

## December Newsletter Article

### KC Weavers Guild 70<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration

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The 70<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Planning Committee is hard at work brainstorming and planning our 2024 celebrations. The objective statement they developed is: *Founded in 1954, the Weavers Guild 70<sup>th</sup> Anniversary is an opportunity to celebrate as we preserve and perpetuate our various textile art and handwork traditions. Our goal is to raise awareness of the Guild's activities in the community by conducting exhibits and public demonstrations throughout 2024.*

At our last regular Guild meeting, members approved a budget for 1,000 lasercut wood looms that will be included in the Convergence goody bag (600-700) and distributed at various anniversary events. Any remaining kits can be sold as a stocking stuffer at Creative Hand.

There are many ways that you can be involved throughout the year to show off your talents! As you'll read below, we will be exhibiting beginning in May and through Nov. 16. Mark your calendar so you won't miss out on a chance to participate in these historic events. Early next year, we will share details about how to submit your artwork for exhibit.



#### 4 fiber art exhibits for Guild members

1. We will exhibit our fiber artworks at the Johnson County Arts Center, 87<sup>th</sup> & Metcalf in Overland Park, from May 1 through Aug 17. Opening reception will be on May 2 from 6-8 p.m.
2. Our next opportunity to exhibit is at the KCMO Central Resource Library, 14 W. 10<sup>th</sup>, from Aug. 31 through Nov. 16.
3. Westwood City Hall is excited to display a collection of our towels during the month of August.
4. Basehor Public Library will display this collection of towels in September/October.

#### Public demonstrations

1. **On Sat., June 15 from 8 am - 4 pm** at the JOCO Arts Center, we will be demonstrating a wide variety of fiber artmaking techniques. We are asking members to bring looms of all kinds and sizes, spinning wheels, crochet, knitting, etc. to show the public how it's all done. The Arts Center will advertise the event and we are expecting a large crowd. As we get closer to the date, we will seek a participation commitment from members.
2. **Event to be determined**—the KCMO Library would like to host a public event for us during our exhibition next fall. We need an idea for an event that would be of interest to the general public. Put on your thinking caps and let us know if you have an idea for a historical theme, speaker in our field, film screening, small workshop/demo, etc.

#### March Guild meeting

- **March 14**—Everyone should plan to stay after the March meeting to help build 1,000 laser cut loom kits. We will be assembling packages that will contain the loom, yarn, plastic needle, and instructions.

## **Have you displayed your artwork? Please let us know.**

The planning committee is working on submitting a grant proposal from ArtsKC to help with our 70th anniversary celebration. The grant includes demonstrating our experience with displaying artwork. If you displayed any artwork publicly in the past five years, please let us know the location, approximate dates and what was displayed. Send this info via email to Kirsten at [ke\\_purchase@mailas.com](mailto:ke_purchase@mailas.com)

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