
CUYAHOGA WEAVERS GUILD

President's Letter

Hello Everyone

I've really been enjoying the study group meetings. As each of us explores what we will do for the botanical theme, the study group gives us a opportunity to talk about our projects and ask for comments. With so many different ways to "be" botanical it is so interesting and inspiring to see what everyone in group is doing. If you haven't been to a study group lately you might want to see what you are missing.

Weave Happy,
Bob

Programs for this year come to us via the efforts of Patty, Bob, Victoria and Joan. Be sure to extend a thanks to them when you next see them.. Bravo!

CWG Program Calendar 2022-2023

December 15, 2022

11:30

Home of Jesse

Check the member roster for her location.

Potluck and Show & Tell

Bring a main dish, side dish or dessert to our annual Holiday Potluck. And be sure to bring your weavings for show and tell.

No Study Group will be scheduled in January 2023

January 19, 2023

Meet at **The Cleveland Museum of Art** for our favorite docent, **Laura Martin**, to lead us through the **Cycles of Life: Four Seasons Tapestries**. The set of four tapestries depicting the seasons have been harbored from view because of their fragility since 1953. After extensive restoration, these jewels of our museum will be on view only one more month. Meet at 10:00 to gather, tour to begin at 10:15.

February 2, 2023, Study Group

February 16, 2023

We will meet at the Warrensville Library at 11:30 for a brown bag lunch with the zoom program by **Melissa Weaver Dunning** beginning at Noon. Melissa (how can we miss with her name including Weaver) is a handweaver, spinner and knitter who works on antique equipment, specializing in 18th & 19th century textiles. She loves tartans,

wool and linen weaving. Her presentation will be on **Shaker Textiles**. Look forward to learning about a Peace Weaver also.

March 2, 2023, Study Group

March 23-24, 2023. *note that this is the 4th Thursday of the March**

The much-anticipated workshop with **Sara Bixler** will take place this month. She will conduct her **Embellishments in Weaving** class. This will be an in-person workshop with pre-warped looms. Please note the change of date: Sara could not come for our regular 3rd. week of the month so it is the 4th. Thursday and Friday of March. Our location is being negotiated but we will have that decided well before the workshop. Sara will give a lecture on Thursday, at Noon for the entire guild, whether members are taking the workshop or not. Remember, there is scholarship money for opportunities like this. Stay tuned for details.

April 6, 2023, Study Group

April 20, 2023

In April we will have our first **Exhibit for 2023**. We are delighted to be welcomed to the Beachwood Community Center, 25225 Fairmount Blvd., Beachwood, OH 44122 for our exhibit. This venue is expansive and will show our work beautifully so, start now weaving and planning what you will be able to show in April. Details follow about set up and a reception in early April. Our meeting will be at the Community Center.

May 4, 2023, Last Study Group

May 18, 2023

The normal and necessary business meeting in May will be held to elect officers for 2023-2024 and have a new element added. We will have a **Weaving Exchange**. This concept will be explored and discussed through our weaving year. It will be intriguing to define and discuss. One of the first concepts is it will not be mandatory, just voluntary. This meeting will be at the Warrensville Library beginning at 11:30 for a brown bag lunch.

June 15, 2023

Wow! It will be a busy year and a **Potluck Picnic** will be just the thing to bring it to a close. We will have our picnic in the **Firefly Lodge at Frohring Meadows**, one of the parks in the Geauga Park System, 16780 Savage Road, Chagrin Falls, OH 44023. Please bring your table service and a main dish, salad or dessert. We met at this beautiful lodge in July for our "make-up" picnic in 2022. The facility is completely enclosed or can have the doors open for fresh breezes too.

Many thanks to the program committee for 2022-2023. Bob, Joan Horwich, Victoria and Patty Hridel.

March 23-24, 2023
Embellishments in Weaving Workshop
With Sara Bixler

After a cancellation in 2020, Sara Bixler from Red Stone Glen Fiber Arts Center will be joining us to conduct a workshop on Embellishments in Weaving. We will need to have pre-warped looms. We expect this workshop to cost no more than \$125 per participant. Please sign up with a \$50 deposit sent or given to Patty. Details will follow after the first of the year.

2023 CWG Exhibit
 April 14-May 6, 2023

We are thrilled to be able to have our first exhibit in 4 years in a new location for us. It will be at the Beachwood Community Center. The venue is, frankly, HUGE!! We will have space to show yardage, rugs, large pieces that we have not been able to show together in the past. We also have remarkable assistance from Susan Merdler. Here are some details.

April 3-10, 2023, please bring your items to Study Group or get them to Patty Hridel. Make sure each piece has the following information:

- Title & size
- Weave Structure & type of yarn
- Your name
- For Sale or NFS
- Any special comments

April 10-13, 2023, Set up. Details to follow.

April 14-May 6, 2023, Exhibit open

Hours 8:00am-4:00pm Monday-Friday

Or by appointment

April 23, 2023, 1:00-2:30pm Open House with refreshments

2:00pm we will be responsible for demonstrations

April 27, 2023, CWG meeting at the Beachwood Community Center.

Please sign up to demonstrate. More information will follow regarding set up and the meeting time and space. The Center does not take a percentage of sales. We will work out the procedure for sales and have that available by April 14th. Beachwood will not carry insurance for our items. If you are concerned about this, it will be up to you individually to insure your own items.

So, now's the time to get weaving! This is going to be fabulous!

A Review of CWG Programs 2022

A quick review of the 2022 Fall programs recalls the outstanding visit to the Kent State Museum to see Janis Lessman-Moss's Retrospective. A bonus was Janis herself leading us through with a detailed explanation of her works and career at Kent State.

October found us "Bow Weaving." What, you ask? We learned how to make a beaded detail band suitable for a bracelet, necklace or maybe a hat band. This was done on a dowel, bent into a half-circle as in a bow, as an arrow launcher. This mini workshop was inspiration for several attendees to continue band weaving on their bows.

Bonnie Tarsas joined us from Montana via Zoom for a delightful lecture on her remarkable 60+ years as a weaver. From unraveling sweaters to color horoscopes to origami, her spirit and humor delighted us.

CWG DUES

Have you sent in your dues? Our Treasurer, Patty Hridel would love to count you in.

Study Group Project 2022-2023 **BOTANICAL**

In May, Study group gathered for the finale of the year and harnessed the concept for



our coming year Study topic, Botanical.

Whether you choose:
a fiber (i.e., hemp, cotton, bamboo, linen,)

a dye (i.e., indigo, madder)
a subject (i.e., weave a pictorial, tapestry, a color flow as in botanical subject)
a botanical object to weave (i.e., a three-dimensional object maybe, or felt)?
or a combination



The choices are vast, there being almost no restrictions. Using imaginations and all the resources we have available to us; this should prove to be a wonderful project. And exceedingly interesting for our exhibit that will be on display in April.

PS: The M/A 2012 issue of Handwoven has "13 projects that celebrate nature's bounty."

SPINNERS

Elfriede Heaney

The spinners will meet on the 16th of December. The usual 10 to whenever. No program is scheduled.

NEWS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS and EXPLORATIONS GLEANED from other Guilds

Medina Guild news from The Wooly Pages

MAFA CONFERENCE 2023

<https://mafafiber.org/>

June 22-25, 2023, Millersville, PA The Mid-Atlantic Fiber Association Conference will again be held at Millersville University. Workshop list is currently available. Registration will open in February 2023.

mafafiber.org/conferences/mafa2023

Medina Spinning and Weaving Guild Mini-Workshop Kumihimo Shoe Laces with Linda White

<https://medinaspinweave.wordpress.com/>

Saturday, February 25, 2023 Noon - 5 pm

Brunswick Library
3649 Center Rd., Brunswick, OH 44212

Cost \$15 for class kit (members only) Bring a brown bag lunch.
Class size is limited to 11.

Workshop Overview: Weave a pair of shoelaces using a Kumihimo disk. You will learn to warp the disk, weave the lace and finish the ends of an 8 strand cord that can be used as shoelaces.

Western Reserve Weavers and Spinners

https://www.facebook.com/wrspinweave/?ref=page_internal

Textiles and Tea. Handweavers Guild of America, Inc.

<https://weavespindye.org/textiles-and-tea/>

Each week the Handweavers Guild of America, Inc. (HGA) hosts Textiles & Tea, a conversation with some of the most respected fiber artists in the field today. In our

45-minute discussion we focus on their artwork and their creative journey. We allow 15 minutes at the end of our conversation for questions from the audience. Textiles & Tea will take place every Tuesday at 4:00 PM (ET) and is broadcast via Zoom and Facebook Live. These broadcasts are free to view and open to all.

Cleveland Museum Of Art Exhibition of Interest and Textile Collection Search Tool

<https://www.clevelandart.org/exhibitions/cycles-life-four-seasons-tapestries>
<https://www.clevelandart.org/art/collection/search?filter-department=Textiles&i=1>

LINKS OF INTEREST

www.facebook.com/blackswampspinnners/

www.interweaveyarnfest.com

greatlakesfibershow.com

<https://weavespindye.org>

<https://www.praxisfiberworkshop.org>

<https://www.clevelandart.org/art/departments/textiles>

<https://www.kent.edu/museum>

<https://fashionunited.com/news/fashion/craft-clusters-how-one-sustainable-brand-uses-india-s-textile-heritage/2021092842443>

<https://www.loomandshuttleguild.org/national-weaving-organizations-conferences/>

CWG Liaison

Sheri Gittinger



HGA continues with their weekly offerings of Textiles & Tea connecting us with fiber artists. Check it out here: <https://weavespindye.org/textiles-and-tea/#>

December 6th- Pam Howard
December 13th- Edwina Bringle
December 20th—Sally Gaines
December 27th—Christina Keller

All you need to do is register and receive the meeting ID to log in on Zoom every Tuesday at 4pm. If you can't make it, watch on YouTube.

W.A.R.P. also has previously recorded videos from this year. <https://weavearealpeace.org/previous-warp-events/>

So if we get snowed in or just need a respite from the holiday, there's no shortage of things of interest. Happy Holidays! 🧑‍🎄

MEMBER PROFILE

Joan Horwich

Interview with Sheri Gittinger

Sheri began weaving in 2014. She had always wanted to weave and met some weavers at Lake Farmpark who were demonstrating for the Western Reserve Spinners and Weavers guild. She picked up a brochure. After Sheri stopped working, it seemed like a good time to pursue weaving. She joined the Western Reserve guild in 2013, but didn't actually begin to weave until she rented a 4 shaft Dorothy table loom in 2014. Sheri then joined the Cuyahoga weavers guild in 2015. She can't remember how she learned about the guild, but was happy to find a weaving group that met during the day.

Sheri purchased her first loom, a Glimakra 4-shaft countermarch loom in 2015. She then added to her collection by buying a 4-shaft baby wolf which traveled with her to workshops. Sheri eventually upgraded her Glimakra to 8 shafts in 2021. She then sold her BW 4-shaft and purchased an 8 shaft baby-wolf this past spring, and a 16 shaft Ashford table loom this fall. In addition to her floor looms, Sheri owns a rigid heddle loom, an inkle loom and a pin loom.

Sheri's favorite weave structure is overshot, but she is not one to stay with only one thing. She is interested in dyeing and iridescence and would like to learn more about designing. She would also like to start using her weaving to create yardage and sew garments.

In addition to weaving, Sheri spins, dyes and sews. She was an avid quilter for about 20 years.

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**DEADLINE FOR FALL
NEWSLETTER IS**

March 1, 2022

Submit to:
[newsletter@cuyahogaweaversgu
ild.com](mailto:newsletter@cuyahogaweaversguild.com)

ABOUT CWG

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

The Guild’s calendar year is September through June. Meetings are held the third Thursday of the month via ZOOM or in person as Covid practices allow. Please refer to the Program calendar and descriptions.

Dues are \$25.00 per year, payable at the September meeting or by mail to the Treasurer Patty Hridel at 17592 Lakesedge Tr, Chagrin Falls, OH 44023.

If you are unable to attend meetings or workshops but would like to receive the newsletters, you may subscribe for. \$12.50 per year.

For more information about the Guild, please contact Robert Breitzmann at robert.breitzmann@gmail.com or Patty Hridel at hrideljerpat@aol.com

Look for us online at <http://cuyahogaweaversguild.com>. The newsletter is published three times a year in the fall, winter and spring.

Please send newsletter content to newsletter@cuyahogaweaversguild.com. Deadline for the CWG fall edition is **December 1, 2022**.

MEMBERSHIP

JOIN US

Membership Renewal

NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____

PHONE: _____

MOBILE: _____

EMAIL: _____

Return payment to Patty Hridel

17592 Lakesedge Trail, Chagrin Falls, OH 44023 payable to Cuyahoga Weavers Guild

Check here if this information is new _____

Regular membership for \$25.00 _____ Or newsletter only membership for \$12.50 _____