



Jacksonville Weavers' Guild, Inc.

Jacksonville, Florida

February 2011

<http://www.jaxweaversguild.org/>

Next Meeting

February 12, 2011

10:00 am – 12:00 pm

[Jacksonville Southside Regional Library](#)

Program: Introduction to Making Books and Book Covers

All are welcome!

Officers

President: Linda Schultz

Vice President: Jeanne Applegate

Secretary: Susan Wallace

Treasurer: Lee Kessler

Past President: Lynette Holmes

Committees

Library: Barbara Wroten & Linda Schultz

Membership: Connie Geller

Newsletter: Ann Stodola

Letter from the President

Hi everyone,

We had a great program last month with some exciting visitors. It was very interesting to follow Robert Matthews' journey learning to create a tartan scarf, starting by learning to make a loom.

And we had fun trying to work out the details of an heirloom coverlet. The chenille program was excellent, with good advice and lovely samples to hopefully inspire more chenille weaving. We will see what we get at show-and-tell. We also have a new member, Sharon Williams, who joined us in January after meeting us at our November workshop.

The executive met with Helen Cowart and made arrangements to have looms set up for weaving as well as opportunities to sell our work at the Elemental Gallery in The Jacksonville Landing. In addition to having increased visibility to the public, this will give us a chance to use our looms and make better use of our equipment.

The program this month is in two parts and involves bookmaking. I had a very informative and enjoyable workshop at Convergence learning to make small books. I'm going to share what I learned and go over some of the simpler techniques of forming simple books. Jeanne has more experience with making books and from her we are going to learn how to make covers. Because this process takes longer, Jeanne is going to introduce the topic (and share some of her own creations) so that we are ready to go when we devote the next program to making book covers ourselves.

Happy Weaving
Linda Schultz, President

Guild Announcements

Wonder what happened at the last guild meeting? No need to wait for the next newsletter to find out! The meeting minutes are posted ASAP on the website; the link can be found at the bottom of the newsletter page.

Local Art Events

Be sure to catch the **First Wednesday Art Walk** in downtown Jacksonville. In keeping with the March 2 theme “Sew Artistic”, Jacksonville Weavers Guild members will be demonstrating at Elemental Gallery in the Landing. Other upcoming themes this year:

- April 6 – “Artistic Ambitions” welcoming young professionals
- May 4 – “Art. History.”
- June 1 – “Making Music”
- July 6 – “Culinary Art”

For more information visit Art Walk on the web: <http://downtownjacksonville.org/things-to-do/downtown-vision-events/art-walk-landing>

The Harn Museum of Art presents “Africa Interweave: Textile Diasporas” on the University of Florida campus in Gainesville. February 8 – May 8, 2011. <http://www.harn.ufl.edu/>

News from Around the Web

Submitted by Susan Wallace

“Dirty Job” Episode Features a Woolen Mill.

Part of the Discovery Channel episode of “Dirty Jobs” that features a woolen mill can be seen on the Discovery Channel website: <http://tinyurl.com/4e4kna5> . (There’s a 30 second commercial before the 1:24 woolen mill part.) And, yes, it’s a dirty job.

Nova Episode Features Spider Silk from Goat Milk

An episode of the Nova series, "Making Stuff", focuses on strong materials. It covers the beautiful fabric woven from golden orb spider silk, the nano engineering of strong synthetic yarn, and silk from milk of genetically engineered goats. It can be viewed at: <http://tinyurl.com/45dteuy> . The first 20 minutes are about steel and the next 20 minutes feature kevlar and other synthetic fibers. About 40 minutes in, the program zeroes in on silk and the milk from goats genetically engineered with a spider gene. The spider silk produced from the goat milk is stronger than both steel and kevlar (but not stronger than silk directly from spiders).

Minutes of the Jacksonville Weavers Guild
January 8, 2011
Southeast Regional Library, Jacksonville, Florida

The meeting was called to order at 10:15 a.m. by President Linda Schultz.

Members present: Jeanne Applegate, Kathleen Bowles, Christine Corocan, Lynette Holmes, Betty Francis, Connie Geller, Lee Kessler, Donna Markovitz, Nanette Millier, Linda Schultz, , Barb Steffy, Ann Stodola, Susan Wallace, Sharon Williams, Barbara Wroten.

Visitor: Betty Ferguson, Robert Matthews.

Minutes from the meeting on September 11, 2010, distributed in the October Newsletter, were approved as corrected.

Treasurer's Report: Current balance: \$774.64.

Committee Reports:

Correspondence – Connie reported there have been 11 new contacts from the website (jaxweaversguild.org). She passed around a printed copy of the comments.

Newsletter – Ann asked members to send in articles or links of interest for the newsletter

Library – Barbara reported that the magazines in the holders are damp. A new book, *How We Felt* from Interweave Press, has been added to the library.

Membership – Connie reported two new members; Jennifer Hewett-Apperson joined in November and Barb Steffy in December. [Note: Sharon Williams joined after the business meeting.]

Newsletter – There is an early deadline for the October newsletter due to the guild participation in the Riverside Arts Market, October 2,

Programs – The Executive Committee is meeting after the regular meeting to finalize programming for the rest of the year.

Old Business:

RAM: The Guild net proceeds from RAM Oct 2011 were a net loss. Whether it is worth doing RAM again was discussed. Other opportunities for exposure that would be free or less costly were suggested: Wednesday Art Walks in downtown Jacksonville, the Blueberry Festival each June in Live Oak, Christmas on the Square in Live Oak, the Arlington Community Center. Kathy Bowles will keep us posted on the possibilities of using the Arlington Community Center.

Nov. Open House: The open house was a success with about two dozen participants. It was suggested we look into having displays at other library branches prior to our next open house.

Teaching Guidelines: We will use the guidelines Jeanne drafted as a reference.

New Business:

Elemental Gallery: The Executive Committee is meeting with Helen Cowart at Elemental Gallery in the Landing after the meeting to discuss possibilities of using Gallery space for one or more looms displaying Guild member work for sale.

Announcements:

The Florida Tropical Weavers Guild Conference is March 16-19, 2011 at Lake Yale. Information is available at <http://www.ftwg.org/Conference.htm> .

Show and Share:

Barbara Steffy: A wool and cotton overshot coverlet woven in the 1800's by her great great grandmother in Eastern Kentucky.

Robert Matthews: A photo of his great grandmother wearing plaid that was the catalyst for his building a loom and weaving the plaid in the photo. He had pictures of his first and second looms and wool/acrylic plaid fabric woven on them.

Barbara: Commercial double weave fabric similar to the material on the cover of the the current issue of *Handwoven*.

Donna: Triple weave stuffed pads, a cotton 8-shaft twill snowflake pattern scarf and a kumihimo necklace.

Linda S: An 8-shaft deflected double weave shawl where the draft is a translation from a 4-shaft twill snowflake pattern.

Jeanne: Kumihimo bracelets and necklaces, models for a future program.

Nan: Gee's Bend quilt books and video.

Ann: A quilted purse with a clasp made from a metal tape measure.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:40 a.m.

Program: Working with rayon chenille by Susan, Lynette and Barbara.

Respectfully submitted,
Susan Wallace, Secretary

Minutes of the Jacksonville Weavers Guild Executive Committee

January 8, 2011

Part 1: Elemental Gallery in the Landing, Jacksonville, Florida

Part 2: the Food Court at the Landing, Jacksonville, Florida

The meeting was called to order at 1:25 p.m. by President Linda Schultz.

Members present: Jeanne Applegate, Lynette Holmes, Lee Kessler, Linda Schultz, Susan Wallace.

Hostess for Part 1: Helen Cowart, Elemental Gallery

Elemental Gallery is in the west wing of the Jacksonville Landing near Nine West. It currently is showing two dimensional art, including some squares from RAM, pottery, wood working, and fused glass jewelry. Helen expressed an interest in increasing the variety of crafts shown. The Committee and Helen discussed ways that the Elemental Gallery and the Guild might collaborate.

The following first steps were decided.

- 1) Before the March Art Walk, Sewtastic, (Wednesday, March 2 from 5:00 to 9:00 p.m.) the Guild will move the large loom and bench to the gallery and begin the process of making it operational. One or two of the smaller looms will also move to the gallery and will be warped. The evening of Sewtastic, two or more members of the Guild will be at the Gallery weaving and representing the guild.
- 2) Helen will accept items from Guild members to sell at the Gallery. (Connie has some items there already.) The commission for the Gallery is 25%. Lynette will distribute some guidelines for the logistics of this process similar to the ones for RAM.
- 3) Linda will solicit a couple of helpers to move the looms to the Gallery in her van.

The Elemental Gallery is open from noon to 7:00 p.m. Tuesday and Thursday. Helen is often there in the back studio on other days but does not leave the door open when she is in the back. However, it is okay to knock on the door. Her email is helenc@elemental.name and her cell phone number is 904-307-1885 (however, cell reception is not good inside the Landing.)

References:

Elemental Gallery website: <http://www.elemental.name/>

Elemental Gallery Facebook page: <http://tinyurl.com/4olwxon>

ArtWalk website: <http://tinyurl.com/ydnunqe>

Part 2:

The Executive Committee adjourned to the upstairs Landing Food Court to continue the meeting. Programs for the rest of the year were finalized as follows:

February: Bookbinding I and signature making -- Linda and Jeanne

March: Bookbinding II (hands on) – Jeanne

April: pending

May: Kumihimo bracelet or necklace – Jeanne and Donna

The duties of Committee Chairs were reviewed. It was decided that we should consider reactivating the position of Program Chair in June for next year, but that the program choices and schedule should still be worked out by the Executive Committee/ Board. The Program Chair could then handle communications about the programs.

Also discussed was the possibility of having one person coordinate the search for a permanent home for the guild. It was felt that, since most of the information about new locations is contained in the minutes of our meetings, that position would not be necessary.

It was also agreed that we should continue to periodically review the Committees listed in the bylaws to be sure they still work for the guild.

Respectfully submitted
Susan Wallace, Secretary and Jeanne Applegate