fashion Show can contact Lila Bradshaw or Vonda Sager.

7th ANNUAL LAKE AREA FIBER ARTS FESTIVAL

April 28, 2012 Harper Chapel United Methodist Church Community Hall, 5567 Hwy

54, Osage Beach, MO All information is on their new website: www.lakefiberarts.com

CLASSIFIED ADS

**Ads policy- Ads will run for 3 months then will be removed as space is needed. Ads may be re-submitted. If the item is sold, it's the responsibility of the SELLER to inform the Editor for removal. All ads will be placed on the Guild web site. The seller's e-mail and phone numbers will be listed online. More ads are listed on website.*

For Sale:

I raise angora goats, a few jacob's and two dorset sheep and am looking for someone interested in the fiber. I have eight senior does and buck along with eight kids from last spring two bucks up for sale. Colors are white, black, carmel and one red buckling. Please let me know if there's anyone interested in spring shearing, missed fall shearing so hair should be pretty long. Mike Taylor goathead@earthlink.net

Pfaff 2144 Creative Embroidery machine

It's almost brand new, with all kinds of bells & whistles & extras.

Please contact: Christine Long Derks
<http://www.treasuregoddess.etsy.com>

Treasure Goddess knitting patterns and handspun yarn
christine.long.tg@gmail.com

Schacht 8 shaft 15 inch wide Loom:

Detachable legs, 2 reeds (8 and 12 dent). It's great for demonstrations, workshops, and scarves. Asking \$500.

Contact loomergal@gmail.com (9/11)

Leesburg Rag Loom – maple, 2 shafts, 36" width. Lots of extras, including rag cutter, spool holder & fabric. \$900 negotiable.
816-383-1903 (8/11)

Walk-Behind-Spinning Wheel

Diameter of big wheel is 41 inches. Height is 60 inches \$400. Joanie 816-250-2446 (9/11)

"Hand-Skill" Table Loom. Advance the warp by turning the "steering wheel". This is a workable loom that is a collector's item. Circa 50's (about 70 yrs. old). Reed is 38 inches, outside width is 44 inches and height is 24 inches. Good condition - \$300
Joanie 816-250-2446 (9/11)

Newsletter Submissions

Articles and Announcements for the Newsletter are due the **20th of the month.**

Send them to the Newsletter Editor:
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or KCWG

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