

Jacksonville Weavers' Guild

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President's Message

We have hosted many educational events and have a few more coming up such as the Jacksonville Library, MOSH, and Gold Head Branch State Park. There are also upcoming exhibit opportunities and events to sell your crafts. If you are only interested in perfecting the craft, we have the Double Weave workshop led by renowned weaver and author, Jennifer Moore, who will be flying in to teach. Also, Heavenly Oaks Alpaca Farm in Hollister offers Textured Spinning and Weaving classes.

Sometimes, it is only time that we need, so this past meeting offered just that. There was certainly a wide assortment of projects, including beadwork. However, the collaboration of ways to finish off projects drew the most attention. I had hoped that we would be there all day, but we were packed up by 2. Maybe next time we will seize the day.

With our January meeting is your chance to sell/trade equipment, supplies, and ready-made items. We will also be selling surplus items from the Guild storage. Hope to see everyone there. This is the reason I joined - the camaraderie.

Wishing everyone a Happy and Healthy New Year!
Lynn Newcomer



Upcoming Guild Happenings

January 12, 2019 Members' Show and Sale

February 22-24, 2019 Double Rainbow Event (3-day workshop)

March 9, 2019 Felting/Hand Spinning demos; Nominations for Officers/selection of Committee Chairs

April 13, 2019 All-Day Annual Picnic with Gainesville Guild and Election of Officers

May 11, 2019 Triangle Loom Demo and Renew Membership for next Season (2019-2020)



Happy New Year 2019!

Weaving and Fiber-Related Happenings

Jax Makerspace Gallery *Ties & Knots: Weaving Narratives of NE Florida* Nov. 7, 2018-Jan. 24, 2019

Take a Walk Back in Time at Yesterdays Festival Gold Head Branch State Park January 26, 2019

Florida Tropical Weavers Guild *Conference* March 14-17, 2019

AIFB Shrimp Festival May 3-5, 2019

Handweavers Guild of America, Inc. *Convergence* Knoxville July 24-30, 2020



From the Internet

Submitted by Susan Wallace

How made-in-America yarn-dyed flannel was resurrected by the perseverance of one person.

<https://tinyurl.com/y7nbe3r6>

A historic silk mill in Florence Italy: <https://tinyurl.com/yaoyuyaf>

Decoding and making khipu, the knotted cords used for "writing" by the Incans. The article includes how to create the cords. <https://tinyurl.com/yabn9gxm>

The Brooklyn Museum's exhibit of Quipu/Khipu:

https://www.brooklynmuseum.org/exhibitions/cecilia_vicuna

A coordinated exhibit at the Boston Museum of Fine Arts runs through Jan 31:

<https://tinyurl.com/yb9wz6yk>

A structural geologist researcher is also an expert kiltmaker

<http://people.hamilton.edu/btewksbu/personal/kiltmaking>



This article paraphrased from the National Garden Club Membership chair.

Thank you Donna Rouch! (Sent in by Judy Jull)

Here Today, Gone Tomorrow

Emma pushes through the heavy doors. She rushes down the stairs red-faced and heart pounding. She was relieved to have entered the room with a little time to spare. She exchanged smiles with other weavers as she quickly found a seat. Charlotte, a longtime member with a friendly demeanor, stopped by to greet her. As the gavel sounded, Charlotte scurried off to sit with her friends. Emma was left sitting at the table alone.

Emma was the newest member of the Weaving Guild. It was her second meeting, and Emma was anxious to be involved and gain new friends. After several more meetings, Emma stopped attending. The Weaving Guild members couldn't understand why she left. Emma couldn't understand why she wasn't accepted.

Maybe Emma had the responsibility to be more assertive, but club members certainly had a greater responsibility to integrate Emma into their Weaving Guild. Attracting new members to your Weaving Guild may be a frustrating and challenging process, but then losing a new member through neglect is truly an "unforced error" and a very common pitfall of many clubs!

The following are tips to prevent member loss through neglect:

- The Club President should send a welcome letter to new members. A questionnaire inquiring as to their interests and expertise should accompany the welcome letter with a self-addressed envelope for easy return. The information may reveal interest and aptitude for club projects that new members would find interesting;
- A Fellowship Committee should develop strategies for members to develop friendships. Good fellowships will discourage the development of cliques within the club;
- The Courtesy Chair should link a new member to a guild member who will be their "Weaving Guild Buddy." That person's assignment would be to contact the new members to see how they are doing, and remind them to attend the next club meeting, event, or activity. The "Weaving Guild Buddy" may even ask if the new member would like to go together to the next club activity;
- All club members should wear permanent name tags that are easily readable. Often people, both new acquaintances and long-time members, are reluctant to keep asking one another for their names. They are embarrassed that they didn't remember the other person's name from prior introductions. Sadly, instead of asking one more time, they often just ignore each other.
- New members should receive their name tags at the second meeting. Take this opportunity to reintroduce the newer members to the club;
- Give a small gift (_____) to welcome new members at the first meeting and introduce them to the club;
- Give new members a club yearbook on their first day as a member. This reinforces to new members that they do belong to the organization! The yearbook will allow new members access to club information, member addresses, and phone numbers;
- Ask new members to join a committee and/or ask them to help with a project. The task can be small, but it will give new members a feeling of ownership and involvement in the club;
- Send out birthday cards to club members and cards for other occasions. It reminds all members that they are part of the Weaving Guild family who cares for them.

"Retention is the single most important thing for growth."

Remember, it takes months to find a new member and only seconds to lose one.

December's Show and Tell

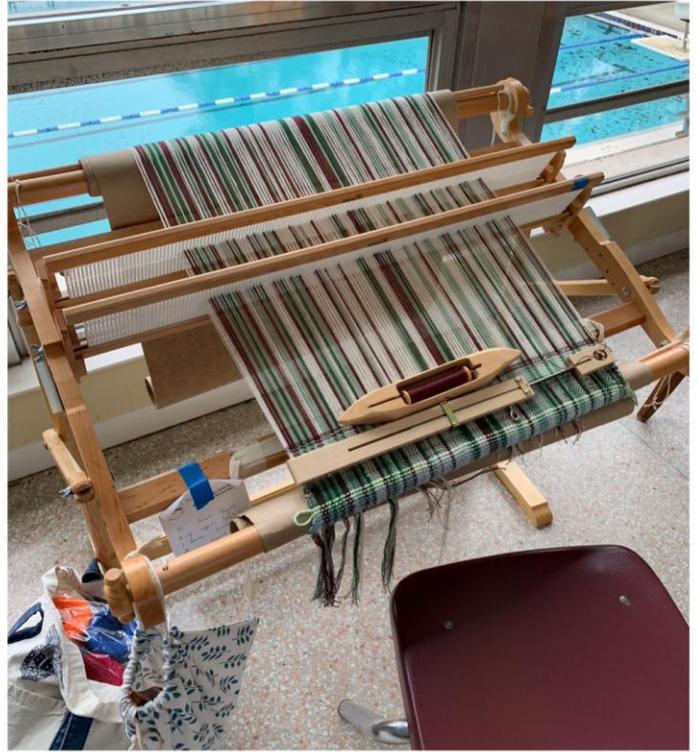


Beautiful Weaving!



Wonderful Handwovens!

December Projects In The Works!



Crafting Together!