



Ponderosa Spinners, Weavers, and Fibre Artists' Guild
Monthly Newsletter



February 2017

President's Message

I've been weaving away like a mad-woman this past month or so – taking advantage of winter inside time. Some things for gifts, some things for our November sale. What a nice feeling!

We have many activities underway in our wonderful studio space: rigid heddle classes, beginner spinning classes, our Grade 3 school program, spinners, rug-hookers, felters and knitters have their regular on-going sessions, the weaving explorations group has projects planned, 1st Thursday Happy Appies is happening, on-going work on our ANWG 2710 Conference Guild booth is taking place, felting classes are being offered, and I've probably missed a couple of things. We are a thriving and creative group!

I hope you too are enjoying this creative and energizing time of year!

Kirsti

Meeting Information

- Friday, February 23 - **9:30 am** (note time change)
Program: Ellie Morstad speaking on the Jane Stafford weaving workshop she took in January.
- Executive Meeting: Wednesday, March 22, 4:30 pm
- Tuesday, March 28 - 7 pm. Program TBA

Thank You

Many thanks to Val Ward for her years of service in keeping us up to date on all the doings of our busy guild! As outgoing newsletter personnel, she's left some big shoes to fill, but also some excellent tools for doing the job. Thanks again!

Volunteer Corner

- The School Program needs volunteers for Thursday, April 13. The volunteers meet at 9:30 for set-up, and the program runs from 10:00 to approximately 11:30, with clean-up to follow. We need a spinner, a weaver, and 2 helpers. Contact Susan (susanegarvie@gmail.com) if you can help.
- A list has been circulated to the membership to sign up to open the room for Tuesday Open Studio. Please contact Kirsti or sign up in the Guild room if you can help.



Materials being prepped for the ANWG booth

Open Studio - Tuesdays, 10 am - 12 pm

Happy Appies - Thursday, March 2 - 4:30(ish) to 7:30

Program - Needle felting for Guild sale.

News

- **Random Warp** - On February 7th, Norma Westcott demonstrated random warping from the front of the loom. The demonstration used usual loom parts in unusual ways (plus a few curtain rods!) to create a random colorful warp. The weavers who attended enjoyed the demonstration very much. Thanks, Norma!
- **A plea**- if you are working in the studio and notice house keeping needs such as a full garbage or recycle, floor needing sweeping, dishes needing to be put away, please will you deal with these to spread the load of studio maintenance around. Thank you to all who already do this.
- **Scent in the studio**- one of our members is extremely sensitive to any kind of scent (perfume, perfumed hand cream, etc.) She has to leave if someone is wearing scent. We are asking everyone to please respect this so that she can participate in our activities.
- **Yarn Order**- Susan is handling the Brassards yarn order. The sample book is available in the guild room. The order is going soon, so contact Susan if you wish to purchase!



Norma's warping demonstration.

ANWG - Guild Booth

Hello project participants,
Group pieces are starting to come in, yay!
Bright, exciting, eclectic, artsy rounds; some can be found hanging in the guild. What we need now is those of you who have not already sent me your dimensions please do so. Project planners are working to fit the frame in.

Open Studio (Tuesdays 10-2) are available to participants come in and work with members on your ANWG projects, do some planning, and bounce ideas around. Listed below are other times to pop in for supplies, do a little work, or a friendly chat.

Tuesday Open Studio is 10 - 12.

Wednesday Rug Hooking is 1 - 3.

2nd & 4th Thursdays Spinning is 12 - 3 (in the atrium if available)

1st & 3rd Thursdays Knitting is 1 - 3 (in the atrium if available)

Weaving Explorations is the 3rd Friday of the month, from 9:30 - 11:30

Call, email, or be in touch on Facebook
Amy (amybgirl@gmail.com)

Spinning

The spinners' group meets in the Atrium on the 2nd and 4th Thursdays of each month from 12-3 pm. If the atrium is in use, we will meet in the studio. Everyone welcome.

Weaving

Weaving Explorations - The group is exploring how colour interacts in weaving. Tea towels will be woven using 8 colours in the warp and at least 8 in the weft. A yarn order will be sent soon so in the next session the warp can start to be measured. The next session is Friday, March 17.

Rug Hooking

The rug hooking group meets in the studio Wednesdays from 1-3.

Knitting

An informal knitting group meets the 1st, 3rd, and 5th Thursdays of each month from 1-3 pm in the Atrium or in studio if the atrium is in use. Everyone welcome!

Workshops & Guild Projects

Note: All registrations should be made through Judith at 250-864-2205 or coloursparks@gmail.com. For questions about any class details, contact the instructor. Future workshops- if you could give a workshop or know someone who could do so or have a request for a workshop, please contact Judith M. (above)

Weave a Scarf in a Day Turn a single ball of yarn into a beautiful and unique scarf in one day using the versatile Rigid Heddle loom. Join us for a day to learn the basics of weaving, play with beautiful yarns and colours, meet new friends and create a one of a kind scarf. This class is guaranteed to inspire you to learn more about weaving. Looms will be supplied, but you may either choose and supply your own yarn, or purchase yarn from the instructor for a small fee.



Instructor: Sandra Fearon

Day : March 11, 2017. (This class is full. Another session is tentatively scheduled for April 8)

Time: 9:30 am – 4:00 pm

Cost: \$60.00

For more information contact Judith Mueller: coloursparks@gmail.com or 250-864-2205

"Cozy" Workshop This one day workshop with felt artist Amy Burkard offers you the opportunity to explore the fascinating process of felting. Focusing on form and function, using vibrant coloured fibres, learning about resists, this workshop will open your mind to endless possibilities. Everyone will get instruction to create a playful artistic tea cozy.



Instructor: Amy Burkard

Date: Saturday, March 18, 2017

Time: 10:00 – 4:00 p.m.

Cost: \$135 includes all materials

For more information contact Judith Mueller:
coloursparks@gmail.com or 250-864-2205

Library

Reminder: magazines in the rack by the sink are NOT to be removed from the guild room. When the next issue arrives, older copies are then moved to the magazine drawers by the door - and then they can be taken out.

Lyndsay has purchased some new books for the Library:

- Next Steps In Weaving: What You Never Knew You Needed to Know by Pattie Graver
- Felt to Stitch: Creative Felting for Textile Artists by Sheila Smith
- Get Hooked on Tunisian Crochet by Sheryl Thies
- The Spinners Book of Yarn Designs: Techniques for Creating 80 Yarns by Sarah Anderson
- Yarnitecture: A Knitters Guide to Spinning by Jillian Morena

Some of these should be available for perusal at the next meeting.

Other Events of Interest

- **William's Lake Spin-In:** May 6, 2017 at St. Andrew's United Church. Registration deadline is April 28. Doors at 9:00, event starts at 10:00. This year's People's Choice is a skein of novelty yarn with a knitted sample square. For more information or to register, contact Vonny Johnston (250-392-3577) or Linda Purjue (250-392-7265)
- **100 Mile Fleece and Fiber Fair:** May 28 at Coombes, BC. An opportunity to meet fiber producers and purchase products. Featuring approx. 30+ vendors, spinning demos and display, door prizes, and 4-H fibre group. See website for details www.bradleyfibrefair.alwyz.com
- **Fibres West** March 17&18th Cloverdale Exhibition Park Grounds, 176th Street, Surrey, BC <http://www.fibreswest.com/> for information

MIXED MEDIA MASHUP SPRING 2017

MORRISSEAU & MOLAS

Artists and award winning art educators Rena Warren & Amy Burkard team up to offer this engaging opportunity for youth looking to explore something different and new. Participants will have the opportunity to explore visual narrative inspired by North and South American traditional designs and apply their inspiration to paper making, collage mosaics, applique, wet and needle felting.

March 20th-25th, 2017 9 a.m. - 4 p.m.
Studio 202 ~ Rotary Centre for the Arts
\$250 for 35 instructional hours
Ages: 9 years and up
 Bring a healthy peanut-free lunch and water bottle

To register contact:
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 250 575 8760
Amy amybgirl@gmail.com
 250 864 6689



Member Fibre Events

Please send me your news so we can celebrate your achievements.

Your 2017 executive and appointed positions are:

Past President		Publicity –Sale	Catherine Doherty
President	Kirsti Jarrett	Social media	Chris MacKenzie
Vice-President	Chris MacKenzie	Equipment	Sandy Fearon
Workshop coordinator	Judith Meuller	ANWG	Val Ward
Secretary	Susan Garvie	Hostess	Gloria
Treasurer	Deb McConkey	School Program	Susan Garvie
Membership	Jody Atkinson	Newsletter	Nicole Desson
Library	Lyndsay Topham	Rug hooking	
Spinning	Jody Atkinson		

SUN	MON	TUES	WED	THURS	FRI	SAT
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