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PRESIDENT'S LETTER

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Last week I found myself digging through a box of papers, notes, unfiled bits mostly dated May and June, this year, realizing I had filed my weaving away for the summer. I found all the information about the guild, projects, everything I had left in early May, altogether in the box—gone for the season. “So,” thought I, “is weaving a seasonal enterprise for me?” I don't really want the answer as I consider myself a weaver all the time.

Then I talked to Parlin who is telling me with enthusiastic eyes about the latest project she has done, the towel, the new variation on her favorite structure with 16 shafts (!!!) and where she is hoping to go next with and for weaving. And a note from Victoria regarding an essay sent to Handwoven about our Guild Library! How about Nora bringing opportunities to us through email? And then there are the dreamy yarns I collected from Rose. I began to feel less and less a weaver. More a defector.

Of course, there is a moral to this tale. Something I have observed since the first meeting I attended. This Guild is about Weaving, but has nurtured friendships and lasting relationships which indeed weave lives together. We are richer for our associations, inspired for our craft, and thankful to be weavers together.

Now I am looking forward, the box is empty, the files scattered back where they ought to be, all over my “Loom Room.” Wow, we have another Guild Year to anticipate, enjoy, and challenge us. I can hardly wait for a rainy day to finish what is on the looms

and begin my study group project. Wait until you all see what I found someplace in Northern Michigan. See you all soon.

Patty

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DUES ARE DUE

Fall is coming and it's time to pay dues to the Guild. The cost is \$25. a year. If you cannot attend meetings and want to receive the newsletter your price is \$12.50 per year. Please use the tearsheet in the newsletter

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PROGRAMS & WORKSHOPS 2011-2012

All meetings are held at the Church of the Saviour, 2537 Lee Road, Cleveland Heights, unless otherwise indicated. Brown bag lunch usually starts at 11:30 am (with coffee, tea and dessert provided), the program starts at 12:30 pm and the business meeting follows. All changes in meeting location, day and time are indicated below.

September 15: We will do our Annual "What I Did Over the Summer" Meeting. Please bring the projects you did over the summer and pictures/programs, etc from any conferences or shows for our Show and Tell. We will talk about the rest of the Weaving Year and make some plans.
Church of the Saviour

October 20: Since the Joanne Tallarovic workshops did not get enough attendees we will do something else interesting. Come to the September meeting for details. Save October 19th, 20th, 21st and possibly the 22nd so you will be able to join us.

November 17: We will meet at Victoria Johnson-Parratt's home, 2572 Queenston Rd., Cleveland Heights to see the Guild's Library Annex. There will also be a very exciting announcement about the Guild and our Library. If people are interested we may either go out for lunch afterwards or go back to the Church of the Saviour for a brown bag lunch.

December 15: Holiday Meeting & Potluck & Show and Tell, Church of the Saviour. If someone would like to host this meeting at her/his home, please let me know in sufficient time to get the word out to our members.

January 26: A visit to Brenda Grauer's workshop, *In Stitches*, at the Bainbridge side of Chagrin Falls. Brenda; an ordained

Minister of the Arts, "has created thousands of liturgical fabric art pieces for clergy and churches across this country, taught in theological seminaries and at local, regional, and national church events, and has served as artistic director, liturgical consultant, educational consultant, and worship leader for myriad national church gatherings." Her studio's goal is, "to provide tangible and people resources to congregations interested in engaging the arts...." We will have lunch at a local restaurant after our tour. Sign-up sheets (with maps) will be available at the meetings for both carpooling and lunch. This is the program Patty had to cancel last year.

February 16: General Meeting - Program TBA - Church of the Saviour.

March 15: General Meeting – Program TBA - Church of the Savior

April 19: General Meeting – Ruby Leslie lecture, Church of the Saviour

April 20-22 (Friday-Sunday): Ruby Leslie Workshop, Hamlet Village Club House, Chagrin Falls – we will talk about what we want Ruby to teach at the September meeting. She will design the workshop from our requests.

May 17: Business Meeting & Swap Sale, Church of the Saviour

June 21: General Meeting & Potluck & Show and Tell – Patty Hridel's home, 10750 Franks Rd, Auburn, OH 44023

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STUDY GROUP NEWS

Study Group members are looking forward to the fall, October 6, 2011 to be precise, when we will begin a new study project of "Twill." We enthusiastically selected twill from a long list of suggestions because there should be many opportunities for self expression and experimentation. This gives us good reason to try different and interesting structures of twill and to tackle something new. The object woven can be anything—how about a gamp of twills?

Study group is open to all members of the Cuyahoga Weavers Guild. We meet the first Thursday of the month, October thru May at 9:30am in homes. The first meeting will be Oct. 6, 2011 at Patty Hridel's house, 10750 Franks Road, Chagrin Falls, OH 44023, 440-708-2525. We will sign up at that meeting for the locations for the rest of the year. Please join us.

Patty Hridel

A SHOW!

The Cuyahoga Weavers Guild has been asked to participate in a textiles show at the Shaker Heights Historical Society during the months of October, November and December. The Society is located at 16740 North Park Blvd in Shaker Heights. Several of our weavers will have items at the Society for the show. Patty Hridel will be giving a talk about how weaving is historically significant to world history on Nov. 3. The Guild has also been asked to present a children's program on, Sunday, December 4th. Please sign up to help with this wonderful outreach opportunity for our Guild.

ODDS & ENDS

FROM PARLIN:

I'm looking for a roommate for the next Convergence out in Long Beach, CA next summer. If you're interested, let me know. parlin_bill@yahoo.com

FROM THE NEWSLETTER STAFF:

Writers needed to do articles about the fun stuff that we weavers do.

WEBSITE UPDATE:

Check out our new self-hosted website at <http://cuyahoga-weaversguild.com>--It's colorful and informative

THE GREAT UFO DEBATE

I love knitters. They are constructive and creative and all are armed with sharp sticks. Long ago it seems they claimed the acronym UFO as the shortened reference to unfinished object, and all seem to object to my use of the same acronym in reference to my room full of cones of Unidentified Fiber Origin.

Almost all the fiber I have acquired has come second hand, and quite a bit of it is a complete mystery. What and where and how much I have paled in comparison to pretty or shiny or soft in my purchasing decisions, and some skeins and cones I embrace with no questions asked. I have enough that it requires an easy reference.

In an effort not to rile the pointy stick people, I propose the following option: FU (pronounced foo) fiber. Fiber Unidentified. Burning may give a clue, but it's always FU to you.

Victoria Johnson-Parratt

From our website

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FIBER HAPPENINGS

Save the dates! October 7-10, 2011 for the Eastern Great Lakes Fiber Conference in Chautauqua, New York. The featured workshops and teachers are Beyond Boundweave with Nancy Arthur Hoskins, Art to Wear with Sarah Fortin, Tapestry with Kathe Todd-Hooker, Mudcloth & Basketry with Judy Dominic, Felting with Lisa Kiakuiaak and Spinning with Jacey Boggs. Information and registration materials are available at eglfc.webs.com.

July 15 - 21, 2012, Convergence 2012 is in Long Beach, California. HGA's Convergence conference is an outstanding conference for everyone who loves and works in fiber. Convergence features special lectures, workshops and seminars, exhibits, tours, special events, and a commercial vendor hall full of fibers, fiber-related equipment and an artist market. www.weavespindye.org

BOOK TALK

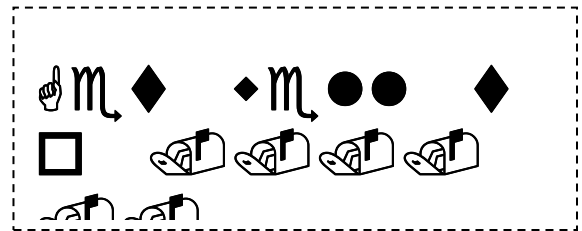
Sitting down at your computer doesn't always feel as invigorating as sitting down at your loom, but computers and looms actually have a lot in common--at least historically.

In a beautiful book titled "Jacquard's Web," James Essigner argues that weaving heralded the computer age. In 1801 a French silk weaver named Joseph Marie Jacquard developed the first algorithmic loom, using a series of thick punch cards to control weaving patterns. This idea eventually developed into Charles Babbage's Analytical Engine and-- a century and a half later--into the IBM computer.

From the Espanola Valley Fiber Arts Center newsletter

CUYAHOGA SPINNERS SCHEDULE

Cuyahoga Spinners Guild meets at the Orange Public Library. All fiber folk are welcome to attend. Bring a project to keep busy. Bring a brown bag lunch to get to know everybody better. We'll bring the cookies and the tea. Meeting dates confirmed to the end of 2011 are September 23, October 28, November 18, December 23 and January 27, 2012.



THE GIFT OF A ROSE

In total defiance of the current market conditions, Rose Rubin put her house up for sale and sold it in mere weeks. Suddenly she had to relocate herself and all her treasures and trinkets. Having been a weaver for the better part of half a century, she had accumulated a true and proper treasure trove. Knowing she was going to be in a much smaller place, and that there was no time for a proper sale, she did the logical and most amazing thing: she gave it away. Large looms were sold through ebay, and she kept a bit of what she could fit. The rest of the books, dye works and yarn needed new homes, and she supervised the adoptions. We spent a few pleasant afternoons packing up all the books and files she could part with, and her additions to our library will educate and inspire members for years to come. She came to our meeting and announced a give away day at her house the following Saturday. All in attendance were given large garbage bags and were told to take anything they wanted. Rose was also quick to pass along knowledge she had on each fiber; encouraging future towels from her former Cottalin. She smiled broadly and simply said that she expects great things. Boxes of carpet warp are squirreled away for our future

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Rep warps. She packed up dyes and assorted stuff she had to work with dyes and handed it over to Jean for Dye Day, and we packed a large bag of skeins so folks had something to dye on. Lots of great color happened that day, but it was all Rose.

She has settled into her new place without losing one gracious step. She still has looms, and already is working through a new warp. She's helping me through a delicious 8-harness advancing twill she had filed away from years ago that I'm not sure I would attempt without her guidance (357 thread repeat!). To me the greatest part of her gift to all of us is the simple fact that she didn't leave it behind. She laid it out in a potlatch, spreading her wealth around her like a banquet table and inviting us all to share in her feast. I have no doubt we will still see great things from our Rose; and from the gifts of our Rose.

Victoria Johnson-Parratt

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The Cuyahoga Weavers Guild

The Cuyahoga Weavers Guild of Cleveland, Ohio is an organization open to all weavers, spinners and any others interested in textiles and fibers.

The "weaving year" is September through June. Meetings are generally held the third Thursday of the month at the Church of the Saviour. Brown bag lunch usually starts at 11:30 am, the business meeting at 12:30 pm and the program at 1:00 pm.

The Guild provides coffee, hot tea and cookies or other goodies. The date, time and/or place may occasionally be changed. If this occurs, notice is given in the newsletter, by email, by phone, or by postcard.

Dues are \$25. per year, payable at the September meeting or by mail to the Treasurer, Jean Jackson, 2980 Washington Blvd, Cleveland Hts., OH 44118. People who are unable to attend any meetings or workshops but would like to receive the newsletters may subscribe for \$12.50 per year.

For more information about the guild contact the President, Patty Hridel at 440-708-2525 or hrideljerpat@aol.com Look for us online at: <http://cuyahogaweaversguild.com>

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