



WEAVERS GUILD *of Greater Kansas City*

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MARCH 2009 GUILD NEWS

From the President

Just a few reminders for this month:

First, the entries for the KAWS guild display (the Itsy Bitsy Spider/Arachne's Mistake) will be due at the March meeting. Also, don't forget to bring failed and successful projects to share with others for the March program "Beauties and Beasties". I also wanted to note that I will be continuing Carol Ann's idea of a suggestion box at monthly meetings. So if you've got a great idea for something, or a suggestion on how to improve our guild, that's the place to do it. It's especially nice to have if you don't get a chance to talk to someone about your idea, or if you'd like to remain anonymous. I look forward to seeing you all in March!

Christy L. Berry

March 12th Meeting

Waldo Library 201 East 75th St, KC MO

10:00 AM – Regular Meeting

10:30 AM – Show & Tell / Treats

11:30 AM – Program

March Calendar

*March 11th, 7 PM - **Fiber Guild Meeting***

(Shawnee Indian Mission; Fairway KS)

*March 12th, 10 AM - **Weavers Guild Meeting***

(Waldo Library, 201 East 75th St, KC MO)

March Program

The program in March is a show and tell—the topic is our mistakes and what we can learn from them. Please look through your items and bring the ones that didn't work out as you expected!

For April, we will be going to the KC Art Institute to see work done in bead leno, and in May we will have a very informative presentation by Lyla Bradshaw on continuous strand weaving. We will have a chance to try it ourselves and hopefully finish a communal project. See you in Waldo!

--Wendy Borders

March Treats

This month Wendy Borders and Linda Cole-Howard will provide treats for the February meeting.

Hospitality

Judy Santner and Sherry Blaine have graciously taken on Hospitality for 2009. Thank you Judy and Sherry.

Membership Update

If you've forgotten to update your membership, please do so right away. There is a membership form available to print out in the January newsletter (click on the "News Archive" January 2009 link on the Weavers

Guild website). Send your application and payment to Linda Cole-Howard.

Tip of the Month

Carol Piepmeier shared these tips for finishing with twisted fringe during her terrific program on rag rug weaving: Start twisting your ends in the *center* and work your way to the outsides to keep your piece lying flat. If you want twisted fringe between pieces, you need at least 12" between each project on the warp.

Nametags

New and updated nametags are now available. If you have a nametag, make sure it is in the box. If you need a new one or are a new member, please notify Becky Stevens.

KAWS News

The class and registration information on KAWS 2009 is now available on the KAWS website. www.kansasweavers.com

We have attempted to mail copies to all guild members, but a few have been returned and we've learned that some were damaged by the post office. If someone needs a new copy we are asking that they use the online version if possible. If they still need a paper copy, please contact me at lmclaugh1@juno.com with the correct address, and I will mail them one. Thank you,
Leslie McLaughlin
Chair, KAWS 2009

KAWS will be held in Lawrence April 3-5, 2009. There is still time to sign up. Most of the events will be at the fairgrounds, including the dye party in which you will be able to dye any type of fiber at different stations. If you

cannot attend the conference, you may still join the Dye Day on Sunday for \$15.00. The guild display competition theme is interpreting a fairytale. It will be "The Itsy Bitsy Spider: Arachne's Mistake". We hope to have a wonderful selection of hand spun and/or handwoven items. Your finished work *must be received by the March meeting*, along with an information card about you and your work (project info. and materials used). If you have other questions about our display, please call Lolly at 913-492-9023.

Midwest Weaver's Conference

Mark your calendars now! This year the Conference will be held @ Grinnell College in Grinnell Iowa from June 25-27th, hosted by the Iowa Federation of Handweavers and Spinners. Check out all of the exciting Workshops, Seminars & registration info. at <http://www.heartland2009.org>.

Our Guild has chosen to create plainwoven scarves inspired by the colors of the Prairie. The divisions on the display will be Spring (green), Summer (yellow), Fall (brown) and Winter (white). Pieces should be turned in by the May guild meeting to Lolly Buxton or Lila Bradshaw.

Mentoring Opportunities

I have a Harrisville loom. I believe it to be about 40 years old. I am looking for someone to come to my house to reassemble and prepare it for weaving. I am not a weaver but would like to learn. I inherited it in pieces and need help. I live in Prairie Village. Thank you for your help. Jean Liggett jeaninelig@yahoo.com

I am a very new weaver and am interested in obtaining a loom but do not know enough to know what to get. I only want to do rag rugs. I am not able to come to your meetings as I work during the day. Would you, or one of your members who does rag rugs, be willing to talk to me and let me "pick your brain"? My phone number is 816-392-9080. Thanks so much--Harriet Lard

OTHER NEWS

Fiber Guild Program

The Fiber Guild will present a program March 11th on: The Fiber Artist in India and Nepal by Jan Devaney of Ten Thousand Villages.

Jeff City Spring Retreat

"Focus on Weaving" is the title of the Spring Retreat at Lincoln University in Jefferson City. It will be March 13,14,15 2009, and is coordinated by Leslie Carroll-Bartlett and Helen Schwartz. The keynote speaker will be Thomas E. Knisely, a weaver of historical rugs and textiles, from Dover PA. Registration and conference information is available on their

website at

<http://extension.missouri.edu/fiber/2009>

MOPACA Invitational Alpaca Show

The Midwest Alpaca Owners and Breeders Association are now hosting our yearly "Invitational Alpaca Show" in Kansas City, MO. The venue is the American Royal-Hale Arena on March 28-29th. There will be a level II fleece show, fiber art competition, handspun or mill spun skein competition and spinning and weaving demos throughout the weekend. We are looking for demonstrators for our fiber ring. If you can spare a few hours during show time to demo. your craft, we'd love to have you. You will have the opportunity to pass out business cards, sell out of a basket and network with potential customers from across the nation. Vendor space is also available. For information on becoming a vendor click here! [MOPACA Vendor Registration](#). Registration ends March 6, 2009. More information is available on the following websites:

<http://www.mopaca.org/showinfo.shtml>

For a list of rules and categories, go to the [Fiber Art & Skein Registration & Rules](#). For additional information contact Ann Mayes, Fiber Art Coordinator at: 573-386-3462 or email: annmayes@ktis.net.

Albrecht-Kemper Museum of Art

Dobree Adams & Jonathan Greene present a collaborative exhibition "Segues: Works in Wool/Works on Paper" Jan. 17-Apr.11. The museum is located at 2818 Frederick Ave. St. Joseph, MO. For more info: www.albrecht-kemper.org

Fiber Factory Store

I was in this store 2/11 and saw 6-8 large antique looms--maybe more. The male owner is in his 70s and has rebuilt and rejuve-nated them as a hobby. He also makes and sells denim rugs. Cottonwood Falls is the county seat of Chase County, KS, and has a quaint, recently remodeled courthouse. For persons interested in looms this would make a great day trip. He told me he makes housecalls to teach people how to use the loom(s) they have.

My own hobby is spindle spinning and using a wheel to make my own yarn. However, I thought this group should know about this fellow's store if you did not before. I was impressed with his knowledge and know-how and his good attitude. Doris Duke in Overland Park, KS

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: Floor Loom

I have a 4 harness, 40 inch floor loom I would like to sell. Also with it will be a spare reed, a warping board and shuttle. Loom is in good condition--has been setting for a while unused because of lack of space. It is located in Lawrence Kansas. You can contact me at rabyers@sunflower.com . (1/09)

For Sale: Floor Loom

60" LeClerc Fanny loom for sale counterbalance, 4 harnesses, 6 treadles, folds front to back so it is easy to get in and out of normal doors. \$600, you pick in Emporia. I'm moving to Texas very soon and would like to see this go to a good home. Thanks,
Laurie Robbins
weaver@osprey.net (1/09)

For Sale: Floor Loom

72" Walnut J-Made ,12 Harnesses, 2 Back beams, 22 Treadles, Fly shuttle, Treadle locks, 8 dent reed, Bench, Beautiful Loom in Good Condition. Pictures available. \$5,000 Joplin, Missouri. Margaret Wheeler
mahota@cableone.net (1/09)

For Sale: Floor Loom

44" Bangert Walnut Loom, Finnish Style Loom, Handmade by, Thomas Bangert, 8 Harness Counter-Marche, 10 Treadle, 2 Reeds 8 and 12, Bench, Working Loom for 30 Years \$2,500, Joplin, Missouri. Pictures available. Contact Margaret Wheeler,
mahota@cableone.net (1/09)

NEWSLETTER SUBMISSIONS

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

Send them to the Newsletter Editor:

<lduby@kc.rr.com> or

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c/o Leesa Duby, 5934 Cherokee Drive
Fairway, KS 66205 (913) 789-6469
lduby@kc.rr.co

Gibson-Curry White Oak Basket

Workshop: V

The "Gibson" basket is arguably the best natural material basket made in this country. Since 1840, seven generations of the "Gibson" family, of Arkansas, have woven baskets from hand hewn white oak splits without using glue or nails. Betty Curry carries on that tradition and will be assisted by Eric Peterson and Tina Nelson to teach 4 baskets this year. First-time weavers are welcomed!

The style passed down from generation to generation is very distinctive and several trademarks identify the Gibson basket. The foremost trait is the handle; each is made individually with a drawknife. Each handle is notched and made with a comfortable handle grip. The oak handles are inserted into the basket and secured with a rim. The rim is lashed on using the inside cross for added strength and the Gibson twist. The "Gibson twist" is used for durability and ties off each binder. A "twill" or "herringbone" pattern is used in the basket base for added strength in carrying heavy loads. These baskets are designed to last more than a lifetime!

These workshop classes provides an opportunity to learn about our native past and create a work of art that is both functional and something that will be admired by family and friends. It will be a basket that you can take pride in because **YOU** will have made it! The classes will be held at Old Mission United Methodist Church in Fairway, Kansas. This year, three (3) baskets will be taught for the

first time outside of Betty's home state of Missouri! The Ozark (Grecian) Urn, the Utility and the Bean Pot.

Remember to register early as classes have filled quickly in the past!

Basket photos will be available in late April. Confirmations will be sent in May.

Class size is limited to 20 for the Lunch, Utility and Bean Pot Basket Classes.

FEEL FREE TO SHARE THIS INFORMATION WITH YOUR FRIENDS!

Join Betty Curry for Basket Weaving Instruction!

THREE BASKETS CLASSES Select 1, 2 or all 3!!!

Lunch Basket* Friday, July 17, 6:00 p.m.

Base: 7" X12" approx. 5" high

Utility Basket* Saturday, July 18, 8:30 a.m.

Base: 8" X 14" approx. 7" high

Bean Pot Basket* Saturday, July 18, 12:30 p.m.

Base: 9" X 9" approx. 10" high

***Costs:** 1st Class @ \$60.00;

2nd & 3rd Classes @ \$58.00 each

To Reserve a Class: Send \$60.00 deposit

OR Pay in Full

Sorry, Discount does not apply to Ozark (Grecian) Urn Class.

We have an Anniversary to Celebrate!

The Fifth Annual Workshop will be celebrated with a spectacular opportunity to weave the **Ozark (Grecian) Urn!** The Ozark (Grecian) Urn is a tall basket with a base (5 in. X 5 in.) and has 19 inches of uprights for weaving the sides.

Your challenge will be to tame the white oak splits and weavers for shaping the sides into a tall, elegant vessel. Expect a fun-filled class, as each weaver will create their own unique masterpiece! This basket is woven with no handles.

Betty's nephew, Randy, produced the material for this special basket! Because Randy hand splits each oak split an incredibly ~48 in. length, the cost is \$65.00! *Sorry*, no further discounts are available for this class. The class will be taught on Friday morning at 10:00 a.m. and is strictly limited to 13 weavers. Send your registration and deposit fee (\$65.00) for this class in addition for the other classes selected. You might have an advantage, if you have woven previously with Betty!?!

Registration Form on next page!

Old Mission United Methodist Church

Shawnee Mission Parkway and State Park Road

Fairway, Kansas 66205

>Registrations accepted through: **May 22, 2009**

>Full Refund Cancellations through: **June 17, 2009**

>**No Refund Cancellations after: June 17, 2009**

No one under the age of 15 is allowed.

Special Anniversary Class

Ozark (Grecian) Urn Friday, July 17, 2009,
10:00 a.m.

Cost for Ozark (Grecian) Urn Class is \$65.00

Class size limited to 13.

For more Information Contact:

Wanda Sterbenz via e-mail or phone:

[BettyBaskets-2009](mailto:BettyBaskets-2009@hotmail.com) at hotmail.com Phone: (816) 797-7797

Gibson-Curry White Oak Basket Workshop: V

Registration: Complete the information below and send with your check. Your contact information is used only for information regarding Betty Curry Basket Classes. Please remember, registration for the classes is on a first received basis. A \$60.00 deposit (\$65.00 for the Ozark Urn) will reserve class space with the balance due on June 17, 2009. Or, you may pay in full. Class size is limited, especially the Ozark (Grecian) Urn class to 13 and the others to 20 per class. Confirmation will be sent via email in May.

NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____

EMAIL ADDRESS: _____

TELEPHONE: _____

CLASSES: PLEASE CHECK (✓) THE CLASSES YOU WISH TO TAKE.

() OZARK (GRECIAN) URN (\$65.00) NOT ELIGIBLE FOR DISCOUNT

() LUNCH BASKET*

() UTILITY BASKET*

() BEAN POT BASKET*

TOTAL COST:

1 BASKET CLASS*	@	\$ 60.00
2 BASKET CLASSES*	@	\$118.00
3 BASKET CLASSES*	@	\$176.00
<i>Ozark Urn Basket Class</i>	@	<i>\$ 65.00</i>

Please check (✓) how much you are paying and Write any balance due.

() PAID: \$60.00 DEPOSIT BALANCE DUE: _____

() PAID: \$65.00 FOR OZARK (GRECIAN) URN BASKET CLASS

() PAID IN FULL \$_____

MAKE CHECK PAYABLE TO WANDA STERBENZ.

Mail to: Wanda Sterbenz, 7834 Aberdeen RD., Prairie Village, Kansas 66208

Thanks and See you in July!