

# WEAVERS GUILD *of Greater Kansas City*

## March 2023 Newsletter

### Note from the Co-Presidents Cynthia Smith and Lynette Beebe

Will Spring have sprung by the time we have our Guild meeting March 9, 2023?

We certainly are hoping so! It was very disappointing to have to cancel our February meeting and to miss out on the seeing the insights, stories and projects from Barry Mason, Sandy Cahill, and Chris Hunsburger's trip to Convergence 2022 in Knoxville. Hopefully, we will still be able to see their presentation sometime in the future. Speaking about Convergence, they need our help for 2024. You can help at anytime during Convergence 2024 in Wichita by presenting a workshop, or volunteering in some manner. Please look at the information that we have been sending you. There was an online meeting February 22, 2023. We hope members who participated in that Zoom call can provide some additional information about volunteer positions.

This current year has me (Lynette) super excited. I wanted to share a few of the items that I am looking forward to: being Co-President with Cynthia Smith, working with amazing volunteers and board members, the wonderful Guild programs, visiting KCI in April with the Guild, the Krokbragd workshop, Ply Away (remember your discount), the KAWS conference, the Midwest Weavers Conference in Des Moines, the Mini Square Towels workshop, a field trip to the Silk Museum, the Guild's member challenge in October (still to be decided), and the Holiday Potluck. What are some fiber or Guild programs or events that have you excited? A perfect time for sharing your excitement is during our social time which occurs at 9:30 a.m. before the business meeting and during snack time before the program. By the way, if you have not signed up to take a turn by bringing a snack please check to see if there are any openings and sign up on our website.

Our Guild's website lists the current year's programs with a brief descriptions. It is easy to find that list by clicking on "meeting" on the top menu bar. You are missing out if you have not ever explored our website. All things Guild are provided, the library lists, links to useful sites, associations, artists and supplies. We encourage you to explore <https://www.kcweaversguild.org/>.

Plus, giant thank you to Janet Meddings for keeping our website current.

Hope to see you on March 9, 2023.

March  
Weavers Guild Program  
Needle felting and wet felting by Anna Walker.

### 2023 WEAVERS GUILD OFFICERS

Lynette Beebe, Co-President  
Cynthia Smith, Co-President  
Sylvia Crawford, 1st VP, Programs  
Ellen Kardell, 2nd VP, Newsletter  
Erin Taylor, 3rd VP, Workshops  
Pamela Jenkins, Secretary  
Kate Webb, Treasurer  
Gail White, Scholarship Chairperson

### MEETING AGENDA

Meetings are on the second Thursday of each month at Westwood City Hall, 4700 Rainbow Blvd., Westwood, KS.

Guests are always welcome.

9:30 am Coffee, Set Up, Social Time  
10:00 am Regular Meeting  
10:30 am Show & Tell  
11:00 am Treats/Break  
11:15 am Program  
12:30 pm Cleanup

Meeting minutes are published on the Guild website:

### Meeting Minutes Archive

### MEMBERSHIP BENEFITS

- ▶ Makers Fellowship
- ▶ Weaving Mentors
- ▶ Scholarships
- ▶ Guild Library
- ▶ Monthly Show & Tell
- ▶ Creative Hand Show & Sale
- ▶ Dual membership in
- ▶ KC Fiber Guild & KAWS

More info online at  
[www.kcweaversguild.org](http://www.kcweaversguild.org)

Contact us via email at  
[weaversguild@gmail.com](mailto:weaversguild@gmail.com)

# KCWG Programs & Activities

To suggest a program, contact Sylvia Crawford at [crawfordsylvia56@gmail.com](mailto:crawfordsylvia56@gmail.com).

**Inclement Weather Policy** – If the KCMO School District is closed due to inclement weather, our Guild meeting that day is canceled. Be sure to check for school cancellation before getting on snowy/icy roads. School notification will be made using Major radio and television news stations, the homepage of the KCPS website, KCPS Facebook and Twitter pages.

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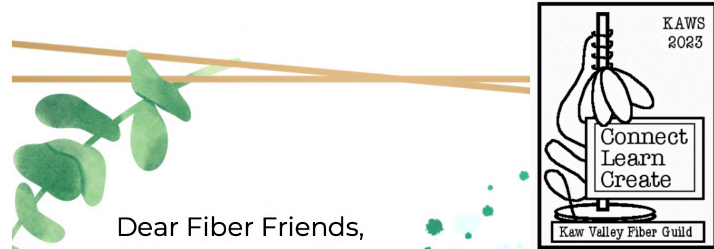
**Kansas City Fiber Guild & Weavers Guild** combined to put on an amazing sale this year! The leadership team for the Creative Hand Show and Sale has opportunities available to work with creative and hard working artists to plan and facilitate the 2023 show. If you are interested, please contact Diane Dory, [dianedory3@gmail.com](mailto:dianedory3@gmail.com), or Sandy Cahill, [sandycahill@beweaveme.net](mailto:sandycahill@beweaveme.net)

## Kaw Valley Fiber Guild June Conference

The **Kaw Valley Fiber Guild** will be hosting the annual statewide conference of the Kansas Alliance of Weavers & Spinners in Lawrence, Kansas, from June 9-11, 2023.

This year's conference theme is: **Connect, Learn, Create**. They are seeking fiber artists wanting to share ideas and talents with fellow fiber aficionados. Class proposals must be received by March 15, 2023. Vendor applications are due Mar 31. Accepted proposals will be notified by March 27, 2023.

[https://  
www.kansasweaversspinners.com](https://www.kansasweaversspinners.com)



Dear Fiber Friends,

KAWS 2023 is looking for teachers for our upcoming conference in June. We always hear that people enjoy conferences because people share their knowledge and skills with others. Fiber enthusiasts who want to pass on fiber techniques so that they won't become lost. We would love for you to share your knowledge and skill. Please consider teaching a class. We do want to compensate for your time and knowledge. We are offering teachers half off of registration fees for KAWS 2023, buy your lunch and if you have a charge for your class, we will collect that at registration time. We are asking for teachers to send in their applications before March 15th, 2023 so that we can start planning the class schedule for the conference. Please go to <https://kansasweaversspinners.com> for the application forms.

Thank you,  
Kaw Valley Fiber Guild

# Wearable Art Show

12 Guild members have gathered their best Wearable Art pieces for a group show at Images Art Gallery.

Come to the opening and see these spectacular pieces on display Friday, February 17, 5-8 pm,

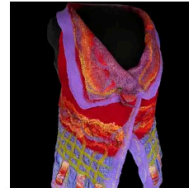
Images Art Gallery  
7320 West 80th Street, Overland Park, KS 66204.

The show will be up through Saturday, March 11.  
Gallery hours are Wednesday - Saturday, 10-5.

More information: call or text Sandy Cahill (913) 709-1923.

# Wearable Art

On display February 15th to March 11th



Sue Metzler  
hand felted vest



Winona Thornton  
hand woven triangle shawl



Kathryn Worley  
hand dyed scarf



June Sun  
hand felted wrap



Sandi Grimm  
hand knitted scarf



Marci Blank  
knitted jacket



Sandy Cahill  
handwoven shawl



Diane Dory  
handwoven shawl



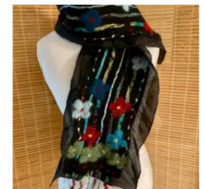
Anna Walker  
hand felted scarf



Judy Santner  
hand felted wrap



Glenda Flanagan  
hand dyed scarf



Barrie Mason  
hand felted scarf



Leedy-Voukos Art Center | Crossroads Art District | 2012 Baltimore Ave, KCMO 64108

THE *Leedy* FOUNDATION

## Lineages

New work by Debbie Barrett-Jones and Kristine Barrett March 2 - May 27, 2023 at the Leedy-Voukos Art Center

Lineages explores multi-directional histories through traditional weaving and its site-specific environments, structures, associations, and temporal rhythms. Through a series of installations, weavings, sound, and video, sister-artists Debbie Barrett-Jones and Kristine Barrett present kinship and cultural identities as fluid processes rather than a given: connecting, dissolving, and reconstituting through memory, practice, and relationship.

Opening Reception – Thursday, March 2<sup>nd</sup>, 5-8pm.

The Leedy-Voukos Art Center  
2012 Baltimore Ave.  
Kansas City, MO 64108

<https://www.leedy-voukos.com/>



# KCWG Website Update

## Guild Website

Contact Janet Meddings at [weaversguild@gmail.com](mailto:weaversguild@gmail.com) to suggest content for our website.

## Newsletter Deadline

Submit your ideas, articles and photos to [msellenk@gmail.com](mailto:msellenk@gmail.com) by the 25th of each month.

## Guild Resources



**The Felting Study Group** meets to encourage and help each other develop skills in all forms of felting. They meet the last Thursday of every month at 10:30 a.m. in the home of one of the participants. To find out where they are meeting this month or to learn more about the study group, email Judy Santner at [jsantner3@hotmail.com](mailto:jsantner3@hotmail.com).

**Guild Library** The Guild maintains an extensive library of books, magazines, and videos that can be checked out by members in good standing. Publications may be checked out for one month with up to two renewals as long as there is no waiting list for the item. Members are responsible for replacement costs of items lost while in their possession. To see our library inventory list and/or contact Debbie Buddish, Guild Librarian, visit:

[www.kcweaversguild.org/library-equipment](http://www.kcweaversguild.org/library-equipment).

**Mentoring** Experienced weaving mentors are available to Guild members that can provide you with guidance in a way that makes sense while keeping your best interests in mind. To request a mentor in your area, or if you are a Guild member interested in coaching a new weaver, please contact Jacqueline Jacobson at [hjsilversonic@yahoo.com](mailto:hjsilversonic@yahoo.com).

**Scholarships** We offer an educational scholarship for which any Guild member in good standing may apply. For more information and to download an application form visit our website at:

[www.kcweaversguild.org/membership](http://www.kcweaversguild.org/membership)

**Handling Used Looms** Be sure to check out the new document **Handling Used Looms** that you can share with anyone who has come into possession of a loom and wants to know how to proceed.

**KCWG Care Connection** If you would like the guild to send a note to a member in need to let them know we are thinking of them, please contact us at [weaversguild@gmail.com](mailto:weaversguild@gmail.com).



## Community Service 2023: Project Linus of Greater Kansas City

Project Linus is a national organization with an active Kansas City chapter. They provide new handmade blankets to children in the Kansas City area who are seriously ill, traumatized, or otherwise in need. Items are lovingly created by volunteer "blanketeers." Blanketeers are individuals who make blankets and volunteer to help Project Linus of Greater Kansas City.

**Project Linus**  
Providing Security Through Blankets

Donations can be handmade blankets, money, time, and supplies. However, our Guild's focus is on handmade blankets.

Visit Project Linus of Greater Kansas City <https://www.projectlinuskc.org/> to learn more.

**Donations from KCWG to date: 4**

# Refreshments

## Volunteers Needed for 2023!

During our meeting we enjoy a break with light refreshments, visit with each other, and check out our show & tell items. The refreshments are provided by you, our Guild members.

Sign up online at: [www.kcweaversguild.org/treat-sign-up](http://www.kcweaversguild.org/treat-sign-up) or let us know at the next meeting when you can bring a treat. Thank you!

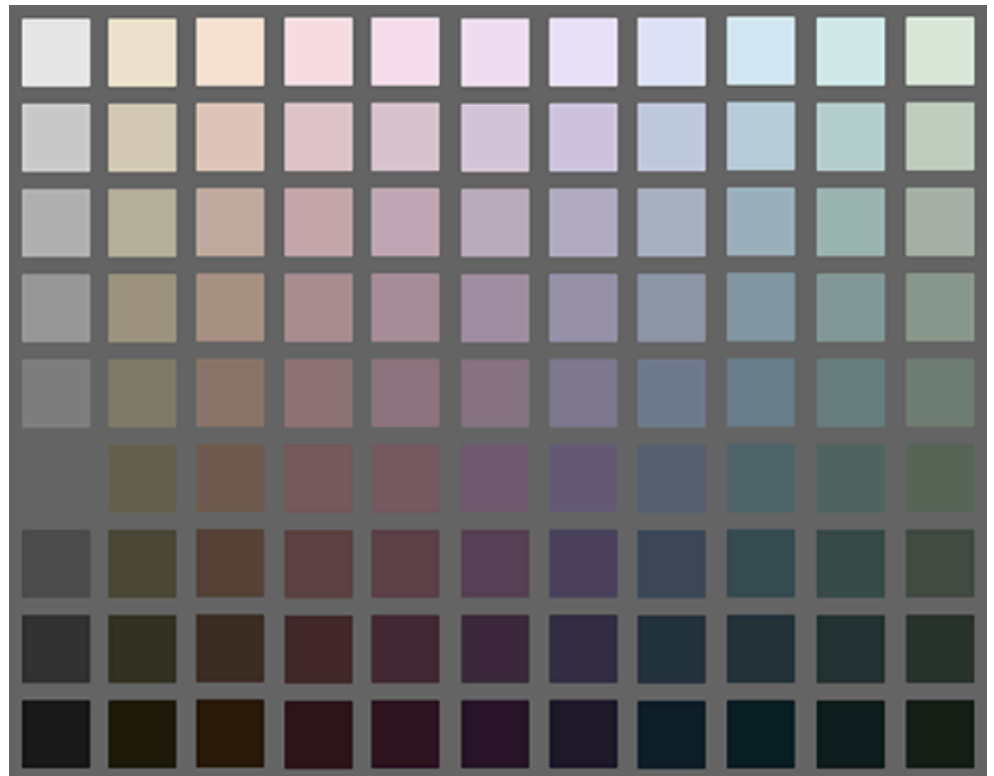


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# Online Weave-along

Tien Chiu and Janet Dawson are planning a free Weave-Along in the Handweaving Academy for March. This one's all about color!

They will be opening registration for it March 17, and starting the Weave-Along March 24. Clear those looms and get ready!



In this Weave-Along, you'll be learning all about using muted and neutral colors - the less brilliant (but beautiful!) colors in your yarn stash.

Sign up for notifications at:

[https://handweavingacademy.com/?\\_\\_s=cco05p3jkgx4vzf9mpz](https://handweavingacademy.com/?__s=cco05p3jkgx4vzf9mpz)

## Flax to Linen: A Very Low-Tech Version

### **From Sowing to Sewing**

This is an absolutely beautiful look at the process of making linen using traditional tools. Rob Stephens' video documents the full journey in its many steps. It's an enchanting, minimalist poem to the beauty of slow cloth. I know, that's a lot of superlatives! Just go watch it and enjoy!



[www.youtube.com/watch?v=3JKhhtoe9v4&list=TLPQMjIwMjIwMjM4VC3I\\_EKXTQ&index=3](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=3JKhhtoe9v4&list=TLPQMjIwMjIwMjM4VC3I_EKXTQ&index=3)

## Small Commercial Production

### **Making Sweaters in a Korean Knitting Factory**

Also completely enjoyable is this look at the other end of the textile production spectrum, from color-matching and dyeing to spinning and knitting fine-gauge factory produced sweaters. If you've ever used a knitting machine, you'll recognize some of these techniques.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=igtDOoKale8>



# Classified Ads

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## Flax hatchel or comb

Antique flax hatchel or comb. Approx. age and condition: 1800's. Very good condition. Could use to comb wool too.

Price: \$25

Contact Linda Stoker, email [lstoker98@gmail.com](mailto:lstoker98@gmail.com), or phone 913-620-6968.



## 4 Harness Norwood Cherry Loom

Pristine condition. 30 year old Cherrywood loom. 4 harness. Sectional beam. I bought it from the original owner but need something smaller. Located in KC. Comes with matching bench. A beautiful loom in perfect condition!

Price - \$1100

Contact Denise Balukas via email at [Dlbalukas@gmail.com](mailto:Dlbalukas@gmail.com) or phone 415-308-1374,

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## FREE Textiles for Rag Rug Weavers!



I have ~~large~~ **ridiculous** quantities of textiles for weaving rag rugs that need to find new homes.

1. "Retired" military dress uniforms, all are wool/poly blends, no cotton, no fatigues. Two large boxes. If you like working with these, I can give you sources to find more. Colors: navy, khaki and olive green.
2. About **85** pairs of well worn denim jeans in all shades of blue. Some have been cut into strips. Denim rug preparation is a serious business, but the finished pieces command good prices.
3. Two large bags of cotton tshirts, sweatshirts and sweatpants (these came from a retired rug weaver's stash when I bought her loom). Some cut into strips already.
4. Misc wool pieces, mostly from coats, also from the retired weaver. A lot of these have been pre-felted and make excellent rugs but there will be a certain amount of preparation. No yardage. Could be used for applique, "penny" rugs, primitive style art. Large bag.
5. Men's flannel and percale plaid shirts (8). These are mostly in wearable condition, but are smaller sizes.
6. A stack of cotton and/or cotton blend sheets in prints, plaids and stripes, most shown left, below.



Here's the Terms and Conditions—

These are offered as full "bundles" only - I don't want to have "leftovers". Choose one or all, everything is usable.

I just don't have the time or focus to prepare fabrics for rag weaving at this time, and I need the space.

Price - **FREE**

Contact Ellen Kardell at [msellenk@gmail.com](mailto:msellenk@gmail.com).

Phone: (971) 282-3508

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**6 Harness Vintage Loom – FREE!**

This is a 6 harness floor loom, weaving width approximately 45 inches. Brand is unknown, the label is unreadable. Obviously it needs some work but it is priced accordingly at \$0!

If interested, please contact Sylvia Crawford by phone at 785.580.7559, or email at [crawfordsylvia56@gmail.com](mailto:crawfordsylvia56@gmail.com)

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**Schacht 8 shaft 45" Oak Floor Loom**

Excellent condition, Includes loom bench. Lees Summit, MO

Price - \$3000

Contact Pamela Michael at [pnjmichael@gmail.com](mailto:pnjmichael@gmail.com), or at 816-809-0723

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## Weavers' Marks

### The British Tapestry Group

Fascinating article about the ways tapestry weavers sign their work. This one is by Paulette Furnival of the UK.

See more at

[https://  
www.thebritishtapestrygroup.co.uk/  
gallery/weavers-marks](https://www.thebritishtapestrygroup.co.uk/gallery/weavers-marks)

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