



NEWSLETTER September, 2024

2024 Officers:

Lynette Beebe and Cynthia Smith: Co-Presidents

Sylvia Crawford: 1st VP, Programs

Trudie Byers: 2nd VP, Newsletter

Erin Taylor: 3rd VP, Workshops

Pam Jenkins: Secretary

Kate Webb: Treasurer

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President's Report:.

Dear Members,

A giant thank you to everyone that participated in our Convergence Show and Tell Program and our usual Show and Tell. We had a very short business meeting after learning about the great experiences members had in Wichita and after viewing some beautiful fiber works our members have created. Many members are excited to attend the 2026 Convergence. Hopefully, it will be near the Midwest.

One item we briefly discussed was the need to have a Nominating Committee to help us find some members who would volunteer to become candidates for the positions of President or

Co-Presidents, Vice President of Programs and Treasurer. The requirements of the Nominating Committee would be to make phone calls or visit qualified members that might be interested in holding one of these positions. The qualified candidates' names would be presented during the October meeting and then voted on during the November meeting. Kirsten K. volunteered to become Treasurer so we are still searching for a President or Co-Presidents and a Vice President of Programs. These positions are for the calendar years of 2025 and 2026.

By the way, the Towel Exhibit looks awesome hanging in Westwood City Hall. This exhibit will be taken down by August 31st and hung in the Basehor Community Library at some future time. We will give you more details later. We hope to see everyone September 12 at our next meeting.

Programs:

September: Janet Meddings will be presenting additional information about the sheer weaving class she took at convergence.

October: Member's challenge;; this year's challenge will be opposites attract

To suggest a program, contact Sylvia Crawford at crawfordsylvia56@gmail.com.

70th Anniversary Update

Our towel exhibit at Westwood City Hall closes Aug 31 and moves to Basehor Library in October. Our exhibit at the Central Resource Library in KCMO is opening Sept 7.

I recommend visiting this lovely library that was originally a bank. Marble columns and brass doors are still in place. The art gallery is straight back from the main entrance. Across the street is

the historic Milwaukee Deli that serves awesome food. Make it an afternoon--ride the streetcar from Union Station, hop off at the library stop and explore downtown. If you haven't been downtown in a while, you'll be amazed at the high level of activity. It's a happening place these days and made more lovely by our fiber art exhibit.

Nomination Committee:

The nomination committee is seeking members to serve several board positions for 2025 and 2026. Joining the board is a great opportunity to become more involved with the Guild--especially if you are a new member. Please consider volunteering for any of the open positions below.

First Vice President, Programs

Is the lead person of a committee that arranges speakers or activities as part of each monthly meeting. For example, you can arrange for someone to speak on a fiber-related topic or create an activity for members in attendance. This position becomes a board member which provides an opportunity to present your opinions and ideas on Guild issues. Plus, submitting an article to the newsletter about the next program.

President (or Co-President)

Facilitates monthly meetings with the support and input of current board members. Documentation for running a meeting has been developed and prior board members are available to answer questions and provide mentorship. A second person can be elected as Co-president to share in the responsibilities. The president maintains and responds to guild emails and occasionally checks the USPS mailbox located in Waldo, KCMO. The president also leads board meetings with the support of current

board members; most board communications are handled via email. Also responsible to write a presidents' message in each newsletter.

Guild Librarian

The Guild librarian is the custodian of all books, magazines, and related materials belonging to the Guild. The librarian makes materials available to members in good standing and is responsible for an updated inventory. The librarian may purchase materials for the library and appoint assistants as needed with the approval of the Executive Board. The space requirements are as follows: two black bookcases that measure 6' x 30", and one black bookcase that measures 40"x 29" including approximately 350 books, videos, and magazines.

Additional information about this and other topics can be found in the Guild bylaws located here:

https://www.kcweaversguild.org/_files/ugd/4ff438_452ed6fe8ee549278b260c8a840ed1a5.pdf

Project Linus

Members please help out Project Linus. So far we have heard that we have only had six blankets donated this year. Please notify Lynette if you have created any blankets for this group during 2024 so we can keep track.

<https://www.projectlinus.org>

Creative Hand:

November 22nd and 23rd

Creative Hand is a little over three months away and the early bird application deadline of August 31st is fast approaching. Final application deadline is October 20th. If you are still on the proverbial fence about joining the fun, we

encourage you to jump on in and join your peers to help make this year's show and sale an awesome experience for all. And, the limited production option is a great opportunity to try out the sale. More information will be forthcoming regarding the jury process, and other upcoming meetings for the artists. Anyone with questions can reach out to either Karen Ecton at karen.ecton@gmail.com or Kara Barlett at tbarlett@embarqmail.com.

We look forward to hearing from you!

Opportunities:

Legacy Fabrics:

If you have always wanted an opportunity to exhibit your work, you might be interested in the following note from the new fabric store in Shawnee.

Hello Weavers! This is Elizabeth Hoffman from Legacy Fabrics. We are a new apparel fabric store in Mission, KS that has silks, wools, linens, notions, classes, and more! We have met several of you already; so thank you so much for stopping by and saying hello! We have some open wall space here at our shop, and we would love to have some artwork to fill it up. Our goal is to highlight all kinds of textile art and we can't think of a better way than to have your amazing and one-of-a-kind artworks in our store! If you are interested, you could display your designs to sell on consignment, or just show off - we are open to either of these ideas! We want to encourage all kinds of fiber design, as we all love to create and express ourselves. We just want to promote our community of sewists and artisans, and we can do that by collaborating to show off our specialized craft to others! We have a similar goal of spreading our love of textiles, so please consider our appeal!

TSA's 2024 Symposium,

"Shifts and Strands: Rethinking the Possibilities and Potentials of Textiles," explores the dynamic transformations in textiles, encompassing historical, cultural, creative, scholarly, political, and scientific practices. The open theme encourages reflection on the past and envisioning equitable, sustainable futures. The 2024 Symposium builds on TSA's previous events, creating spaces to challenge dominant discourses, celebrate diverse textile cultures, and promote anti-racism, equity, and accessibility. It aims to highlight member work and foster community connections, aligning with TSA's mission to nurture a global, inclusive, and accessible textile community.

This virtual Symposium will be held November 12-17, 2024. It will be hosted through Whova, an online platform and app. Programming will be scheduled across global time zones.

Attendees will also have 90-day access to all programming, allowing for greater flexibility in attendance for all. You can read the preliminary program here:

<https://textilesocietyofamerica.org/2024-symposium-preliminary-program>

For Sale:

Long time fiber artist Carol Ann Parker is liquidating her roving stash on September 14 from 10:30-2:00 at Foxwood Springs Senior Living, 500 Mott Drive in Raymore, Missouri.

Lots of felting yarn will be for sale at very reasonable prices. A few of Carol Ann's fabulous felted hats are also on sale, as well as miscellaneous items related to the creation of felt. And for you knitters, there is a small amount of yarn.

