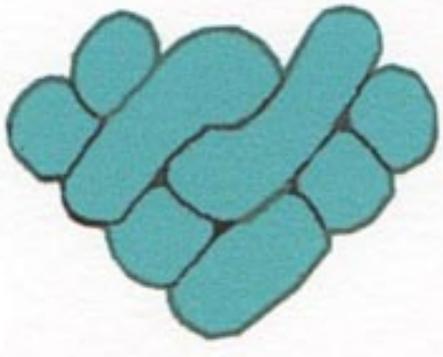




Harvest Loom

Southern Nevada
Handweavers and
Spinners Guild,
Inc.

December 2015



Guild meetings are usually held the second Saturday of the month beginning at 9:15 at the Blind Center 1001 North Bruce St.(except July and Aug) Please check the newsletter each month for date and location of the meeting. Everyone with a love of fiber is welcome.

Our guild meeting this month will begin around 9 am at Jami Johnson's house. Her address is to the right of the red arrow.

Address for Meeting

Jami Johnson
6317 O'Bannon Drive
Las Vegas, NV 89146
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You have been receiving information from arts4nevada because that is a condition for our grants. This organization provides some of the money for the grants we have received for our guild.

Elected Officers for 2015-2016

President: Beverly Fielder
Vice President: Charles Parker
Secretary: Jean Suess
Treasurer: Cinda Towne



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Holiday December Meeting 12, 2015



In addition to great food, one of our time honored traditions is the gift auction. There are several simple steps to follow. Choose a gift (new or from your stash) of moderate value. Wrap it in an interesting way. Do not include a name. Put the gift under the tree when you get to Jami's house. After we eat, the auction begins. Jean Suess will be our auctioneer. The bidding starts low and increases until someone is the highest bidder. They receive the gift and open it immediately to oohs and aaahs of everyone present. If the winner does not want the gift, they can return it to be re-auctioned, but they don't get their money back. There is a recorder who will keep track of all winning bids. After the auction is over, the bids are tallied and you will be notified of how much you owe. Cash or checks are welcome, but no credit cards !

Remember that the more interesting the gift wrapping, the higher the bid. Be creative !!! This is a major fund raiser for our guild.



Food for the party is pot luck. This means bring some type of party food or snacks. We usually have about 25 people. You do not need to feed everyone ! Plan on bringing something for 10-12 people and we should have plenty. There is no set item to bring, we will eat whatever shows up. Drinks, plates and silverware will be provided by our hostess Jami Johnson.

Guild Meeting - November 14, 2015

Members Attending: Charles Parker, Monique Portanger, Buddy Collier, Nancy Belian, Jan Flores, Bill Quill, Annette McKee, Jean Suess, Maurine Adrezin, Sherrie Thomas, Cinda Towne, Marilyn MacMurtrie, Liz LaRue, Elaine Eggink, Lori Zajak, Bev Fielder, Lorrelle Nelson, Jeanette Gian, Hermi Hiatt, Kathi Meisel, and Gaila Gallegos (guest).



President Bev Fielder called the meeting to order.

Correction to previous month's minutes: The Guild received a thank you letter from the St. Andrew's Society, thanking us for demonstrating spinning and weaving at their Something Scottish program that was held at the West Sahara Public Library. We also received a thank you letter for our donation from the Las Vegas Chapter of The Sons of Norway, which collects donations of used stamps through their Tubfrim program, with all proceeds used to help needy children.

Bev asked for reports from the various committees.

Newsletter: Kathi reported that our newsletter is doing well, and thanked Bill Quill for his contribution to the October and November newsletter. She encouraged all members to donate ideas and/or articles to keep making it interesting. All contributions, large or small, are welcomed.

Equipment: The committee wasn't present at the meeting, but it was reported that the two new Voyager looms we recently purchased are ready to be used.

Librarian: Not present

Historian: Monique reported that she has been in touch with Jerry, our old historian, and that she has been going through several boxes of old records. She'd like to start adding bits of our history to the newsletter as a regular feature. She would also like to start scanning some of the old records so they can be stored digitally. Some of the larger items may have to be done professionally. Charles is planning to start scanning old newsletters so they can be available on the website.

Hospitality: Vicki is out of town, and Elaine had set up refreshments in her absence. There was nobody signed up to furnish food, and Vicki was having a hard time getting volunteers. Discussion followed. It was suggested that we simplify our hospitality by having the hospitality person purchase an assortment of muffins and/or bagels at Guild expense for each meeting. The membership liked the idea, so it was moved, seconded, and approved by vote. We were reminded that our December meeting will be our Holiday Party, hosted again by Jami at her house. Refreshments will be pot luck, with Jami furnishing the coffee. We'll have a gift auction again, with everybody bringing a wrapped gift to be auctioned off, all proceeds going to the Guild. Jean will be auctioneer again.

New member Annette McKee introduced herself.

Programs: Maurine gave us a rundown of the upcoming classes and seminars. The next one will be with spinning teacher Stephanie Gaustad February 12-14, 2016, at Lorelle's house. Following that will be Card Weaving on the Inkle Loom with John Malarkey in April 2016, at Maurine's house. Maurine will keep us informed via emails of other upcoming classes.

Website: Charles reported that the website is fully updated.

Treasurer: Cinda reported that all bills are paid and the current balance in our checking account is \$8,334.55. That amount includes \$1,066.50, which is 90% of our grant money. Dues are still due and payable. See Cinda if you're not sure if you're paid up.

Nancy reported that there will be no float in the Helldorado Parade this year. It's getting to be too much for her and her sons have had to miss work too often while helping her. After discussion, the members decided that we'd had a good run and collected several trophies. It was time to just let it go.

Dye in the Front Yard will still be held at Nancy's house, but Charles is taking over the organizing. He's coordinating with Nancy to hopefully have another successful event. It was moved, seconded, and approved that any expenditures for materials for the event be pre-approved for reimbursement by the Guild.

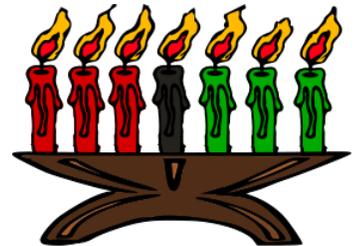
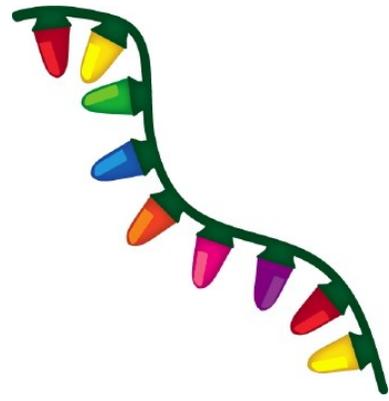
IWC: Hermi reported that the IWC had a board meeting and had discussed the 2017 conference. They don't have a signed contract yet, but they're planning to be in Durango again, late July 2017. This year's conference had a really good turnout, and they will be offering 1-day classes again because they were so popular.

Bev reported that Sarah Jackson's class at Lorelle's house was a big success. Everybody really enjoyed the class, especially since they were treated to a bagpipe concert and a piano concert.

Elaine introduced her guest: Gaila Gallegos

Bev told us about a daytrip she took with some fiber friends to Prescott, Arizona to a really nice store called Studio Three. She recommended it as a nice trip for anyone who likes fibers.

Sherrie from the Blind Center told us about the ceramics program at the Blind Center. Her students are producing some very nice pieces and have raised some money by selling some of them. She'd like to start a weaving program for interested students, too. Also, she told us she's looking for donations for next year's gala auction in October 2016, giving us plenty of time to get to work on our knitting needles and our looms.



Show & Tell:

Kathi modeled a piece she wove on her rigid heddle. It was half of a Ruana, and she'll be working on weaving the second half.

Nancy showed off the completed finger braiding she made, using what she learned in Hermi's class.

Bill has been stash busting, weaving items using only fibers he already has in his stash. He showed off a cotton and metallic table runner he wove for his Thanksgiving table.

Lorelle modeled a completed scarf she made in Sarah Johnson's class.

Maurine showed us a current copy of Soft Dolls magazine. It featured a picture of one of her felted dolls that she had submitted to the magazine 5 years ago. She also had a sampler she had woven to show the importance of sampling your work. She also explained how you can reverse the pattern, so that the front becomes the back through a simple change in the treadling.

Bev also had her sampler from Sarah Jackson's class, as well as a scarf she wove from her favorite pattern from the sampler.

Marilyn had a scarf she knitted that looked like chain links, a super soft scarf knitted from mink yarn and bamboo, and another scarf she had woven using sock yarn.

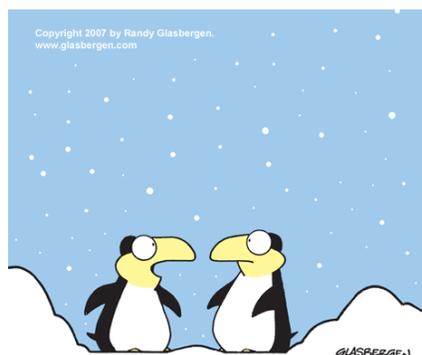
Hermi also took Sarah Jackson's class, showing off the different samples she wove, as well as her finished woven scarf that used her favorite pattern.

Bev showed us some bag clips she uses to clip on her warp threads instead of having to tie them together.

Annette showed us a large knitted piece that she wove on an Alaskan cruise, and a large woven piece that she will finish as a poncho.

Meeting adjourned

Charles presented a demonstration of how to use a blending board to create interesting color and texture variations in fibers to be spun.



"Faith means believing in things you've never seen...like your feet!"



CALENDAR 2015—2016

Sept.12 Guild Meeting potluck Show and Tell

12 Something Scottish Sahara Library 10—3

October10 Guild Meeting Loop Braiding Hermi Hiatt

9,10,11 Renaissance Fair

Nov.14 Guild Meeting Blending Board Demo
Charles Parker

Dec.12 Holiday Party Jami Johnson's House

Jan.9 Guild Meeting Designing for fiber Bibi Bellotto

Feb 12-14 Spinning Class with Stephanie Gausted

Feb.13 Guild Meeting Speaker Stephanie Gausted on
Spinning Practical Color Blending

March 12 Guild Meeting Scrap Paper Basket
Lori Zajak

April 8- 10 Class by John Mullarkey Tablet Weaving[

~~April 9~~ Guild Meeting cancelled due to conflict with
guild sponsored class by John Mularky

May 14 Guild Meeting Natural Dye Day at Nancy
Belian's house Charles Parker in charge

June 11 Guild Meeting End of Year Luncheon and
Elections

Committees

Hospitality Vicki Johnson
Equipment Nancy Shinder
Librarian Michelle Duncan
Historian Monique Portanger
Newsletter Kathi Meisel
Programs Maurine Adrezin
Web Site Charles Parker

IWC Representative

IWC Hermi Hiatt

GET RID OF YOUR STUFF

We are in desperate need of your fiber donations and they are deeply appreciated. Please check your stash and donate anything you haven't used in 3 years. Raffles are the fun part of our business meetings !! Give items to Marilyn MacMurtrie

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NEW LOCATION

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