



WEAVERS GUILD *of Greater Kansas City*

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NEWSLETTER

October 9, 2025

2025 Officers:

Sylvia Crawford and Leesa Duby :
Co-Presidents

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Erin Taylor: 3rd VP, Workshops

Pam Jenkins: Secretary

Kirsten Kakolewski: Treasurer

Barrie Mason: Scholarship Chairperson

only as good as we make it and it takes all
of us to make it great!

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Meeting Agenda: 9:30 a.m. Coffee & Set
Up

10:00: Program

11:00 Treats

11:15 Business meeting

President's Message:

Fall is officially here and I am looking forward to cooler temperatures and more time inside, hopefully at my loom! I am also looking forward to seeing the items our members have made, to enter into the member challenge at our next meeting on October 9th. It always amazes me what can be created by our talented fiber community!

I want to thank Lynette Beebe for all the work she did by contacting lots of people in order to find candidates for open board positions that need to be filled for the next year. If you are one of the members who have stepped up to volunteer for one of the open slots, I thank you as well. Our guild is

Programs:

October Challenge:

The Guild decided on the following genres and book titles for the October challenge:

Childrens - *The Hungry Caterpillar* by Eric Carle

Historical Fiction - *The Outlander* series by Diana Gabaldon

Mystery - *Murder on the Orient Express* by Agatha Christie

Sci-Fi/Fantasy - *Lord of the Rings* by J.R.R. Tolkien

Romance - *Romeo and Juliet* by William Shakespeare

November:

Leesa is going to give us the lowdown on her trip through Indonesia, exploring various textiles with a special emphasis on ikat.

The **December** holiday gift theme is neckwear of any type.

Officer Nominees:

Thanks to Lynette's hard work, we now have three officer nominees.

1st Vice President, Programs: Teddy Wiberg

3rd Vice President, Workshops: Diane Binkley

Secretary: Susan Gurley

Librarian Needed:

The guild board is again appealing for someone to host our excellent Guild Library. The librarian job is not hard at all, there are not a lot of requests made and there is no rule that says you have to haul library materials to guild meetings. That is an added service that Debbie has been willing to provide during her many years of superlative service. It is now time for her to pass this job along to another member. Our library is a nice perk for guild members and has a wide variety of resources to use freely. For your consideration:

Here are the measurements for the Guild Library shelves

There are 2 tall bookshelves. 1 shelf is 29 7/8" wide, 71 1/2" tall and 11 1/2" deep.

There is 1 small bookshelf. It is 28 3/4" wide, 39 3/4" tall and 11 1/2" deep.

Given that we are running out of room on the small bookshelf, we will explore options for acquiring another tall bookshelf. There are some additional materials for checking out books and more magazines Debbie also has more of the magazine boxes coming, so those should be more organized for the next person. Some of the books are odd-sized.

The Buddish's have a pick-up truck and are certainly willing to box up and move everything to the next person – something you would not have to worry about.

Please, please look at your home/basement/attic spaces to see if you can house our materials. It doesn't need to be fancy, just clean with decent lighting. Thank you.

HGA Spinning and Weaving week,

October 6-12 i Registration for various events is on their website: weavespindye.org

Registration is \$0 for HGA Student Members, \$30 for HGA Members, and \$60 for Non-Members. The Weavers Guild is a "member", but I think individuals also need to pay membership fees, if I'm not mistaken.

Their online Thread Talks, lasting around 15 minutes each, are a treat. Creatives and experts share their knowledge about a huge variety of techniques and topics.

KAWS

1. Save the date: The next KAWS Conference will be hosted by the Manhattan guild and is planned for October 9, 10, 11, 2026 in Manhattan, KS..
2. There is an opening for a second representative from our guild to the KAWS Board (Kansas Association of Weavers and Spinners). If anyone might be interested in becoming an officer or just more involved to help improve and keep KAWS active, please contact Cindy Lessenden or any of the other KAWS Board members.

Images Fiber Exhibit

"Celebrating Fiber Art"

In celebration of 50 years, the members of the Kansas City Fiber Guild will be displaying and selling their hand-made textile artwork at Images Art Gallery September 19 - October 11, 2025. Images Art Gallery is located in Downtown Overland Park at 7320 West 80th Street. The gallery hours are Wednesday - Saturday 10-6.

At the gallery along with the marvelous display of handmade textile arts, there is a nice history display of Fiber Guild activities over the last 50 years. The display is a nice chance to reminisce about how young we all were way back then!

Please stop by the gallery and enjoy the display of textile arts. All pieces in the

show are made by participating guild members using various fiber arts techniques like Hand Weaving, Hand Knitting, Hand Spinning, Hand Dyeing, and Hand Felting. There are 21 individual participating artists as well as pieces from two study groups.

The FELTING STUDY GROUP has a collaborative piece titled "Flint Hills Landscape in Felt" on display at the show. 12 individual guild member artists each provided a section of a Flint Hills photograph interpreted in felt. When all 12 felted interpretations were complete, the 12 sections were assembled into a collaborative art piece. The piece is really stunning to look at!

The WOOL STUDY GROUP has a collaborative piece titled "Study in Barlycorn Scarf" on display at the show. 6 individual guild member artists participated in a timed "Sheep-To-Shawl" contest to produce this scarf. The team had 5 spinners who prepped the freshly shorn fleece and hand spun the yarn for the project and one weaver who wove the hand spun wool to make the scarf. The team completed their work in a 5-hour time frame.

Service Project.

Don't forget our service project supporting Mother's Refuge, an organization supporting new mothers in need.

According to their website they would like: "Things like diapers, teen female

clothing, wipes, baby clothes, soaps, cribs, car seats, bibs, cleaning supplies, hygiene products and anything else that a new young mother and her baby might need, we will take!"

Central Resource Library Event on Nov 6

The KCMO Public Library downtown has invited the Guild to a staff event on Thursday, Nov 6 from 3-6 p.m. for a drop-in hand loom weaving session. We will need up to 4 volunteers to show library staff members how to weave on a simple cardboard loom. Please let Janet Meddings know if you'd like to help out or if you have questions at janetmeddings@gmail.com or 913-579-8913.

Knitting Club:

Hello new friends and old! Hello new machine knitters and those that have been creating for a while. Karen Brinker and I miss our monthly knit club, so we are starting it up again. We hope to see all of you. And if there are others you know that would enjoy participating, please pass this along. No knitting (either hand or machine) experience required. The club is intended to support and inspire creators. While this is primarily a machine knitting club, we do allow mention of other crafts if they are adjacent to machine knitting (crochet and hand knitting for instance).

The first meeting is Nov 1st, 10:00am to noon.

Meetings will be at the Pickett, Chaney, and McMillen LLP building

[9401 W. 87th Street, Suite 200](#)

[Overland Park, KS, 66212](#)

It will be in the 2nd Floor meeting room. Just 3-4 stairs to get into the building and then an elevator ride to the 2nd floor. Thank you, Diane Pickett for providing a space for us!

Meeting agenda will be; show and tell, helping each other with problems they are encountering and then a demo.

The first meeting agenda will also include setting a day and time for future meetings. Agree to a method of communicating club activities. And to create a schedule of demos. Any member may request a demo and then fellow members volunteer for the demos.

Hope to see you in November!

For Sale

JEAN HARTLEY:

Our dear friend and long-time Weavers Guild member Jean Hartley has downsized again to assisted living. She has a few items for sale. If you want to purchase any of these items, please contact Jean's daughter Sandi Inman (913) 220-1206. The pick-up location is in south Overland Park. Payment by cash is requested.

\$500 Nearly new Leclerc Voyageur 4 harness table loom; has 4 additional harnesses with wire heddles that can be installed to make 8 harnesses; very sturdy and folds for travel, would make a great workshop loom.



\$25 Nearly new Lap Loom with stand; the stand is 15" X 11" and is 6" tall; the loom pegs for warp are smooth plastic; this loom would be a great school loom or small tapestry or small rug demonstration loom.

Melva Lea Triplett

Email: melvatriplett@sunflower.com

Phone: 785-843-0949

Countryside handweavers four harness.15 dent reed, about 30 years, excellent condition located in Lawrence KS

Price: \$2,000.00



Susan Patton

Email: spatton@sunflower.com

Phone: 785-865-6103

Ashford Spinning Wheel purchased in 1976, in perfect condition and barely used. It included spools and other parts.

Price: \$250

