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Judi Leatherberry, Editor



## President's Message

The weather in Starke on May 8<sup>th</sup> could not have been more perfect for our annual, yearend picnic. I hope you were able to join us, if not, please know that you were missed.

There was a light breeze and an amazing energy for a yearend event.

We accomplished our agenda installing new officers, informally. We installed our new board as defined by our by-law revisions, also approved that day. And we welcomed the new and returning committee chairs. We gathered in many beautiful and cozy Hugs and a surprising variety of Celebration Tea Towels. Susan Wallace and Linda Schultz both used the name drafting technique LeAnne Brown taught us on Zoom in November to draft their patterns and the beautiful towels could not have been more dissimilar. Some used the Guild's linen stash for their towels. All are unique and inspiring; however, we are short of our goal of 46 towels and taking advantage of a reprieve until our September meeting. More Hugs will be appreciated at that time, too.

Then talk turned to the future and things we would like to see for our Guild.

When we spoke of an initiative to offer a beginning weaving class next year, there was strong support. Currently that task force is: Pam Mattis, Connie Geller, Gail Karson and me. We welcome anyone who is interested in helping shape this course this summer and especially anyone who experienced their introduction to weaving in a short class.

News that Robyn Spady, next year's workshop instructor, offered to mentor our (non-existent) Study Groups while here in February gave birth to two Study Groups: one on rigid heddle and another on color. Both are organizing now and open to new participants. More specific information follows in the Newsletter from Pam and Linda.

It is hard not to be energized by a Guild so willing to jump into the new year!  
Have a fabulous summer and finish weaving those towels and Hugs, too.

Thanks,  
Ann Wingate

# Welcome 2021-2022 Board and Committee Chairpersons

## JWG Board of Directors

Ann Wingate, President--Executive Committee  
Gail Karson, Vice President--Executive Committee  
Susan Wallace, Secretary--Executive Committee  
Lorie Harlow, Treasurer--Executive Committee  
Pauline Bellecci--Executive Committee  
Mary Jamerson--Membership Chairperson  
LeAnne Brown--Program Chairperson

## JWG Committee Chairpersons

Gail Karson--Education/Special Events  
Gail Woodcum--Hospitality  
Pam Mattis--Library  
Mary Jamerson--Membership  
Judi Leatherberry--Newsletter  
LeAnne Brown/\_\_\_\_--Program  
Pauline Bellecci--Publicity/Historian  
Connie Geller--Website  
Susan Wallace/Ann Wingate--Workshop



## Hail and Farewell



Say hello to our newest members!  
At our May picnic, The Guild welcomed two new members--Barbara Anderson and Joanne Altenburg. Barbara is a returning member, and Joanne just moved in to the area.

# Amendments to the Jacksonville Weavers' Guild Bylaws

After the annual guild picnic on May 8, 2021, four members of the guild counted the ballots submitted by our members to determine if the proposed amendments to the bylaws had been passed, and the amendments to the bylaws were passed by a vote of 17 of the needed 12 votes. The amendments will now be a part of our "new" bylaws in the 2021-2022 handbook.

Many thanks for voting and helping us to create a more organized and readable document.

Judy Jull  
Debra Grady  
Pam Mattis  
Connie Geller



## Thank You Officers and Committee Chairpersons!

Please join me in thanking all last year's officers and committee chairpersons. This past year has been incredibly difficult for us personally and corporately. The fact that our Guild has prevailed is a credit to all those volunteers who have worked together to move us forward.

Thank You, but not Goodbye, to former officers Deb Grady and Heather Sprague and to former chairpersons Judy Jull, Pauletta Berger, Rudell Kopp, Tracy Pagendarm and Linda Schultz for what you have done and all you will do.

Thank you also to those officers and committee chairpersons continuing in leadership positions: Gail Karson, Susan Wallace, Lorie Harlow, Pauline Bellecci, Mary Jamerson, LeAnne Brown, Pam Mattis, Judi Leatherberry and Connie Geller. I look forward to working with you.

Sincerely,  
Ann Wingate

**Weaving Along!**

# Thank You, Dave!

Dave Harrison has been a great help and friend to the Jacksonville Weavers' Guild over the years, and this past year was no different. (He's the person responsible for opening the Fort Caroline Community Center for all the different groups who meet there.) With COVID closing everything down, Dave did his very best to make sure that when we needed something from Fort Caroline Community Center, someone was able to come by and pick it up.

In case some of you didn't know, here's just a few of the many things he's done--he helps us move tables and chairs along with equipment if someone needed a hand, he warned us about not plugging too many things into outlets that might blow fuses (the only people who can reset the fuses are the COJ workers!), and when the air conditioning wasn't cooling properly, he provided fans to help keep us cool. Everything he's done for us was always done with a big smile on his face, and he never complained!

For his help throughout the year, we give him a token of our appreciation (usually at the April meeting). Although it was a bit late this year, he received it along with our heartfelt thanks for all he does. His response letter is attached to the main email for everyone to read.



## 2022 Workshop with Robyn Spady

You are invited to a "Block Party"! JWG is hosting a Robyn Spady workshop Friday February 4 - Sunday February 6, 2022 which will explore blocks, the fundamental building blocks of many weave structures, and how to use profile drafts to create your own designs. Warp your loom with a threading selected from one of five options (two for four shafts, one for six shafts, and two for eight shafts) and join the party! Registration is currently open to JWG members; five of the 15 spots are already reserved. If spots remain open in the fall, registration will be opened to non-guild members. (The Registration Form is attached to the main body of the email.)

Susan Wallace and Ann Wingate, Workshop Chairpersons

## Study Groups

We have study groups!

Study groups have been mentioned several times recently, but not everyone is familiar with them. To get the ball rolling, I sent out an email with a description of my experiences with study groups, and a list of topics I was currently interested in. I encouraged others to do the same, and we quickly found a couple of topics multiple people were interested in.

Pam took the lead as the co-ordinator for a Rigid Heddle study group. She wrote: "We are currently deciding on the format and the frequency of meeting. The proposal is to use Jane Patrick's *The Weaver's Idea Book* by breaking it down into modules for ease of study. So far we have the following members interested in furthering their skills using the Rigid Heddle: Kay Taylor, Susan Swiatosz, Mary Jamerson, Sandra Jordan, Judi Leatherberry, Pam Mattis, Joyce Ross, and Pauline Bellecci (when she can). The plan is to begin in June and anyone who wishes to join along the way is welcome." Pam's email is [jaelith@aol.com](mailto:jaelith@aol.com).

Linda offered to co-ordinate the "Unanticipated color results and the Bezold Effect" study group. This is generally about the effects (potentially unanticipated) colours have on each other, especially in weaving. Current members are Lori Harlow, Liz Kolodney, Linda Schultz, Susan Wallace, and Ann Wingate. We plan on having our meetings via Zoom, starting in June. At that time we will discuss what we are each interested in exploring. We also have set up a private group on [groups.io](https://groups.io) to share resources, ask questions, post pictures, etc. Anyone is welcome to join - email Linda at [flschultz@comcast.net](mailto:flschultz@comcast.net).

Pam Mattis  
Linda Schultz

Study and Weave with Us!

## Anniversary Towels Update



What a wonderful collection of handwoven towels we have received to celebrate our 46th Anniversary-everything from 2 H to 8H structures, gorgeous colors and fibers, and sizes from finger tip to large kitchen towels. Our goal was to weave 46 towels for the 46th anniversary of the founding of the Jacksonville Weavers' Guild. However, with covid and other issues, we did not meet our goal.

But we have a good start with 15 beautiful towels. Linda Shultz has suggested that we aim for 50 towels to celebrate our 50th anniversary in 2024-a great ideal!

Surely, we as a guild can weave at least 12 towels a year.

Many thanks to those who wove and turned in their towels at the picnic.

Program Committee 2020/2021

Judy Jull

LeAnne Brown

Pauletta Berger

## Woven Hugs Update



I received Woven Hugs from Pauletta Berger, Gerald Kopp, Pam Mattis, Nan Miller, Susan Wallace, and Ann Wingate for our May picnic. They were woven in a variety of colours and structures, and ranged in weight from lightweight to heavy. I very much appreciate the continuing participation in this project, with these lovely shawls/blankets/wraps. Several people mentioned that they still wish to contribute this year. I am happy to collect wraps at any time, but I also know deadlines can be useful. So I will collect the next group of wraps at the October 2021 meeting, or whenever we are able to hold meetings in person (if we are not back at Fort Caroline by then).

Also, look for an article about the Jacksonville Weavers' Guild and the Woven Hugs Project in an upcoming Shuttle, Spindle, and Dyepot (SS&D - the magazine of the Handweavers Guild of America (HGA)). The magazine offers a guest column for guilds to write about topics of great interest to HGA's core audience, such as "an interesting project your guild recently completed, a successful partnership with an arts or service organization, a successful new member drive, a private behind the scenes tour your members enjoyed, a challenge or obstacle your guild experienced and how you overcame it". We thought the Woven Hugs project was a great fit for this and SS&D agreed. Hopefully they will also be able to include a few of the pictures I sent - it was hard to choose among so many options.

Thank you again to everyone who has participated or who has considered participating.

Linda Schultz

## This and That...

A picture of various empty cones with weights in both ounces and grams that to help determine how much yarn is left on a partially used cone: (weight of cone w/ yarn) - (weight of cone) multiplied by number of yards per ounce of yarn.--Submitted by Susan Wallace



### From the Internet

[Quick and Easy Speckle Dyeing Yarn and Fiber With Kool-Aid Recipe | The Paradise Fibers Blog](#)

[Berta's Flax Travels the World | Spin Off \(spinoffmagazine.com\)](#)

[Threading Words: How We Fashion Our Everyday Language | PieceWork \(pieceworkmagazine.com\)](#)

[The Joy of Spinning in Small Spaces | Spin Off \(spinoffmagazine.com\)](#)



Pictures!



L-Rob demonstrating his homemade cotton gin; R-Members chatting.



Susan W's finished woven gourd.

## Loom For Sale

Loom details: 60" LeClerc, 4 harnesses and 6 pedals.

Loom was used for a short period by product time but was in storage for a number of years.

One peg is missing - see photo.

Asking \$250.00

Sincerely, Shelley Fox

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Have a great summer!