

CONNECTING THREADS

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Santa Barbara Fiber Arts Guild

P.O. Box 30944, Santa Barbara, CA 93130-0944

www.sbfiberarts.com

*Guild meetings are held on the first Saturday of each month

LOCATION: Presidio Springs Community Center, 721 Laguna St.

(Between De la Guerra and Ortega. Off street parking is available in the lot directly across Laguna Street. Drop-offs only in the lot next to the community center.)

***Bring a coffee mug, items for show & tell, dish for potluck, silent auction items.**

Editor: Julie Cohen, julie@juliebcohen.com

News deadline for April is Mar. 10

What Looms Ahead?

Saturday, March 6 — Monthly Guild Meeting

9:30 a.m. – Social Time – Refreshments provided by Mary Chubb and Claire Chytilo

10 a.m. – Business Meeting

10:45 a.m. – Norman Kennedy, spinner, storyteller from Scotland, will share tales with us. Bring a lunch and join us for the afternoon clinic. Guests are welcome.

Norman Kennedy is a weaver and spinner from Scotland. He currently lives in Vermont. Norman will share his early years growing up in Scotland and tales of his family who were the last generation of hand spinners, weavers and knitters, who did this work out of necessity, both in the lowlands of Scotland and the Gaelic speaking areas in the Highlands and western isles.

Since coming to settle in the U.S. in 1966, he has spent time with old spinners and weavers in Cape Breton, Nova Scotia, French speakers in Quebec and Louisiana, folk in the Appalachians and New Mexico and also others from several first nations in the northwest and Alaska.

In the afternoon, Norman will hold a spinning clinic from 1 to 4 p.m. You are encouraged to bring your spinning wheels, drop spindles, carders etc, Norman will work with participants – offering suggestions and answering questions. We plan to have a walking wheel on hand for him to demonstrate.

President's Message

Sadly, in order to focus on family concerns, Jeanette Warren will not be able to chair the Program Committee or work on the Nominating Committee. A million thanks to Jeanette for her dedication to the Guild and for the varied and great programs. Best wishes to Frank and Jeanette for a complete recovery.

Adela Laband has kindly agreed to chair the Program Committee. Adela will be looking for ideas on what kind of programs you would like to have presented by the Guild. Phyllis Haecker will work with Normah Halim to find new Board members. Phyllis jokes they may resort to drawing names out of a hat! If you are willing to be on the Board or Chair a committee please let Phyllis, Normah or me know.

Due to the field trip planned for the April meeting, voting on the new Board will take place at the May general meeting. The new Board members will start to serve at the Board meeting immediately following the May program. Members are invited to attend the May 1 Board meeting, all Board members and Chairpersons should attend if possible.

Pending SBCC Board approval, the Guild will be receiving a donation of extra weaving looms from the reduced-sized Adult Ed Weaving class. The details are still to be worked out with SBCC Continuing Ed. If you are interested in using a loom or have room to store the looms, please contact me at carenpaulson@yahoo.com or 961-4961.

More publicity

Thanks to Hisako Vincent, in addition to having the SB Fiber Arts Guild events listed in places like The Independent and SB News Press, the Guild has started submitting events to Noozhawk, (<http://www.noozhawk.com/>) and Edhat, (<http://edhat.com/>), along with the Presidio Springs Community Newsletter. Check it out!

Goleta Library Showcase

REMINDER: If you have anything to display in the library showcase, please bring it to the Goleta Library on March 1 at 2:00 p.m. We will be putting in the display then. We are using spring colors and "eco green" fiber art works. Thank you!

— Irene Winsauer, 968-5763; Phyllis Haecker, 898-2015; Eileen Ray, 685-3336

April 3, 2010 Program

The April meeting will be a fun field trip by bus to see the exhibit of costumes nominated for this year's Academy Awards and shopping in the fabric area of the garment district in downtown Los Angeles. The costumes are on display at the Fashion Institute of Design and Merchandising (FIDM) in downtown LA. After viewing the show and shopping at FIDM's outlet store, we will enjoy a box lunch in the park next door to FIDM. Then on to do some shopping and exploring in the garment district. In just a few blocks, you'll find almost every kind of fashion and home decor fabric (cotton, silks, ultrasuade, etc.), ribbons, pillow forms, braiding, tassels, notions and things you never thought of! We'll spend two hours exploring and shopping and then board the bus to go home. For Guild members, the trip is \$10. For your friends who are not members, the cost is \$20 and includes lunch. We meet (promptly!) at 7:30 am at The Page Youth Center, 4540 Hollister Ave (near Turnpike). The bus will leave the garment district at 3:15 pm to return to the Page Youth Center. Please send your checks to Lucilla Warren, 40 Oceano Ave., #4, Santa Barbara, CA 93109, or give them to her at the March meeting. Space is limited. Reserve your place now.

February program highlights

Here's a recap for those of you unable to attend our February meeting with Porfirio Gutierrez. What do jars labeled grana cochinilla, nogal, muiltle and inil have in common? They are all dried root, bark or leaves used to produce colors for his dyes. For generations his family in Oaxaca Mexico has been spinning, dying and weaving traditional Zapotec motifs onto his rugs and tapestries. His slideshow presentation, "The Magic of Weaving," brought Mexico into our room. Porfirio answered questions in great detail before demonstrating how his nimble fingers can quickly produce elegant designs. His work is for sale at his Ventura studio; for details please visit www.themagicofweaving.com.



Got Swatches?

The large banner is planned to be 12 feet by 40 inches in size with black letters. Even more handmade materials are needed. Weaving is well represented so materials that are felted, knitted, crocheted, lace or surface design work in medium and light blues and greens and warm colors are especially helpful. The next Banner Committee meeting is March 9 at 3 p.m. at Hebe Bartz's. Questions? Call Hebe at 682-5127.

Update on the Guild Challenge “Every Child is a Star”

Since the guild has scheduled a bus trip to LA for the April Meeting, we have changed the due dates for the challenge coverlets. Those who have completed their coverlets, please bring them to the March meeting for viewing and voting. For those who will have them ready later, please bring them to the May meeting for viewing and voting. Thank you for all of your efforts and generosity. If you have any questions, please call Paula Blackwell at 683-4734 or e-mail to nscott@west.net.

Membership

We are please to announce the following members are now life members having being in the Guild for 20 years: Margarete Brown, Nancy Little and Joyce Tolle.

Welcome to new member:

Annie Guillemette, 1422 N. Salsipuedes St., Santa Barbara, CA 93103, 805-965-0476, visavis.amg@gmail.com

PAPER ON PAPER: Draw, Paint, & Stencil with Cotton Rag

This is an intensive workshop focusing on understanding and using pigments (wet and powdered) with a finely beaten cotton rag. Papermaking agents such as retention aid (dry and wet), sizing and formation aid will assist in creating vibrant and fluid images. We will use a variety of tools that for drawing, painting and stenciling with the cotton rag onto a base sheet. This workshop is for the student at any level.

Friday, April 9 – Sunday April 11 (Friday 6 – 9; Sat. & Sun. 10 – 4) Fee: \$315 (all materials included). The full amount of \$315 is required to reserve your spot. (The cut-off date to receive a full refund is March 9, 2010. Cancellations after this will be refunded 50%)

Checks made out to Littlewood Studios. Mail to: Jill Littlewood, 435 E. Pedregosa, Santa Barbara, CA. 93103 Questions? jill@littlewoodstudios.com or call 805-448-2045.

Andrea Peterson is one of the most exciting and gifted teachers in the field of handmade paper. She is a fine printmaker as well as a papermaker. She has taught all over the world and is a member of the International Association of Papermakers and Paper Artists.

March 13-14 – Straw Barn Weaving Studio

A 2-day spinning clinic with Norman at the Strawbale Barn Weaving Studio, Atascadero (directions on request) on . \$30 per day (some of our people work and can only come one day, so we priced it by the day rather than just \$60 for the 2 days). That covers the cost of the instruction, possibly some of the fiber -- meals are on-your-own, we sometimes do a group order for sandwiches at a local deli/cafe nearby, and I can send names of motels on request.

The times will be 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. each day. Bring your own wheel, spindle, great wheel and any fiber or projects you'd like help with or have questions about or just want to learn to improve. Oh yes, and bring hand cards, he'll do some carding instruction.-- in addition I'll have hand spindles for sale, and we do have several great wheels and I'm sure we can get him to do some teaching on them. for more information people can contact me at: 805-438-5501 or my email (barnweaver@yahoo.com) ; while last minute additions may be possible, I'd like to have people call/email to register before hand so we don't get too many for him to handle at once... space is limited!

Important Dates

Spinners meet the 2nd & 4th Mondays of each month at 7 p.m. For details for time and place, please contact Ginny Norris at 967-4851.

Free To A Good Home

Free tatting supplies available, including yarns of mixed colors, chattels and finished medallions and trimmings. Too good to be tossed out. Call Mary Chubb (805-879-5588) if you know of anyone who might be interested

Our Guild Member Vendors

The Sewing Parlour: Learn to sew – classes and private lessons available or purchase Parlour time and use our equipment for your projects. 805-899-0058, www.thesewingparlour.com.

Morro Fleece Works, 1920 Main St, Morro Bay, CA 93442, www.morrofleeceworks.com, Shari McKelvy, 805-772-9665 (fax 805-772-9662), mfw@charterinternet.com. Fiber processing, fiber sales, fiber arts consignment.

Marie Basso, CMT, www.mariebasso.com, 805-450-6205, Marie.Basso@yahoo.com. Holistic health counselor and bodywork.

Village Spinning & Weaving Shop

425 Alisal Road, Solvang CA 93463 (805) 686-1192

*Please Note...
Shop Closed Tuesdays.* toll free (888) 686-1192 email inquiry@villagespinweave.com

www.villagespinweave.com

9:30-5:30 Monday & Wednesday thru Saturday + 11 - 5 Sunday

☛ **Closed *Tuesdays*, Holidays & a few other days as necessary** ☛

If you Spin, Weave, Felt, Dye, Knit, Braid or a myriad of other fiber arts... give us a try!

Seams Incredible, 805-685-3336, Eileen Ray, quality custom clothing for women and children, alterations and zipper repairs.

Grant House Sewing Machines, 128 Canon Perdido St., 805-967-3680. Your heart will sing, your hands will dance, you'll smile and smile and smile. **GUILD MEMBERS RECEIVE A 10% DISCOUNT.**

Fine Fabrics of Santa Barbara, 715 Kimball Street, Santa Barbara, CA 93103, 805-966-2488, Toll Free: 800-231-9263. www.FineFabrics.com

Studio 66 Retreat – May 7th – 9th

Weaving, Spinning, Dyeing & More

Get your kicks--just off Route 66! There you will find the “Studio 66 Retreat” with lots of weaving, spinning

dyeing & smores. Only 14 miles from Redlands, CA on good roads, join your friends for a weekend of

fiber & fun @ 5,300 feet at the beautiful Forest Home--Lake View Retreat. It is Mother’s Day Weekend,

so treat yourself to a Mother’s Day Retreat! ~~~ Bring your loom, spinning wheel, knitting needles &

projects. We’ll feature crock pot dyeing, weaving & spinning demonstrations around a mountain lake, with

evening bonfires & other exciting activities! ~~~ You’ll enjoy 2 days in a relaxed mountain setting & 2 nights

in comfortable cabins with all linens provided plus 5 delicious meals for a low all inclusive price of \$240.

Registration is open! Last day to register March 16, 2010

(Register & reserve your slot today. Space is limited.)

For more information please contact coordinators:

Michelle Lee michelle@pangram.org Gail Marlow-Dickey gailmmd@gmail.com

Kathleen Waln 626.963.7192 khwaln@me.com

Copy & Return Registration Form Below _____

Write check for \$240 payable to Kathleen Waln & add “Studio 66, 2010” in memo section & send to:

211 E. Virginia Ave. Glendora, CA 91741. Include SASE if you want a hard copy of receipt instead of

email receipt. (please print clearly)

Mr/Mrs/Ms _____

Address _____

City _____ Zip _____

Primary Email _____

Primary Phone () _____

Dietary Restrictions: _____

Physical Restrictions: _____

(elev. 5300 ft. Cabins available with concrete walks & easy parking.)

Preferred Cabinmate(s) (Each cabin has 2-4 beds) _____

Weaver _____ Spinner _____ Dyer _____ Knitter _____ Beader _____ Quilter _____

Other! _____ Check all that apply--or state your primary love affair with fiber!

