



Jacksonville Weavers' Guild, Inc.

Jacksonville, Florida

May 2011

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

Next Meeting

May14, 2011

9:30 am – 12:00 pm

Fort Caroline Community Center

Program: Kumihimo Jewelry

All are welcome!

Officers

President: Linda Schultz

Vice President: Jeanne Applegate

Secretary: Susan Wallace

Treasurer: Donna Markovitz

Past President: Lynette Holmes

Committees

Library: Barbara Wroten & Linda Schultz

Membership: Connie Geller

Newsletter: Ann Stodola

May Program

Note New Time and Location

Kumihimo Jewelry - Jeanne Applegate and Donna Markovitz will present hands-on braids!! Learn how to finish off and embellish Kumihimo braided cords. Jeanne and Donna will share their knowledge and supply of findings for a bracelet or necklace. Bring some braids to finish; start braiding now on either a Maru Dai or a foam disk. This is coming up quick, so if you need a braiding refresher please check the [JWG website](http://www.jaxweaversguild.org/) for instructions.

The May meeting will start at 9:30 at the Fort Caroline Community Center. Refreshments are allowed, so everyone is invited to bring goodies.

The address is 4131 Ferber Road, Jacksonville, FL 32277. (Arlington on the river facing the Dames Point Bridge). The best way to get there for most is to go 9A and exit Merrill Road west as if you were heading to JU. Turn right on Hartsfield Road (Merrill Road Elementary School is on the corner) and go straight to Fort Caroline Road. At the light, turn left. Travel west on Fort Caroline to Rogero Road (2nd light). Turn right and go to end of street (river). Turn right on Ferber. The Community Center is on the left.

For Sale

FOR SALE: 56" 12 harness Macomber in great condition

\$ 4700- in Jacksonville Beach, FL

Contact Connie c.geller@comcast.net (904) 249 1761

News from Around the Web

Submitted by Susan Wallace

Silkworms Producing Fluorescent Colored Silk

Singapore scientists are feeding silkworms a mulberry mixture containing fluorescent dye. The silkworms then produce vibrantly colored and luminescent silks. The dye molecules are ingrained within the silk filaments to create permanent color. The structure of the silk is unaffected. <http://tinyurl.com/5u6vm68>

Box of 15th and 16th Century Textiles Found at the Philadelphia University Design Center

The box contains a dozen or more samples, mostly brocades, but including some velvets. Scale ranges from clothing to wall hangings. To raise funds for restoration, a small hands-on exhibition is being organized. <http://tinyurl.com/3lta6xn>

Working Lego Spinning Wheel

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=JWVTZNy2YzM>

WeaveSpeak

This two minute video is a teaser for a film about handweavers by Deb Piroch, Irondale, AL. to tempt TV-stations to air the film. <http://vimeo.com/21104866>

Fiber Artist Sheila Hicks 50 Year Retrospective

The Institute of Contemporary Art at the University of Pennsylvania is presenting *Sheila Hicks: 50 Years*, the first major retrospective to honor this extraordinary American fiber artist. More information and some photos of her work can be found at <http://tinyurl.com/5udwxcx> and <http://tinyurl.com/3jej4wf> . A New York Times article is available at <http://tinyurl.com/3ovck8w> .

New Book Highlights Historical Textiles from the Orthodox Churches of Istanbul

In their 397-page book, "Splendor & Pageantry: Textile Treasures from the Orthodox Churches of Istanbul," Ronald T. Marchese, Marlene R. Breu present results of the first detailed study of rarely seen sacred treasures belonging to the Armenian Patriarchate of Istanbul. The priceless artifacts are housed in a newly created underground museum. Go to <http://tinyurl.com/3lsex6q> for a New York Times article and to <http://tinyurl.com/6dp567u> for photos of some amazing pieces.

Wool (or Cotton) Coffins? Yep

To help it survive — and thrive — in Britain's shrinking textile industry, Hainsworth, a 225-year-old, family-run wool mill in West Yorkshire, England, has developed niche uses for wool. Its product range includes the uniforms worn by the Royal Guards at Buckingham Palace, the felt lining inside Steinway pianos and the interior headlining used in Rolls-Royce and Bentley automobiles. But it is one of Hainsworth's most recent, and most unique, new products that's making the company's competitors look sheepish: woolen coffins which hark back to 1667 when Parliament — hoping to bolster the textile industry — passed a law requiring all corpses be buried in a woolen shroud. For more details see <http://tinyurl.com/3fx9hhd> and <http://tinyurl.com/3dry7qt> .

“Royal Pride” Tartan Inspired by Kate (you know who)

Scotland’s Lochcarron is weaving 'Royal Pride' tartan. The tartan is described as “young, understated and strong”. It is made with 3 shades of grey with a vibrant Royal Blue overcheck and was inspired by Kate Middleton's engagement dress and her sapphire engagement ring!! See a picture at <http://tinyurl.com/3zml6p3> .

Historic Woolen Mill Still Weaving Tartans and other Woolens

A 7 ½ minute video from the Islay Woolen Mill, Scotland, includes an interview w/ owner Gordon Covell as he talks about the mill, the tartans he has produced (e.g. for “Braveheart”) and the mill’s antique equipment, some of it still in use. <http://www.islaywoollenmill.co.uk/>

For the Musically Inclined...

A beautiful waltz set to commercial weaving looms in Sao Paulo. Note: the 90 second video takes a while to download so hit pause and let it start downloading so that the rhythm of the music (and the loom) is not interrupted: <http://vimeo.com/21040435>

Pulp Fashion: The Art of Isabelle de Borchgrave

Pulp fashion? Yes, de Borchgrave uses rag paper and paint to masterfully recreate ornate period clothing. San Francisco’s Legion of Honor is hosting a current exhibition of her work. See <http://mollyloot.com/pulp-fashion> and <http://tinyurl.com/6xvzdeu> for photos. And for more details see the four videos at <http://tinyurl.com/3eqcom5> . Be aware, though, that you have to get through a loud 15 second ad before getting to the “good” stuff.

Tapestry Weavers of Interest

Two major weavers, Lenore Tawney and Annabert Yoors, who died in the last few years, are receiving attention from historians and dealers who have started poring over their archives and surviving works. <http://tinyurl.com/3luuc28>

Minutes of the Jacksonville Weavers Guild

April 9, 2011

Southeast Regional Library, Jacksonville, Florida

The meeting was called to order at 10:10 a.m. by Vice President Jeanne Applegate.

Members present: Jeanne Applegate, Kathleen Bowles, Lynette Holmes, Judi Leatherberry, Donna Markovitz, Susan Wallace, Sharon Williams.

Minutes from the March 12, 2011 meeting were approved as posted on the web and distributed in the newsletter.

Treasurer's Report: Current balance: \$597.64. Upcoming expenses include \$39 to renew Handwoven, \$61.25 to file the state non-profit form, and May rent for the storage unit. Our dwindling funds were discussed. The consensus is that we need to think about closing the storage unit and finding a place for our library, looms, equipment and fiber. A Board meeting before the May meeting was suggested to discuss these issues.

Committee Reports:

Membership – no report

Newsletter – no report.

Library – no report.

Old Business:

Slate of Officers – Lynette presented the following slate:

President – Linda Schultz

Vice President – Jeanne Applegate

Secretary – Susan Wallace

Treasurer – Donna Markovitz

Immediate Past President – Lynette Holmes

A quorum was not present for a vote. A special electronic meeting will be held on Monday, April 11 to vote on the slate.

May Program – Since we are meeting at the Arlington Community Center in May, we can have refreshments. There is a refrigerator (although not a working icemaker).

Everyone is invited to bring refreshments to share.

Bartram Springs – The arts & crafts festival is the week of May 2 through May 6. We will offer a card kumihimo braiding activity during that week, probably on May 5. **Please contact Linda if you are able to participate.**

New Business: none

Announcements:

Free antique loom – Contact Al Grebey in Ft. Myers, FL at 239-694-2323 if interested.

Show and Share:

Donna: An overshoot coverlet for a miniature bed in Lee's Surrender pattern woven with 50 wt. cotton quilting thread and 20/2 cotton pattern weft.

Susan: Chenille scarf with multi rayon boucle accents.

Lynette: Scarf knit with a skein of Linda's hand spun and sock yarn and a bound accordion style journal from her trip to Utah last summer.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:10 a.m.

Program: FTWG Conference and Harn Museum reports – Susan and Lynette

Respectfully submitted,
Susan Wallace, Secretary

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Special Electronic Meeting, April 11, 2011

The meeting was facilitated by President Linda Schultz.

Members present: Linda Schultz, Beth Angelo, Susan Wallace, Jennifer Hewett-Apperson, Jeanne Applegate, Sandy Stranahan, Anne Russell, Lee Kessler, Barbara Wroten, Connie Geller, Christine Corcoran, Betty Francis, Lynette Holmes and Sharon Williams.

The slate of officers was presented:

President – Linda Schultz

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The slate was approved.

Respectfully submitted,
Susan Wallace, Secretary