



Jacksonville Weavers' Guild

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December 2021 Issue

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President's Message

Good News!! December 1st your Board met and agreed that we plan to meet Face-2-Face at Ft. Caroline Community Center on January 8th for our first meeting of our membership for 2022. This has been a long, long time coming and we are hoping for the best, but understanding that things can change, very quickly, please watch your email for any announcement of a change. In keeping with the advice from the CDC we will observe distancing guidelines and use masks.

This summer our Guild received a wealth of donated looms. We have determined that the smallest should be held in our library for rental or students. Two multi shaft floor looms are to be sold with the proceeds deposited into our treasury for educational initiatives. You, our Members will have first option to bid on these looms. Any loom, unsold by January 8th, will be available to inspect during the January 8th meeting. Watch your email for more details.

December's meeting at 10:00 am, Saturday the 11th will be virtual. Watch for your emailed invitation to Zoom along with the Agenda and Minutes from November closer to the 11th. Program chairman, Le Anne Brown, shares the format of our celebration for our year end in this Newsletter. In this busiest of seasons, I hope you will join us with a few favorite seasonal delicacies and drink of your choosing.

Speaking of busy: Saturday, December 4th is the opening party for our virtual show "All Tied Up" through Word Revolt galleries in Atlantic Beach. There are seventeen fiber related entries from our Guild. The jurors declared us very well represented, but there is room for more if you would like your work to be added. (5 - 8pm at WordRevolt)

Saturday, December 11th is a live weaving demonstration by Guild members at the new Reddi Arts location, 1731 Main St in Jacksonville from 10:00-2:00. Don't forget, our exhibit at Reddi Arts continues until December 20th. Refreshing the exhibit and adding holiday inspired items is always encouraged. For more information on these events, contact Gail Karson.

During November's meeting the Guild voted to make a donation to Adopt-A-Native-Elder program to support older, Navajo weavers in their art and in their lives. A \$50 donation provides a weaver with enough yarn for a small rug which is sold in the weaver's behalf with 100% of the proceeds returned to the weaver. A \$250 donation helps support a weaver with funds for food and medicines for a year. Our individual donations can be made to the Guild for a single gift in the Guild's name. You may donate via credit card on our website under the Donations category. Indicate it is for the "Adopt-A-Native-Elder"

collection in the comments. Or you may mail a check to our Treasurer, Lorie Harlow similarly noted. Thank you for your generosity. There are over 800 beneficiaries of this program all of whom are 75 or older. Your donation is greatly appreciated, no matter how large or small.

Florida Tropical Weavers' Guild's annual conference will be held on Lake Yale in Eustis, Florida "on multiple dates between March 17th and 20th. If you are planning to attend, please send Susan Wallace an email message to tell her. Annually, we are offered an opportunity to display our work for other weavers in the state to see. If we have members representing us we may want to have that display in support.

JWG Workshop 2022, with Deb Essen "Weaving Supplemental Warps" without a second back beam has opened registration to non-members throughout the country. There are still openings for members, however. See the attached flyers for more information and registration form.

Happy Holidays!

Ann



JWG Adopt-A-Native-Elder Holiday 2021

For many years, the Guild has contributed to a charitable cause with a monetary donation during the holiday season. At the November Zoom meeting, it was voted by those members present to make the Adopt A Native Elder 501(C) organization the recipient of this year's Guild holiday giving campaign. Adopt-A-Native-Elder serves to help reduce extreme poverty and hardship facing traditional Elders living on the Navajo Reservation. The trusted humanitarian organization is focused on delivering food, medical supplies, firewood and other forms of Elder support to over 800 elderly members of the Navajo nation, most of whom are weavers.

SUPPORT OF DINÉ WEAVERS

One important way that we support traditional Elders is by facilitating a market for their weavings. For many weavers this has been their sole means of supporting their families. Through the Annual Rug Show, as well as online rug sales via our website ANElder.org, A.N.E. is able to offer a significant amount of income to our Elders who are weavers. This, in turn, provides them with additional resources for food, shelter, and transportation.

Funds collected by our Guild will be designated to purchase \$50 "Yarn Bundles" sufficient to weave a small rug--all proceeds from the sale of the rug go directly to the weaver. Throughout the year, rugs are sold through the website, ANElder.org. An annual sale is normally held each November, however this has been difficult since the Covid-19 pandemic. However, a recent virtual sale was a huge success, and hence the current supply is limited. Be assured that as the year goes on, many outstanding rugs will appear for sale ,but only with the help of yarn-donors such as JWG.

Bundles in a variety of colorways may be ordered online on the A.N.E. website. Purchasing two bundles of the same colorway will allow the weaver to weave a larger rug .

We hope that by pooling our donations as a Guild, a number of Yarn Bundles can be purchased to benefit multiple elder weavers. A donation of any amount is appreciated.

Donations for our JWG A.N.E. Project may be made online through our website Donation Link: <https://www.jaxweaversguild.org/donate.html>--specify in comments "Adopt a Native Elder". For those more comfortable with writing a check, checks may be mailed to our Treasurer, Lorie Harlow. Please indicate as Adopt A Native Elder donation.

A.N.E. has achieved a four-star Charity Navigator score. The score is calculated from two sub-scores. Adopt-A-Native-Elder earned a 96.35 score in Finance and 96.00 score in Accountability and Transparency, for an overall 96.17 score out of 100.

You can be certain that your donation will be a valuable contribution to a Native elder weaver.

Detailed information about the Yarn Bundle boxes can be viewed on page 9 of the A.N.E. Summer Newsletter <https://anelder.org/i/11585July2021NewsletterWeb.pdf>

Submitted by Pauline Bellecci



L--Helen King Greyhills



R--Example of rug woven by an elder

You can find more information in the November/December issue of *Handwoven* on pages 18-19.

Celebrate Weaving

JWG Monthly Programs

December 4 - Gallery reception at [Word Revolt](#) - 1249 Mayport Road, Atlantic Beach. The exhibit of JWG members work is a virtual reality video show, projected in the gallery during the reception and available on [wordrevolt.com](#) and social media @Wordrevolt. (See attachment to Newsletter email.)

December 11 - Holiday Celebration -- *HAPPY NEW YEAR 2022*

January 8 - "Navaho Rug Weaving"--Carol Higman

February 5 & 6 - [WORKSHOP "Weaving with Supplemental Warps"](#) --Deb Essen

February 12- undecided, check back for a update

March 12 - "All About Handweaving.net"--Kris Bruland

April 9 - Study Groups Share Their Explorations--Members

May 14 - JWG and GHG Annual Picnic



Details for December 11 Program

The JWG December will be another Zoom meeting, not what we were hoping but let's make it a celebration of the winter holidays by bringing a hot dish to share and a cup of something warm and soothing to drink.

Sounds a bit strange? Hear me out. A hot dish is a Midwestern staple for gatherings of friends, often accompanied by a cup of coffee. A casserole is the Southerner's version, but of course served with sweet iced tea, even in winter. My New Orleans in-laws delighted in sharing pot of file gumbo with a group of friends, sitting around a campfire drinking beer or whiskey. The common thread of these regional dishes is they contain at least three main ingredients and the hospitality is offered to friends and family for a good time.

Come be part of Saturday's program by bringing the following three things along to share, and don't forget to bring your favorite beverage for sipping:

1. Your favorite fiber arts URL (website) with a little description of the site and why you like it.
2. A weaving 'hack' or helpful hint that you invented or borrowed to make your weaving better or easier. Perhaps there is something you have done to your loom, or your weaving area, or tools you have found that make your weaving life easier.
3. The weaving project that you are most proud of or had the most fun weaving, perhaps sharing your process and outcome.

I look forward to a good time sharing my fiber dish with you. My Louisiana family would say to you, "Laissez les bon temps rouler!", or "Let the good times roll."

Submitted by Le Anne Brown



For Sale

FOR SALE: Schacht 25" rigid heddle with stand and carry bag. Books for instruction and a video. \$475
For more information, you can contact Allyson at the information listed below.

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From the Internet...

[Starting and Stopping Colors in your Color Gamp-Split Plies - Lunatic Fringe Yarns](#)

[Yarn Information - Lunatic Fringe Yarns](#)

[The Spinnery Store](#)

[Making Merry Holiday Stocking – Schacht Spindle Company](#)

[Upcycling and the Textile Waste Problem — Simple Ecology](#)

[HipStrings Modern Fiber Arts](#)

[Melin Tregwynt](#) Woven fabrics from Wales

[Preserving a centuries-old weaving technique - SHINE News](#) Spinning cotton in China

[About | Norwegian Textile Letter](#) The latest issue is here: [New issue of the Norwegian Textile Letter is out! | Norwegian Textile Letter](#)

Show and Tell from November's Meeting

Ann shared her completed baby blanket. Beautiful, isn't it?



Judi shared skeins of 5/2 tencel from two new-ish sources for yarn, Shiny Dime Fibers (L-Green to Amethyst Gradient) and Finger Lakes Yarn and Fiber (R-Two different variegated blue skeins).



What's On or Off Your Loom?

Here's what some of our members have been working on recently.

Le Anne--Just found this and it made me laugh. It is from the website of the Anchorage Weavers and Spinners Guild Projects.

Unique spinning wheel made by David for his wife Franny Jungel

Twenty years ago Fanny started the Fall Fiber Retreat with the help of Molly Fiveash-Chubb and Donice Horton. With the exception of one or two retreats the event has been held annually at Meier Lake in Wasilla. It has since morphed into a fall and spring event enjoyed by many people. To mark this special occasion David created EWE-nique Fat Sheep. He decided that Fanny was suffering from SWD (spinning wheel deficiency) since it had been a long time between wheels. EWE-nique is a whimsical charming addition to their spinning wheel family. As you spin her tail wags. There is a small window installed on her back so you can peer in and see the workings of the wheel. He wanted to install a sheep making noise (baa-baa) but Fanny nixed that idea. Their daughter, Amy, did a beautiful job painting her.



Pauletta shared: Pictures of the completed "wedding" blanket made with organic cotton, linen and tussah silk in a herringbone pattern, 42"x 68". The other picture is of a wall hanging that I did.



From Rob: For the newsletter,,my completed cone winder and "one part of a show and tell for the next in person meeting" mystery. Can you guess what it is???



Rudell shared: These 2 infinity scarves with different patterns are woven with a dyed 8/2 tencel warp from Carr Park Artisans, one with silver 8/2 tencel weft & one with purple 8/2 tencel weft. The 3rd photo is of the woven 4 yards off of the loom.

