



WEAVERS GUILD *of Greater Kansas City*

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GUILD NEWS

From the President

HEADS UP: coming soon, we will have an opening on the hospitality committee. Eleanore Johnson, our present hospitality person extraordinaire, is going to turn the job over to someone else at the end of the year. Eleanore has been our ever-steady person that has arranged for refreshments at the guild's meetings for many years, something like 20+ years. That is unbelievable service! Thank you Eleanore!! We appreciate the consistently fantastic work that you have done for us. I bring this information to the membership early on because it is a very important and needed position in the guild in the coming year. It is perfectly acceptable that 2 people volunteer to share this position. Give it some thought, be bold, and volunteer to take on the job solo or co-share the job with someone.

LOOKING AHEAD: three things to remember before the end of the year. Remember to make a snuggly coverlet, a rug, a soft pillow, etc. for the kiddies at Crittenden Center for our service project. Contact Wendy Borders for further information. Also, for our service project, remember to make scarves, hats, bags, gloves, etc. for our elderly friends at the KU Center for Aging. Contact Eleanore Johnson for further information. Both of these service projects are due in November. Remember the "rectangle" for the

guild gift exchange is due in December at the holiday party. Contact Carol Ann Parker, or someone else in the know in the guild, if you need the skinny on what is meant by the "rectangle".

Carol Ann Parker, president

September 11th Meeting

Rose Room- Loose Park Garden Center

10:00 AM – Regular Meeting

10:30 AM – Show & Tell / Treats

11:30 AM – Program

September Calendar

*September 10th, 7 PM - **Fiber Guild Meeting***

(Shawnee Indian Mission; Fairway KS)

*September 11th, 10 AM - **Weavers Guild Meeting***

(Rose Room, Loose Park Garden Center)

September Program

September is here, and we are very fortunate to have a wonderful workshop for our program this month. Lolly Buxton will be presenting a Fiber Painting workshop for us, in which she will help us learn the beautiful art of applying colored fiber to the surface of a woven item. Those who have already signed up will know that we will be provided with a felting needle, a selection of dyed fibers and fabric to make an eyeglass case, all for \$10.00. Plan to stay until about 2pm, and bring your lunch. You will have a useful, unique skill for personalizing and beautifying your handmade gifts and belongings.

And coming in October, we will be informed by

Becky Stevens of the amazing and easy technique of computer graphics printed onto fabric, right through your own home printer. The applications of this are many, and we will no doubt think of even more as we see the amazing versatility of this art form. Just in time for Christmas giftmaking!

October will also bring us the fabulous SHIMMERING IRIDESCENCE two day weaving workshop with Colorado's Bobbie Irwin on Oct. 11th and 12th at Loose Park. Contact wendy054@yahoo.com for more information.

In November, Carol Ann Parker will demonstrate manipulation of fabric to produce texture, and in December the Holiday Party will be held in the welcoming and friendly home of Mary Lou Johnston on 58th Terrace. Please remember the gift exchange this year is **A RECTANGLE** Make it useful, make it ornamental, make it large, make it small... this will be fun to give and to receive!

September Treats

This month we will all provide treats for a brunch. Susan Hoisington and Ginnie Toone will provide treats for the October meeting.

ABE SCORES AGAIN !!

At the Leavenworth County Fair, Abe Buddish entered 4 woven items, 3 skeins of handspun yarn, and 3 hand-felted items. He received purple ribbons (first place) on all of them in the 4-H division. He entered a woven item and a hand-felted wallhanging/rug (the buffalo that we know so well from the KAWS display) in the Open Class and received champion on his weaving and a special award on his felted wall hanging/rug. His goats, also, received champion this year. Congratulations Abe! Way to go!

Triangle Loom

In July, Elizabeth Gnora Kontras presented the guild with a 5-foot triangular loom that was donated by her friend, Janice Manion. Thank you, Elizabeth, for bringing an additional loom to our equipment inventory. It will be used by several guild members and is very much appreciated.

NOMADS OF ANATOLIA by Dr. Harald Boehmer

JCCC Scholar-in-Residence, 7 p.m. Sat, Sept. 13, 2008. Hudson Auditorium, Nerman Museum of Art, Johnson County Community College, College Blvd. and Quivera, Overland Park, KS

In 1978, German chemist, Dr. Harald Boehmer sparked "The Great Anatolian Rug Revolution", transforming the entire Turkish rug industry. Even more than an industrial revolution, it has become a cultural survival project that has restored the ancient art of handwoven carpets and established the first ever woman's rug weaving cooperative in the Islamic world. A second and different program for students will be held on Monday, Sept. 15, 2008 at 11 a.m. in GEB 233, the "little theater". Guild members have been invited to this program also. Dr. Boehmer is an expert on ancient dyes, so we hope he will speak to the students on this. Both events are free.

Creative Hand

Here is the link to the Creative Hands info:

[http://kansascityfiberguild.org/CH%20Application & Information.htm](http://kansascityfiberguild.org/CH%20Application%20&%20Information.htm)

You can download applications, announcements, information and guidelines, as well as leadership and committee lists. Call Sandy Cahill if you have any questions.

OTHER NEWS

Belger Arts Center

Two exhibits, "Inspiration: African-American Quilts from the Collection of Maude Wahlman," and "Interpretation: Silver Screen Quilts by Sun Smith-Foret," both curated by Christina Wahlman, run through Oct. 3 on the first and third floor galleries of the center. Dr. Maude Wahlman has been collecting African and African-American art for several decades and is the author of "Signs and Symbols: African Images in African-American Quilts." Christina Wahlman is her daughter. This exhibit features 14 quilts. Sun Smith-Foret first became interested in code-bearing imagery in African-American quilts through the collection of Dr. Wahlman. After constructing quilts using classic patterns, Smith-Foret decorates with imagery and text from popular American movies. There are more than 40 quilts in this exhibit. Gallery hours are 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Wednesday-Friday, noon to 4 p.m. Saturday and by appointment. For more information, visit <http://www.belgerartscenter.org> or contact Gallery Assistant Mo Dickens at 816-474-3250 or mdickens@belgerartscenter.org.

Introducing (or Re-introducing) Missouri Fiber Artists

More than anything, MoFA needs you. Once a member you will discover what MoFA can offer you! The organization of MoFA is in place, unlike 30 years ago when we started from scratch. But now it needs new planning and new and old members to come forth. A small, but very committed group of fiber artists from all over the state is working very hard to reinvigorate not only MoFA itself, but also its reasons for being: to promote fiber work,

provide activities and publicize and stimulated public appreciation of fiber art, not in the past, but NOW in 2008 and on. In the works right now:

- A completely newly designed WEBSITE promoting members' work, MoFA meetings, retreats, conferences, exhibitions and scholarships. (www.missourifiberartists.com)

- Plans for the February 2009 retreat at the Rickman Center, near Jefferson City (You can register now!)

- Plans for the annual MoFA conference in 2010 – St. Charles?

- Special membership offer – see the website

Please give me a call 573-442-7882 or e-mail me babaraoverby@yahoo.com with any questions, comments, your membership!

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 for the conference will be available by December 1, 2008.

New Holiday Show

2009 Art & Crafts Holiday Show sponsored by the Marshall Public Library in Marshall Missouri. This show is not juried. This is our first show, we hope to have a successful event for vendors and shoppers so that we can work toward a 2 day arts and crafts show in 2010. For Further information, please call Brenda Randolph at 660-886-78571 or fax number 660-886-2592 or email: b-

Randolph@sbcglobal.net

Spinners / Weavers Wanted

Demonstrators needed for 26th annual Living History Day at the Tri-county Museum in Kind City, MO, Saturday, September 20th from 9:00 am to 4:00 pm. We feature limited arts and crafts, stage entertainment, children's activities and a whole hog barbecue. On a good day, we will have around 1,000 people in attendance. We would be interested in someone demonstrating spinning and weaving, and selling any products you might have available. We do provide lunch. More info available at 1-800-411-9013, Danny Lewis www.kingcitymuseum.org

Fund Raiser for Lass House

We are putting together a fund raiser for Lass House. A program for young men, few women 18 to 20 something years of age with disabilities. Many of these individuals suffer from physical disabilities such as a heart condition. Laura Seidel the supervisor is putting together a fund raiser to provide a safe social environment for the individuals to have fun. The individuals are wanting to be a part of something that makes them feel "cool" about themselves.

We are looking for vendors of all kinds. It is free to vendors, donations will be accepted. If you are interested please call Laura Seidel 913-221-5352 or John Todd 913-671-8449

<http://www.myspace.com/scatmandude>

Across Town Festival

Old Shawnee Town Park, 57th and Johnson Drive, Shawnee Kansas. Sunday October 5th 11:00 am to 5:00 pm. Cost: Free or a donation to Lass House

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

Union rug loom, floor model. In good working condition, has a couple of extra shuttles that go with it. Asking \$500. Contact Sandra Parrill (417) 659-9469 sandraparrill@sbcglobal.net (9/08)

For Sale Floor Loom

40" 8-harness Fireside Jack Loom: Oak wood, 10 treadles, 1 reed, 750 inserted eye heddles, cloth tensioning system uses ratchet/pawl, friction brake. Bench and accessories. Visit www.firesidelooms.com for general loom info. Price \$3,000 USD (compare to new at \$5,755) Contact Michelle Lesniak 724.283.0575 michelle@firesidelooms.com (9/08)

NEWSLETTER SUBMISSIONS

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

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