

June 11, 2026

2025 Officers

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Newsletter
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President's Message

Greeting fiber friends,

I was lucky enough to attend Becky Stevens's excellent warp painting workshop at her beautiful property. She told us the story that when her husband went to buy some laying hens, the seller apologized for the fact that his hens laid blue eggs instead of brown or white ones. That cracked all of us up, because who wouldn't want gorgeous blue eggs? *We* notice color all the time. From fibers in natural colors to the rest of the rainbow, we are uplifted and nurtured by the tones all around us. Here's to a color-saturated spring and summer for all of you in fibery fun-ness!

Cheers,

Leesa

Programs

JUNE 11 –Samantha Herrington, owner of The Emerald Ewe yarn shop in Parkville, will be giving a presentation about nålbinding and bog fashion. Samantha got her start in "historically slow fashion" with the Society of Creative Anachronism and has expanded her fiber interests to crochet, spinning, weaving, dyeing, teaching of same and now, a yarn shop owner!

JULY 9 – Swap & Shop

AUGUST 13 – Justine Clark (member and scholarship recipient) will talk about her harness weaving class.

SEPTEMBER 10– Tabbetha Evans, designer with Peruvian Connections and KCAI Fiber Department instructor will talk about her adventures with Peruvian Connections, travels to Peru and designing clothes

OCTOBER 8 - Member Challenge- Black-White and 50 shades of Grey

NOVEMBER 12- Danica Lyons, Guild member and recent scholarship recipient, will give an overview of the Jane Stafford School of Weaving class she attended.

DECEMBER 10- Holiday party.

Dues

Annual dues are \$25 for individuals or \$30 for families. Dues can be paid online at kcweaversguild.org/membership or with a check payable to Weavers Guild of KC and mailed to Kirsten Kakolewski 4912 N 126th Street, Kansas City, KS 66109. Members who would like the directory mailed to them should add \$3 for mailing.

By-laws & Constitution Changes

The Weavers Guild needs to amend their bylaws reflecting the separation of the Fiber Guild from the Weavers Guild. During the May meeting, Sylvia read the three articles of our Constitution and By-Laws which should be changed and outlined the steps we must take to make those changes. The articles and steps are:

Step 1. A motion to modify the constitution during a regular meeting and was made at the May meeting.

Step 2. The motion needs to be published in the June newsletter.

Step 3. At the June meeting, after the newsletter is published, we will vote on the proposed changes.

There are three references to the Fiber Guild in the Constitution and By-Laws.

First Reference: Constitution, Article 3 Membership, second bullet point, includes the sentence "The Guild shall accept, as non-voting members, members in good standing of the Fiber Guild of Greater Kansas City."

Second Reference: By-Laws, Article 2, Optional Standing Committees, 2. Directory Committee, includes the sentence "The committee is responsible for the preparation of the directory in cooperation with the Fiber Guild and include a list of all 25 year plus members in the annual directory."

Third Reference: By-Laws, Article 5, Dues, 3rd Paragraph, includes the sentence "Members of the Fiber guild my participate in activities of the Guild such as shows, meetings, workshops, book rental, etc. but shall not have voting privileges nor hold office."

Given that the Weavers Guild insurance coverage is limited to members of the Weavers Guild for the Guild's meetings, activities, and the Creative Hand Show, Sylvia Crawford moved that references to inclusion of the Fiber Guild in Weavers Guild membership, directory preparation, and Guild activities be removed from the Weavers Guild Constitution and By-Laws.

Convergence in August!

Registration for the Handweavers Guild of America's (HGA's) [Convergence® 2026](#) is now open. Convergence® offers an inspiring lineup of more than 100 fiber-focused workshop sessions, along with engaging seminars including Thread Talks, the Keynote Address, and Juror Talks. Attendees can also enjoy the Convergence® Fashion Show, explore the bustling Marketplace, take part in special tours, and connect with fellow fiber enthusiasts from around the world.

Join us August 12–16, 2026, at the Sheraton New Orleans Hotel in beautiful, historic New Orleans. HGA has secured special room rates for conference attendees, and equipment rentals are available for sessions that require them. For the best value, choose the [Convergence® Value Package \(CVP\)](#) and save **25% on sessions**, plus receive admission to all special events.

For more information, click [this link to download the registration book](#), or visit HGA's website at www.WeaveSpinDye.org/Convergence.



KAWS Save the Date Oct 9-10, 2026



MHK Fiber Arts Guild: *Threads Thru Time* Kansas Area Weavers and Spinners Annual Conference Fri., Oct. 9 and Sat., Oct. 10, 2026 Pottorf Hall, CICO Park, Manhattan Kansas. Reserve motel rooms now since it is a KSU football game weekend.

Creative Hand—The countdown is on!

Creative Hand is less than six months away! Please review the following updates regarding applications, planning, and important deadlines.

Application for the 2026 Creative Hand Show and Sale are currently available with printed applications available at Guild meetings or a



fillable pdf application that can be emailed to you. The early bird application deadline is Aug. 31, followed by the final deadline of Oct. 18.

Paper and Online Applications Available

All past artists should have received an email from our Registrar, Wendy Mejia, on Thurs., May 28 with both applications. If you are interested in participating and did not receive the email, please email Wendy at wooworks3@gmail.com and she will forward an application to you.

Planning Continues—Mark Your Calendar

Work is progressing on the layout of the show at our new location at the Merriam Community Center and I would like to thank everyone who provided input. As the summer ends, we will begin looking at logistics for load in and load out, as well as a signage plan. If you are willing to help with these very important aspects, please reach out to either Karen Ecton at karen.ecton@gmail.com or Lois Herr at studio91.weave@gmail.com and we will let you know the details once we get closer to the dates.

Please add to your calendar the mandatory artist meeting on Sun., Oct. 25 from 1:30 to 3:00 p.m. at the Merriam Community Center. We will be reviewing all aspects of the show, including layout, unloading, loading, as well as the normal items we cover.

Marketing Postcards Available

If you will be participating in this show as well as other shows this summer and fall, we do have a limited number of postcards you can distribute in your booth. If you would like some, please email Valery Johnson at valeryjohn717@yahoo.com or Karen Ecton at karen.ecton@gmail.com and we will coordinate getting the postcards to you.

Summary of Important Dates

- Paper and online applications now available.
- Early bird application deadline is Aug. 31, followed by the final deadline of Oct. 18.
- Mandatory artist meeting on Sun., Oct. 25 from 1:30 to 3:00 p.m. at the Merriam Community Center.
- Creative Hand Show and Sale is on Fri., Nov. 20 and Sat., Nov. 21.

Enjoy your summer and happy making!

Workshops

TWILL? WEAVE GOT THIS! Weaving workshop

Oct 30—Nov 2, 2026

Learn and weave from Friday afternoon to Monday noon. Advanced beginner and more experienced options available. Please share with your weaving friends!

Jeff Reynolds began weaving in 1993, studying with Master Weavers Jim and Kitty Smith at Keelor Handwovens. In 2004 he began teaching new weavers and leading workshops. Jeff has received multiple awards for his handwoven items.

Jeff Reynolds - instructor multiple different weave structures. You can follow along and find information at the following locations on social media. Join the FB group of: Weaving Workshops Warsaw Missouri, or Arrow Rock Handweaver's Guild.

4-shaft twill towel projects, two skill levels offered workshop includes instructor fee, nine delicious meals, and onsite lodging in a tranquil setting. We'll be making twill towels. Option 1 for advanced beginners, option 2 for more experienced weavers.

For questions call:

Colleen Brooks 620.240.0297

Linda Arment 417.346.6518

Classified Ads

Gary Groening

Email: gjgroening@gmail.com

Phone: 913-961-4929

Schact Mighty Wolf 8 harness loom purchased 40 years ago, very good condition located in Prairie Village, price: \$500



Box of weaving tools, \$50



Weaving bench, \$30



Gary Groening Continued:

Box of yarn, \$20



Spinning supplies, \$20



Swift, \$20

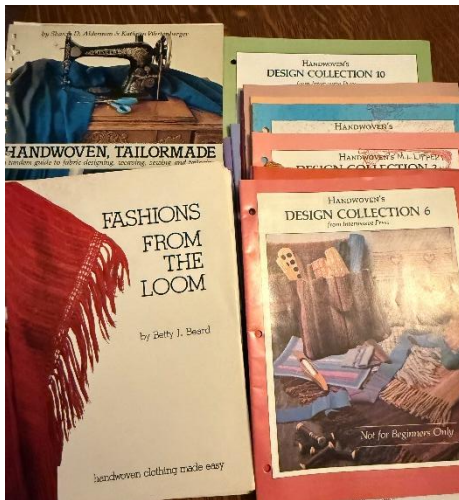


Gary Groening Continued: Free Items Below:

Card weaving



Books



Backstrap loom



Rake loom



Shelby Peppers

Email: sburch139@gmail.com

Phone: 816-877-4423

60 inch, 16 harness AVL mechanical dobby loom in good condition with some scuffs on wood/ tape grime, spikes missing, etc. Fully functioning. currently taken apart in moveable pieces. Will come with all hardware, 180 dobby bars, pegs and peg tool. Approx. age and condition: 15+ years old, located: near Independence, MO Price: \$1,000



Gina Malashock

Email: ginamal@gmail.com

Phone: 913-963-1295

Louet drum carder, \$500



Ashford traveler wheel in excellent condition. Hardly used, comes with the zippered case
Price: \$700



Adam Goodart

Email: adamgoodart@aol.com

Phone: 913-837-0149

Fricke enterprises wool carder with paddle, 28 years old, good condition, been sitting in my mother's old shop on a shelf. Price: \$750



Ana Fernandez

Email: af2194@gmail.com

Phone: 719-588-1915

Yarns -many items, vintage, pristine, large variety. Price: \$150 for all.

