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# CUYAHOGA WEAVERS GUILD

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## President's Letter

Hello Guild...

I would like to encourage each of you to consider being part of the CWG Study Group. The meeting today was just right. We shared our plans for how we will be exploring Texture, and received encouragement and new ideas to consider. I continue to learn more and more about weaving as part of this group. If you haven't picked out a way to explore texture yet, the monthly Guild meeting in February will feature a Lecture by Robyn Spady "Great Weave Structures for Color & Texture Using Novelty Yarns". Come join the fun!

Bob

\*\*\*Programs for this year come to us via the efforts of Sheri and JoEllen with a shout out to Bob. Be sure to extend a thanks to them when you next see them.\*\*\*. **Bravo!**

## CWG Program Calendar 2023 - 2024

Typical meeting times:    11:30 for Social and brown bag Lunch  
                                     12:00 Meeting  
                                     12:30 Program

### September 21

Our Big Show and Tell—What you wove this summer.  
Innovation Center Demo  
Cuyahoga County Library Warrensville Branch  
<https://cuyahogalibrary.org/branches/warrensville-heights>

### October 5

Kick-off STUDY GROUP  
Home of Patty

### October 19

Lecture with Denise Kovnat "Dorset Buttons: A Heritage Craft"  
via ZOOM

### November 2

STUDY GROUP Be a host

### November 16

Rust Belt Fibershed 101  
Cuyahoga County Library Warrensville Branch  
<https://cuyahogalibrary.org/branches/warrensville-heights>

**December 7**

STUDY GROUP. 10:00 AM  
Brietzmann's home

**December 21**

Holiday Potluck  
Jesse A's home

**January 18**

We kick off the new year with a meetup (10 am) at the Cleveland Museum of Art for a guided tour with our docent Laura Martin to view *Egyptomania*. Hope you can join us!  
Cleveland Museum of Art field trip  
*Egyptomania* exhibit and docent talk by member Laura Martin  
meet Cleveland Museum of Art  
<https://www.clevelandart.org/>

**February 15**

Lecture with Robyn Spady "Great Weave Structure for Color & Texture Using Novelty Yarns"  
Via ZOOM

**March 7**

STUDY GROUP Miriam's 10:00 am

**March 21**

Jordan Salkin presents "The Art of Photographing Fiber"  
Cuyahoga County Library Warrensville Branch  
<https://cuyahogalibrary.org/branches/warrensville-heights>

**May 2**

Last STUDY GROUP Joan's 10:00

**April 18**

Also we are excited to announce that the Dyeing workshop for 2024 will be open to sign up in January. The workshop "Kettle Dyeing & Dyeing Variegated Yarns" led by Kris Jenkins (alk&me fiber art studio) is on Thursday April 18th from 9:00-3:00. Dye Workshop: Dyeing Variegated Yarn  
Alk and Me Studio. Sagamore Hills  
<https://www.alkandme.com/>

**May 16**

Tour of Praxis Digital Weaving Lab  
Praxis Fiber Workshop  
<https://www.mapquest.com/us/oh/cleveland/44110-1722/15301-waterloo-rd-41.56991,-81.57406>

**June 20 or TBA**

Picnic

## STUDY GROUP 2023 - 2024

Patty Hridel

And for a project, Study Group has the deliciously intriguing title "Grab Bag Texture Project." What's that ask you? Even were I to be able to really explain it, I might wait for our first meeting and have the fun of everyone sharing their own description. Surely that will be inspirational! My notes say—

Texture

Fiber (with texture I think) to share

Surprise Bag

Exchange

Combine with my own

Next gathering is February 1.

## CWG DUES

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



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## CWG Liasion

Sheri Gittinger

HGA continues to offer Textiles & Tea on Tuesdays at 4:00 on Zoom. They never seem to run out of great speakers!

WARP's 2024 Annual Meeting will take place May 16-18, 2024 in Golden, CO In conjunction with Colorado Weavers Day.

For Programs:

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## Conover Workshops

Susan Conover

### CONOVER WORKSHOPS 2024 FIBER ARTS CLASSES

**Instructor: Susan Z. Conover**

**18115 Madison Road • Middlefield, OH 44062**

**[www.conoverworkshops.com](http://www.conoverworkshops.com) • 440/346-5702**

#### **Comprehensive Basic Weaving \$575**

Monday through Friday; March 4-8, 2024, July 22-26, 2024, *also, being offered* October 7-11, 2024

#### **Handwoven Curtains \$325**

Friday through Monday, February 17-19, 2024; *also, being offered* Wednesday through Friday, February 21-23, 2024

**Overshot with a Swedish Twist \$325**

Friday through Sunday, April 5-7, 2024; *also, being offered* Tuesday through Thursday, April 16-18, 2024

**Learn to Spin Wool on a Treadle Spinning Wheel \$175**

Wednesdays from 6:30-8:45pm, September 11<sup>th</sup>, 18<sup>th</sup>, 25<sup>th</sup> & October 2, 2024

**Wonders of the Great, Wool or Walking Wheel \$135** Saturday, September 21, 2024

**Spinning Flax into Linen \$135** Sunday, September 22, 2024

**2024 Open Weave \$75/day**

(Thu-Sun) October 31-November 3, 2024; (Wed-Sat) October 7-10, 2024, *also, being offered* (Wed-Sat) October 13-16, 2024

*Registration Begins on August 1<sup>st</sup>*

## Penelope's Perils

Mary Casey

### Blue Yarn Makeover by Mary Casey

Handspun and handknitted by an old friend, a tired, blue mohair sweater with holes in the cuff and a size too big called out to me for help. Inspired by Anne Sherry, a fellow knitter, who unravels used, fine wool and cashmere sweaters, I warmed up my knit-picking fingers and went to work. Basically, I took apart the sweater; unraveled it; wound onto a ball winder; steamed and dried yarn; and made skeins for a total of 854 yards.

**First**, I took apart the sweater.



**Then** I prepared my ball winder with a plastic sleeve before winding on the yarn. The sleeve provides yarn tension when steamed smoothing yarn kinkiness. To make the sleeve, I used plastic from water container, string and scissors.

I made a plastic sleeve for my ball winder; tightened plastic with cotton twine and cut corresponding slits in plastic aligned with ball winder slits.



***This technique, I learned many years ago from a Rita Buchannan workshop. Rita stressed that this technique balanced the yarn, smoothed it and set it PERMANENTLY.***



**Next**, holding yarn firmly between my fingers, I wound the unraveling yarn onto plastic-sleeved ball winder.



**Then** I steamed yarn in my crock pot set on high for 40 minutes. First, I added a small amount of hot water in bottom of pot, rolled up pieces of aluminum foil and placed these in bottom of pot so yarn was raised. (NOTE: I FAILED TO MAKE SURE YARN WASN'T TOUCHING SIDES OF POT AND THUS HAD A SMALL SCORCH SPOT LATER ON YARN.) ***I THINK IT IS BETTER TO STEAM YARN FOR 20 MINUTES IN LARGE STEAMING POT ON STOVE. THIS IS WHAT I USUALLY DO BUT I WANTED TO TRY THE CROCK POT.***



Better to use steamer

Drying yarn

Plastic sleeve retains shape after first steam-session

Finished skeins with small cluster of original un-steamed yarn



Close-up



***The handspun hibernates while I wait for further inspiration!***



## **Cleveland Museum Of Art**

### **Exhibition of Interest and Textile Collection Search Tool**

<https://www.clevelandart.org/exhibitions/liturgical-textiles-late-medieval-germany>

<https://www.clevelandart.org/exhibitions/egyptomania-fashions-conflicted-obsession>

<https://www.clevelandart.org/exhibitions/native-north-american-textiles>

<https://www.clevelandart.org/exhibitions/ancient-andean-textiles-0>

## **Praxis Fiber Workshop**

<https://www.praxisfiberworkshop.org/classes.html>

## **LINKS OF INTEREST**

[www.facebook.com/blackswampspinnners/](http://www.facebook.com/blackswampspinnners/)

[www.interweaveyarnfest.com](http://www.interweaveyarnfest.com)

[greatlakesfibershow.com](http://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/>

<https://weavearealpeace.org/>

## NEWS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS and EXPLORATIONS GLEANED from other Guilds

### **GLEANED from MEDINA GUILD September Newsletter**

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

Credit to Stephen Page

### **FIBER EVENTS**

#### HANDWOVEN

*February 25-29, 2024, Loveland, Colorado*

A new weaving retreat sponsored by Handwoven Magazine. Four days of full-on weaving immersion, hanging out with current and new fiber friends, a bit of shopping, all your needs taken care of, and learning something fibery and fun to boot. All accommodations, meals, classes, materials fees, and evening events are included

[weavetogether.handwovenmagazine.com](http://weavetogether.handwovenmagazine.com)

#### HGA CONVERGENCE 2024

*July 11-17, 2024, Wichita, Kansas*

Mark you calendar for the Handweavers Guild of America biennial conference. This features a variety of fiber-arts sessions and workshops along with exhibits, fashion show and vendors.

Barb Cabral, one of our members, will be leading workshops on needle felting and Khmer hoi (ikat).

Sessions are on the website. Registration opens in October 2023.

[weavespindye.org/convergence](http://weavespindye.org/convergence)

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## **Western Reserve Spinners and Weavers Guild**

WRSW

<https://wrspinweave.org/wp-content/uploads/2020/02/2020-brochure-file.pdf>

## **Officers and Committee Chairs 2023 - 2024**

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Robert Breitzmann*

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Joan Horwich*

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Patty Hridel*

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Nancy Allman*

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A great place to volunteer*

*Weaver's Honor Hall  
Rose Rubin  
Elly Rose*

*Contributors  
FALL Issue 142  
Nancy Allman  
Bob Breitzmann  
Mary Casey  
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## **DEADLINE FOR SPRING NEWSLETTER IS**

**March 1, 2024**

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](mailto:robert.breitzmann@gmail.com) or Patty Hridel at [hrideljerpat@aol.com](mailto: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](mailto:newsletter@cuyahogaweaversguild.com). Deadline for the CWG fall edition is **March 1, 2024**.



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